

ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES

COMMUNITY BULLETIN

August 30, 2026

Denominational, Classis or Community Prayer Requests:

We continue to pray for the beginning of a new school and church year.

As our churches also begin a new year of discipleship, fellowship, missions, and service, all focused around the worship of our Triune God, we pray that God would work in and through our community to glorify himself and bless us as we multiply fully mature disciples of Jesus Christ. May we be more and more captivated by the person and work of Jesus as we worship together, open his word together, pray together, serve together, and work together.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Groundwork - Jesus' Sacrifice is Complete and Makes Us Holy - Guilt has weight; it becomes a burden to one who carries it. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study Hebrews 8:1-10:18 to see how the author of Hebrews offers reassurance to weary believers by showing how Israel's covenant, tabernacle, and sacrificial system all dealt with guilt, but ultimately point to and find their fulfillment in Christ. 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 two more men to serve as counselors this fall. We are a couple weeks from the start of the season! If you are willing to help, please contact George Scholten or a Cadet counselor from your church.

Habitat for Humanity Homeownership Opportunity! Are you or someone you know in need of a safe, 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. Contact Sandra with questions: 712-224-5117. Applications are accepted until September 30.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Tuesday, September 1

7:00 p.m. NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Support Group will meet at the Sioux Center Public Library. An Educational Program from 7 to 7:45 p.m. 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.

Friday, September 4

7:00 p.m. 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" 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>

Advanced Notices:

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!

Orange City Cadet Club Kick-off night will be Wednesday, September 9, at Calvary CRC lower level from 6:50-8:50 p.m. We ask that all 4th grade cadets & parents come at 6:30 for a brief meeting. We are looking forward to a great cadet year!

Redeemer URC in Orange City will be hosting Stand and Deliver for our area high school youth groups on September 12, 2026 at Unity Christian High School starting at 5 p.m. Our speaker will be Rev. Daniel Hofland from Doon URC. Come dressed for gym activities with appropriate gym clothes and shoes. Food and fun will be provided! Please RSVP by September 8!

You are invited to the annual Bible League Dinner and Conference on 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.

One out of every three families in Iowa struggle to provide enough diapers for their children. ZoeCare, Swaddling Clothes, NW Iowa Baby Shower, and Maria Magdalena Church are coordinating efforts to raise awareness of the need for diapers in our area and educate on the support we offer! You can help families in need during diaper need awareness week (September 15-21) by donating diapers and wipes to the following drop off locations: 111 Arizona Ave NW in Orange City (ZoeCare), 15 2nd St SW in Sioux Center (NW IA Baby Shower), 580 3rd Street NW in Sioux Center (NW IA Baby Shower), 152 1st Ave. SE in Sioux Center (Maria Magdalena), 1103 Central Avenue in Hawarden (Swaddling Clothes). You can contact kaleigh@zoecarepregnancy.org or call 712-266-3282 with any questions.

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