

ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES

COMMUNITY BULLETIN

August 2, 2026

Denominational, Classis or Community Prayer Requests:

In the summer sunsets we see your amazing creativity and wonder, Lord Jesus. In that beauty, make us thankful for all the sunsets that you have provided year after year throughout our lives, knowing that we can trust you wholeheartedly when that final sunset comes. You hold us in your hand, and nothing can shake us from it! Thank you, Jesus for claiming us as your own, we are yours, body and soul, in life and in death. In Jesus name! Amen.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Keep denominational ministries in prayer. Call the toll-free number: 1-888-CRC-PRAY (272-7729).

Groundwork – What Happens After We Die? - What happens after we die? Where do we go? Where do our bodies and souls go while we're waiting for Jesus to return on Judgment Day? Join Groundwork as we study Luke 23:39-43; Philippians 1:20-26; Ecclesiastes 9:5-6; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17; 2 Corinthians 5:1-9, 16-17; Romans 8:34-39; and Philippians 3:20-21 to better understand three Christian views on life after death, and to receive the rich assurance and deep comfort God's Word provides. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com.

From the Orange City GEMS: GEMS Needs You! As our program continues to grow, we're looking for several counselors for this next year. If you've ever considered serving in GEMS, we'd be happy to have you join! Please contact Sarah Bonnema 712-441-6602, Lindsey Van Schepen 712-541-0395, Jenness Wolgen 712-395-3483, or Michelle Eason 712-441-7504 for more information or to sign up.

Women over age 25 are invited to participate in a Community Women's Evening Bible Study this Fall in Orange City led by Bev Walhof. The study will meet mostly every other week on Thursdays from 7:00-8:30 pm for 6 sessions studying "David, Developing a Heart for God" by Jack Kuhatschek, a LifeGuide study. This is a light-to-medium depth study with light homework. No video messages. Meeting dates are Sept 10 & 24, Oct 8 & 22, and November 12 & 19, meeting in various participants' homes (participants are not required to open their home for a meeting). For the first session we'll need to come with the first lessons done so anticipate getting the study guides to participants by Aug 27. Max group size is 14 women. Cost of study guide is \$6.50. Contact Bev at 712-395-0964 if you have questions or would like to participate in the study. Last day to sign up is August 13 to allow for order and delivery of the study guides.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Tuesday, August 4

7:00 p.m. NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) will meet at the Sioux Center Public Library. An Educational Program from 7 to 7:45 pm is open to anyone who is interested in the subject. The final part of "Bedlam," a critically acclaimed Sundance film festival documentary will be shown and discussed. Individuals affected by mental health conditions, and their family/friends will also meet separately for a time of mutual support. For information, call Shirley at 712-574-6758 or Nate at 402-916-0008 or natehuyser93@gmail.com.

--Announcements (2-week limit) for the Community Bulletin are due by Thursday at 1:00 p.m., email: office@firstercoc.org