

ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES

COMMUNITY BULLETIN

August 23, 2026

Denominational, Classis or Community Prayer Requests:

We pray for our schools, students, administration, staff, teachers, and volunteers as new school years begin again. We pray for a blessing upon Northwestern and Dordt, the MOC/FV schools, Unity, OCCS, SCCS, ICS, and the Classical Academy. May God bless the education, the community, the friendships, the mentoring, and the formation that occurs in them all. We pray for safety, physically and spiritually, for all involved in all the many events that will happen. May God multiply fully mature disciples of Jesus through our educational year.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Groundwork - Jesus is the High Priest Who Meets Our Needs - Do you ever feel alone, like no one can understand what you're going through? Join Groundwork as we study Hebrews 4:14-7:28 to learn about the high priest Melchizedek. Together, we'll see how the author of Hebrews draws a connection between Melchizedek and Jesus to help us better understand the extent to which Jesus truly understands, cares for, and meets our needs. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com

Coffee Break Community Bible Study will begin on September 16 at 9:30 a.m. at Calvary CRC. The study will be James: Faith in Action. Suffering slides into our lives – sometimes like an avalanche and sometimes subtly. James points to God who gives wisdom to navigate this suffering with joy, perseverance, strength, justice, faith, and purity.

The Orange City Cadet Club is looking for 6 more men to serve as counselors this fall. We are three weeks from the start of the season! If you are willing to help, please contact George Scholten or a Cadet counselor from your church.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sunday, August 23

7:30 p.m. All families, teachers, staff and supporters of Unity Christian are invited to join together from 7:30-8:30 p.m. for a Prayer Walk & Fellowship. We will begin in the courtyard, then divide into groups; Jericho Prayer Walk Group & a Traditional Prayer Walk Group. The Jericho Group will circle the outside of the school building 6 times, silently praying. On the 7th lap around the building prayers will be prayed out loud in one accord asking God to tear down any strongholds the enemy is trying to build in our school. The Traditional group will follow a map, walking through all areas of the school while praying for God to build up his kingdom for his glory this school year. *"Arise, cry out in the night, as the watches of the night begin; pour out your heart like water in the presence of the Lord. Lift up your hands to Him for the lives of your children..."* Lamentations 2:19. Our prayer walk will conclude at 8:30 p.m. with a make your own ice cream sundae fellowship! Any questions? Call Sue Dykstra at 360-0650 or 1susandykstra@gmail.com.

Monday, August 24

8:45 a.m. Orange City Christian School invites parents, grandparents, and friends to join us as we begin the new school year! Our Dedication Service is at 8:45 a.m. behind the school, followed by noon dismissal. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. We covet your prayers for a blessed school year!

Advanced Notices:

NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Support Group will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 1 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. Members of the Sioux County Sheriff's Office will discuss Mental Health and Law Enforcement in Sioux County. Individuals affected by mental health conditions, and their family/friends will meet separately from 7:45 to 8:45 for a time of mutual support. For information, call Shirley at 712-574-6758 or Nate at 402-916-0008 or natehuyser93@gmail.com.

Dr. Carrie Groenewold, Professor of Church Music and Organ at Dordt University, will present a Faculty Recital titled “A Flowering of Netherlandish and Flemish Psalms and Chorales” on Friday, September 4 at 7:00 p.m. in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. The program will focus on the development of beloved psalms and chorales by Dutch and Flemish composers and will include congregational singing. The concert and a PDF program will also be available on livestream at <https://www.dordt.edu/live-events>.

Join us at Immanuel on Monday, Sept. 7 (Labor Day) for our annual Dad's Belgian Waffle Breakfast. We will be serving from 7:30-10:30. There will be a freewill donation accepted by the door. Bring your family and friends and enjoy a delicious breakfast!

You are invited to the annual Bible League Dinner and Conference – September 14 and 15, 2026, *Hope and Forgiveness in the Midst of Evil*, held at Bethel CRC in Sioux Center. The realities of WWII will come to life through a Corrie ten Boom dramatization, and you will be stirred by the hope that can only come through Jesus. Bible League leaders will share powerful updates. For details, visit www.bibleleague.org/tickets. The deadline to register is September 6.

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