

ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES

COMMUNITY BULLETIN

October 18, 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 open our eyes to the future leaders who will lead the church and bring God's Word to his people either as future pastors or as those who will be future Sunday School teachers, counselors, Bible Study leaders, etc. Lord, open our eyes to the gifts that you have blessed us with in our churches and not simply take them for granted but challenge us to encourage and pray for those gifts to grow!

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Groundwork - The Pain and Struggle of Unanswered Prayer - A listener wrote to us about childlessness and asked us to talk more about unanswered prayer. Join our Groundwork conversation as we honor his request and study Galatians 6:2, Isaiah 55:8-9, Hebrews 2:17-18, and Hebrews 4:15 to bring compassion, awareness, and biblical insight to the tender, often painful experiences and unanswered prayers in our lives. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com

From OCCS: We are very thankful for the response we have received so far for the pig-in-the-blanket fundraiser. If you haven't ordered yet, you still have time. The ordering site will stay open through October 23 or until all pigs are sold. ([cash.app/\\$orangecitychristians](https://cash.app/$orangecitychristians)) The cost is \$20 per dozen. You can order online using the link on the OCCS website or stop by the school office for a paper copy. Please pick up your order at OCCS on Wednesday, October 28 from 6:00-7:15 p.m. We will be making the pig-in-the-blankets on October 26 and 27. We welcome any associates (past parents, grandparents, or supporters of the school) who would like to join us.

Share Christ's Love Through a Hope Haven Wheelchair Distribution Trip: Hope Haven International Ministries is looking for volunteers to serve on upcoming wheelchair distribution trips in 2027. These trips offer the opportunity to work alongside local partners, share Christ's love, and help provide wheelchairs and mobility equipment to children and adults in need. Upcoming trips include Kenya, March 6-17, 2027; Uganda, April 25-May 5, 2027; and Thailand, April 29-May 9, 2027. No medical experience is required, and there are a variety of ways to serve as part of a distribution team. To learn more or apply, visit hopehaven.org/international-ministries/distribution-trips or contact Luke Russell at lrussell@hopehaven.org.

From Unity Christian: The Unity Christian Board of Trustees is now accepting nominations for the new At-Large Board Trustee position. While supporting churches will continue to nominate trustee candidates for two board positions each year, the third position will be filled through the new At-Large nomination process. This position is designed to identify individuals whose gifts, experience, and perspective can strengthen the Board's work. As the UCHS Board considers its current needs, we are particularly interested in individuals with experience in construction or facilities management, institutional advancement, executive leadership, and strategic planning. We invite members of the Unity Christian Society to prayerfully nominate individuals who are committed to Christian Education and who may bring strengths in these or other areas. To receive information about the nomination process and a link to the nomination form, please email secretary@unitychristian.net. The deadline to submit nominations is November 2. Thank you for helping identify individuals who can provide faithful leadership and support Unity Christian's mission for years to come.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Monday, October 19

7:00 p.m. The Unity Christian High School Music Department will present their Fall Concert on 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.

Wednesday, October 21

9:30 a.m. Coffee Break – Day Away

Friday, October 23

7:00 p.m. Dr. Michael Bauer and Dr. Marie Rubis Bauer will present an organ recital in the BJ Haan Auditorium, on the campus of Dordt University. The recital will feature works by Sweeklinck, Böhm, Buxtehude, and Bach. Other events include a presentation on Wednesday, October 21 at 4:30 p.m. by Dr. Michael Bauer on his forthcoming book on practicing, to be published by Oxford University Press, and an organ masterclass jointly led by the Bauers on Friday, October 23 at 3:20 p.m. All events are free and open to the public in the BJ Haan Auditorium.

Saturday, October 24

9:30 a.m. Rooted Women: Deepening Our Roots in His Faithfulness is a women's event for all ages taking place from 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at New Life Church in Sioux Center. 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

6:00 p.m. MIK+ Post High Young Adults: All Young Adults (18-30) that are through high school and not married are invited to join this regional group for Bible Study, community service, game nights, meals, and fun nights away. Check us out on the Minnikota Youth (MIK+) Facebook page. We will be starting this school years Bible study at the Inwood Christian Reformed Church. We will begin our night with a meal followed by the study of James using the books "Listening for God Through James" Lectio Divina and "James The Relationship Between Faith and Works". Please RSVP to Pastor Doug & Lee at 712 470 4244 by Oct 21st so we know how much roast/chicken and potatoes/gravy to make.

Sunday, October 25

5:00 p.m. Combined Reformation Worship Service at Calvary CRC. Pastor John Klompier will bring a message from Psalm 2 entitled "God and His Anointed: Our Great Refuge".

Advanced Notices:

Join us for Ireton Christian School's Annual Rally Day Sale on Friday, October 30! Smoked pulled pork supper will be served from 5:00-7:30 p.m., with the live auction beginning at 6:30 p.m. Come hungry and enjoy a great evening of food, fellowship, and fun while supporting Christian education at ICS. The auction will feature gift cards, kids' items, home décor, class baskets, a gun raffle, and many other great items. Supper is a free-will donation. Come hungry, stay awhile, enjoy some great food, and bid on fantastic items all while supporting Ireton Christian School. We hope to see you there!

Bible League International invites you to a **Safari Adventure** at Green Oaks Museum and Educational Center located 3 miles south of Fairview SD (29043 486th Ave.) on Saturday, October 31. The museum is filled with over 140 taxidermized animals in natural habitats, the result of global hunting trips by the Anden Van Beek family. Join us to tour the museum (9-10 a.m.) followed by refreshments, Q&A, and a Bible League presentation about global travels. There is no admission charge; freewill donations will be received. Children are welcome!

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 5:00-7:00 p.m. with carry out options available. A free will offering will be taken, with all proceeds benefiting Christian education. Come for great food and fellowship!

Have you ever considered that God might be calling you into vocational ministry? What might that look like in your life? Come to Dordt in Sioux Center on Saturday, November 14, 2026 from 9am to 12 pm to explore your calling alongside others at a free "Called" event. Listen to pastors talk about calling. Discuss areas of ministry like church planting, chaplaincy, pastoring, missions, and more with people who are working in those areas. Connect with various programs and practitioners of vocational ministry. "*The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few*" (Luke 10:2). Is the Lord of the Harvest calling you to come work in ministry? Please RSVP using this [link](https://forms.gle/dX97eQYbhvzf1VBJ9) (<https://forms.gle/dX97eQYbhvzf1VBJ9>) by November 1.

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