

## ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES

### COMMUNITY BULLETIN

March 15, 2026

#### **Denominational, Classis or Community Prayer Requests:**

Ask the Lord to bless our country's president and federal officials with health, satisfaction in daily labors, happy relationships, and a real repentance before the living Lord of all. Give thanks for the order we enjoy in our land.

Pray for peace to replace strife and warfare the world over. Pray for God to make a way for our Christian missionaries to be able to bring the gospel of Christ in each land and language.

#### **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

*Groundwork - Carrying Jesus' Cross on the Road to Golgotha* - When we reach stations seven and eight of the Stations of the Cross, we reflect on the movement of Jesus and the cross toward Golgotha. Join Groundwork as we study John 19:6-17, Matthew 27:19-31, and Mark 15:21 to consider the symbolism of the cross beam placed on Jesus, the significance of Simon of Cyrene carrying Jesus' cross, and what it means to bear the cross with Jesus in our lives. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com).

Rehoboth Christian High School band students and chaperones are seeking host families in the Sioux Center area to stay with the night of Friday, March 27 following their 7:00 p.m. concert at Dordt University. If you or someone you know might be available to host please reach out to the tour coordinator Laura Blystra for more details. She can be reached at [lblystra@rcsnm.org](mailto:lblystra@rcsnm.org) or 505-726-9603.

Rehoboth Christian will also be presenting a concert at Calvary CRC on March 28. A Navajo taco meal will be served at Calvary from 5:00-6:30 with the concert to follow at 7:00 p.m. There will be a freewill donation for both the meal and the concert to cover expenses. Host families are needed for the night of March 28 as well. If you are willing to host a student/students on Saturday, March 28, please contact Dan Tracy at 712-395-8640 or Elsa at [secretary@calvaryoc.org](mailto:secretary@calvaryoc.org). Invite your friends and come out for an evening of food, fellowship, and music.

Habitat Sponsor A Stud! - Gather your friends, family, church group or business to sponsor one or more 2x4 studs for \$100 each to help build the Chavez family's Habitat home! We will deliver the stud to you to decorate with Bible verses, encouraging words, prayers, pictures, etc. The studs will be framed into the house, and everyone will be invited to a Stud Finder Event later on to see the studs and pray for the home and family. Get more details and sign up by April 8 by contacting Kurt Franje: 641-780-9054 or [kfranje@siouxlandhabitat.org](mailto:kfranje@siouxlandhabitat.org)

Everyone is invited to participate in a Bible Study at Living Water Community Church. The study will be using the book *Names of God* by Douglas Connelly. This 8-part series is focused on eight titles for God from the Old Testament and invites you to know and experience the Lord Almighty in deeper ways. First meeting will be at 6 p.m. on April 12 at Living Water Community Church (1005 8th St SE, Orange City). If you are interested in participating, please call or text Melinda Bylsma (712-441-0477). Books will be provided for participants.

#### **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

##### **Wednesday, March 18**

9:30 a.m. Coffee Break will meet at Calvary CRC – Lesson 10 – *Mark*

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

## **Friday, March 20**

7:00 p.m. Ruth Visser, a sophomore studying Business Administration: Entrepreneurship at Dordt University, will give a voice recital in the Dean Recital Hall. Visser will perform a variety of styles and languages to display the beauty of music in all its forms. The recital is free to attend and open to the public. There will be a reception after the recital.

## **Saturday, March 21**

7:00 p.m. The Northwest Iowa Symphony Orchestra (NISO) will present guest artist, Résonance, in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. This choral group based in Omaha will be performing Duruflé's *Requiem* among other works in a collaborative concert with the Dordt University Concert Choir. \$15 general admission. Tickets available at the door, and students are always free! For more information, please visit: [www.dordt.edu/niso](http://www.dordt.edu/niso)

## **Advanced Notices:**

Unity Christian invites you to join them for the musical "Little Women". While the story might be very familiar, the musical version is not. We hope you will join us for the lovely retelling of the story of the March family set in the 1860s. Not only is the story relevant for today, it is set to beautiful music. Tickets, which are on sale now, can be purchased through Bound; they can also be purchased at the door using a debit or credit card. The show dates are March 26 and 27 at 7:00 p.m. and a matinee Saturday, March 28 at 2:00 p.m. in the Knight Center. We hope you can join us!

The Joan Ringerwole Organ Recital Series presents Dr. Christiaan Teeuwsen, organist, teacher, and pedagogue in an Organ Recital on Saturday, March 28, 7:00 p.m. in the B.J. Haan auditorium. Dr. Teeuwsen maintains an active career as a concert artist and clinician throughout North America and Europe, and along with Peter Westerbrink, has developed the summer *Noordbroek Organ Academy* based in Groningen, The Netherlands. He is a native of St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada and a Dordt alumnus. Dr. Teeuwsen is Professor Emeritus of Organ and Choral Music at Redeemer University in Ancaster, Ontario, Canada and Director of Music at St. John's Anglican Church in Ancaster, Ontario. Christiaan Teeuwsen's performance is sponsored by the Joan Ringerwole Organ Recital Series, which seeks to promote the organ and its repertoire for the musical education and enjoyment of students, alumni, and the community by bringing celebrated artists to Dordt University.

Love INC Sioux County invites the community to our *Trivia Fundraising Night* on March 28<sup>th</sup> at the Parkview Event Center in Rock Valley. Doors will open at 5 p.m. and food will be served starting at 5:30 pm. Very Good Trivia will supply our entertainment so come with your knowledge skills sharpened! Tickets to this event can be purchased for \$50 a piece or get a team together and reserve a table of 8 for \$360 by calling the Love INC office at (712) 476-5990 or online at [www.loveincsiouxcounty.org](http://www.loveincsiouxcounty.org). Deadline to purchase tickets is March 24.

Justice for All invites you to attend the Get to Know JFA Event on March 28 at the Terrace View Event Center, Sioux Center, IA - 5:30-8:00 p.m. JFA Ministry programs (Service & Learning, Sharing & Caring, and Transitional Housing) will be presented and then get ready for some fun!! JFA has invited Christian comedian and illusionist Joshua Jordan back again for a great time of laughs and magic! Entertainment for All ages! The catered meal will feature flavors and dishes inspired by the cultures and communities of our ministry partners. Reservations can be made by calling 712-476-2804 or emailing [joeldw@jfa-nwiowa.org](mailto:joeldw@jfa-nwiowa.org). (\$75/ticket or \$500 for a table of 8) Kids welcome to join us as we celebrate JFA ministry and enjoy a fun evening!!

Orange City Habitat Home Groundbreaking Ceremony will be on Tuesday, March 31 at 10:00 a.m. at 1501 Juneau Pl. SE in Orange City. Please join Siouxland Habitat for Humanity as we give thanks to God and break ground on this Habitat home with the Tony & Ruby Chavez family. Everyone is welcome!!

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