

ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES
COMMUNITY BULLETIN
April 5, 2026

Christ the Lord is Risen Today by Charles Wesley

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! All creation, join to say, Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Groundwork - Jesus' Death, Burial, and Resurrection - We've reached the pinnacle moments of salvation history in our Stations of the Cross journey. Join Groundwork as we study Mark 15:33-16:8, Luke 23:44-49, John 19:28-42, and Matthew 27:62-28:10 to witness the thirteenth and fourteenth Stations of the Cross, which invite us to remember Jesus' suffering, death, and burial. Then linger at the tomb to witness the glory of his resurrection and celebrate his Easter victory over death. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com.

Thank you to all the OCCS associates who signed up last week to help during the Tulip Festival! Your help fills important shifts so that we can keep serving our community and guests. If you didn't have a chance to sign-up last week but would still like to be involved, please call Jen Platter at 701-240-8248 by April 13. Thank you, again, for your support!

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sunday, April 5

6:00 p.m. Combined Easter Worship Service at First CRC – Celebrate the Risen Savior! Rev. Stephen Terpstra will bring a message from John 20:11-22 “Easter Peace”. Come and be encouraged by the hope and peace found in the resurrection of Christ. An offering will be received in support of the Family Crisis Center.

Tuesday, April 7

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. Creative Living Center Counselor Dr. Shawn Scholten and Brooks McFarland will discuss Compassionate Self-Care and Caregiver Care. From 7:45 to 8:45, individuals affected by mental health conditions, and their family/friends will 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

Wednesday, April 8

6:45 p.m. GEMS will meet at Immanuel CRC from 6:45-8:30 p.m. Girls, please wear your GEMS shirt, take along a Bible, pen/pencil, and badge book.

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

Friday, April 10

7:00 p.m. Des Moines Metro Opera's OPERA Iowa Educational Touring Troupe is scheduled to perform in the B.J. Haan Auditorium at Dordt University on April 10, 2026 at 7:00pm. The troupe will present Joshua Borths' adaptation of Cinderella for the community. Dordt University is among more than 60 stops on the troupe's statewide tour, which runs from February 23 through April 24, bringing live opera performances to schools and community venues across Iowa. The performance is free and open to the public.

Saturday, April 11

7:00 p.m. Julia Vande Vegte, a senior piano performance and pedagogy student at Dordt University, will give a piano recital in the Jim and Marilyn Dean Recital Hall. Vande Vegte will play selected works from Scarlatti, Beethoven, Debussy, Poulenc, Chopin, and Brahms. Outside of her studies, Vande Vegte is a church musician, teaches private lessons, is a Chorale and recital accompanist, and a featured soloist for J.S. Bach's Keyboard Concerto in D minor with the Dordt University Chamber Orchestra.

7:30 p.m. Karli (Vanden Brink) Vreugdenhil will perform an organ Graduate Recital, presented by the University of South Dakota Department of Music. The recital will take place at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph in Sioux Falls and is free and open to the public. Please park in the west parking lot and enter through the Sacred Heart Chapel door, as all other doors will be locked.

Advanced Notices:

Cornerstone Prison Church in Sioux Falls is having their Annual Benefit Banquet on Monday, April 13 at 6:30 p.m. at Trinity Christian Reformed Church in Rock Valley. There will be a free will donation. Reserve your spot by April 9 by calling 712-476-5292.

Unity Christian 8th Grade Day will be held on Tuesday, April 14, 2026. All interested 8th grade students are invited to visit Unity from 11:15am until 2:40pm. Students will experience a tour of the school, participate in a chapel, and learn about courses and co-curricular programs. An evening event designed for the parents of incoming freshmen will be held that same evening, April 14th from 7:00 - 8:30pm. This evening meeting is a critical parent orientation meeting to learn about course selection, athletics, transportation, and enrollment. Call the school with any questions at 712-737-4114.

Join a Crossroads gathering! Tuesday, April 14, 2026 from 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at First Christian Reformed Church, 321 2nd St. SE, Sioux Center. This is a local gathering for church leaders and members to learn about the transformative work of Crossroads Prison Ministries and the ways to get involved. Bring a friend to learn about Crossroads! Register at: cpministries.org/events

"The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few..." Has God been pulling your thoughts toward his harvest fields? Do you have questions about what that might look like? Explore some possibilities for vocational ministry on April 14 in Sioux Falls, or April 16 in Orange City, from 6:15-9:00 pm. Reflect on God's calling, and how to discern your calling. Learn about what it looks like to be a local pastor; cross-cultural missionary; chaplain in the military, hospital, or prison; staff at a non-profit; or a shepherd for others into ministry. The event is free and open to all ages high school and up, with snacks provided. It would be helpful if you can register by April 10 with this form <https://forms.gle/WiQ9qcfuwfpAZHbv8>, which has more details about the events, but feel free to come even if you don't register.

All grandparents of **freshmen** students at Unity Christian High School are invited to attend Freshmen Grandparent Day on Thursday, April 16 at the school. The event is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. and will finish at lunch with your grandchild. Please call 737-4114 or email aobbink@unitychristian.net to make a lunch reservation.

The Minnikota Youth (DU Student Leaders) 16th Annual Jr. High Retreat is April 17-19 at Inspiration Hills. Our theme this year is "Truth" from John 8:31-32 'Jesus said, 'If you abide in my word, you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.'" Join other local Jr High Students (6th, 7th, and 8th grade) at this retreat designed especially for you. Growing your faith, prayer time, worship through songs, fun, student speakers sharing from their hearts, large group games, fun, community service time, a Leader lead talent show, fun, and small group time will be on the agenda for the weekend! For more information or to register, email Lee at degrootlee@gmail.com or mikyouthnetwork@gmail.com or check us out on our Facebook page Minnikota Youth where you will find a picture of our leaders for the weekend and the registration form. Hope to see you there!

Save the date! The Sioux County Oratorio Chorus, under the leadership of Dr. Thomas Holm, will perform Handel's *Messiah* on Saturday, April 25 at 7:30 pm in Christ Chapel at Northwestern College. The chorus will be joined by the Northwestern College A Cappella Choir, chamber orchestra, and soloists. Tickets for adults are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door and are \$5 for students. Tickets are available through Northwestern College's Music Department and Windmill Park Jewelers in Orange City, the Dordt University Music Department in Sioux Center, or from any SCOC member.

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