

ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES

COMMUNITY BULLETIN

October 11, 2026

Denominational, Classis or Community Prayer Requests:

In praying for the Lord to move in our churches in such a way that our hearts are moved to plant new churches to share the Gospel... Pray that the Lord would remind us of what we cherish about being a part of Christ's body, the Church and spur us to be vocal about those blessings with others who are longing for a place to belong. Lord, you have called us by name, we are yours! May we never see our belonging to you as an entitlement but as a welcoming call to others that you are calling as well!

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Groundwork - Your Questions about Judas, Salvation, Sharing Faith, and Praying for Nonbelievers - Believers just like you send us their questions about theology and faith as they study God's Word. Join our Groundwork conversation as we dig into Matthew 27:3-5, Acts 1:15-19, Ephesians 2:1-5, Matthew 28:16-20, and 1 Thessalonians 5:14-18 to study what the Bible says and answer questions we've received this past year. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com

From the Unity Board: Guided by our mission and a desire to provide faithful leadership for Unity Christian, the Board of Trustees is introducing a new trustee nomination process. While two trustee nominees will continue to be nominated by supporting churches each year, one At Large nominee will be sought from across the Unity Christian community through an open nomination process. At Large nominees will be considered by a nominations committee that seeks to match candidates' gifts, experience, and expertise with the Board's current needs. This change maintains strong church representation while creating an opportunity to identify individuals whose gifts and skills can strengthen the Board's work. Watch for more information in the coming weeks as Unity begins accepting nominations for this new At Large trustee position.

Saucijsjes are back! OCCS will be making frozen pig-in-the-blankets again this fall. The deadline to place orders is Friday, October 23 or until we reach our goal- so don't wait too long to get your order in! The cost is \$20.00 per dozen. You can order by using the link on the OCCS website or stop by the school office to fill out a paper copy. Tiger PAWS thanks you for your support for OCCS!

Habitat for Humanity Application Deadline Extended! Are you or someone you know in need of a safe, decent and affordable place to live? Siouxland Habitat for Humanity is accepting partner family applications for a 2027 home build in Boyden. Application forms are available at our Sioux City Office at 1150 Tri View Ave. or via email families@siouxlandhabitat.org. Questions? Call 712.224.5117. Application deadline is October 31.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Monday, October 12

6:00 p.m. Common Thread will meet at Coffeehouse/Cadet Room at Calvary.

Wednesday, October 14

9:30 a.m. Coffee Break will meet at Calvary CRC – *James* – Chapter 4

10:00 a.m. You are cordially invited to attend the Hands On Hearts In Campaign project dedication and groundbreaking ceremony to be held at Unity Christian High School.

6:45 p.m. GEMS meet at Immanuel CRC – please wear your GEMS shirt, take along a Bible, pen/pencil, and your badge book.

6:50 p.m. Cadets meet at Calvary CRC

Friday, October 16

7:00 p.m. The first evening concert of the Dordt University Fall Music Festival will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the BJ Haan Auditorium and feature four of the Dordt choral ensembles: Bella Voce (women's chorus), Canons of Dordt (men's chorus), Chorale, and Concert Choir. Repertoire will bring worship to God by drawing from a wide range of styles from the Renaissance to 21st century works and exploring themes of creation, fall, redemption, and restoration. Bella Voce is conducted by Dr. Carrie Groenewold, Canons of Dordt by Tim Van Voorst, and Chorale and Concert Choir by Dr. Ryan Smit. The concert and a PDF program will also be available on livestream at <https://www.dordt.edu/live-events>.

8:30 a.m. The second evening concert of the Dordt University Fall Music Festival will feature three of the Dordt instrumental ensembles: Chamber Orchestra (string orchestra), Symphonic Band (brass and percussion ensemble), and Wind Symphony. Repertoire will bring worship to God by drawing from traditional and contemporary string, brass, and wind band literature. Chamber Orchestra is conducted by Mrs. Amie Smit, Symphonic Band and Wind Symphony by Dr. Onsby C. Rose. The concert and a PDF program will also be available on livestream at <https://www.dordt.edu/live-events>.

Saturday, October 17

11:00 a.m. You are invited to a Hymn Festival presented by Dordt University Music students: "Singing the Solas: A Reformation Hymn Festival" in the B.J. Haan Auditorium, with a prelude beginning at 10:30 a.m. The Hymn festival will include a brass quintet, organ, a choral octet, cello, flute, and piano. Come and worship with timeless hymns of our faith! The concert and a PDF program will also be available on livestream at <https://www.dordt.edu/live-events>.

Advanced Notices:

The Unity Christian High School Music Department will present their Fall Concert on Monday, October 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the Knight Center. This is a great opportunity to hear all of the large group ensembles: Chorale, Concert Choir, Orchestra, and Symphonic Band. A free-will offering will be received.

Rooted Women: Deepening Our Roots in His Faithfulness is a women's event for all ages taking place on Saturday, October 24 from 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at New Life Church in Sioux Center. (This is in place of the previous Mom's Event.) Our keynote speaker will be Emily Copeland and will be a morning of fellowship, worship, and women growing together in the Lord. Register at nlrchurch.org

Please join us at Hospers First Christian Reformed Church on Tuesday, November 3 for our annual soup and pie supper. We will be serving soup, sandwiches and pie from 5:00-7:00pm with carry out options available. A free will offering will be taken, with all proceeds benefiting Christian education. Come for great food and fellowship!

No matter what stage of life you are in, God is calling you to serve Him. Perhaps you're exploring what that could mean for you now. Local pastors and mission leaders would love to discuss that with you at the "Called" event at Dordt on Saturday, November 14, 2026 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Snacks and networking begin at 8:30 am, and you can sign up for lunch afterwards. This event is offered at no cost to you. Pastors will talk about the reason for vocational ministry, how to know if you're called, and what next steps might be. You'll get a chance to sit at the table with others interested in pastoring, mission work, chaplaincy, church planting, and other topics. You'll make connections with others who are exploring and living out their calling. *"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."* (Mt 28:19-20). Where and how is God sending YOU? Please sign up using this [link](https://forms.gle/dX97eQYbhzv1VBJ9) (<https://forms.gle/dX97eQYbhzv1VBJ9>) by November 1.

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