

**ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES**  
**COMMUNITY BULLETIN**  
**March 10, 2024**

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

Pray for the classis delegates who were selected yesterday to serve as delegates for Synod 2024. Pray that the Lord would grant them joy and diligence in their work. Pray that Synod 2024 would uphold the Word of God and demonstrate to the world unity in the gospel and conviction in the truth of Christ.

**Living Water Community Church Family Prayer Requests:**

Jen Idema's brother, Ray, was diagnosed with kidney disease about a month ago. The family is trying to get him into the Mayo Clinic in Rochester. Please pray he can get the help he needs, that the family's fears are eased, and that they feel the loving embrace of God.

**First CRC Family Prayer Requests:** (First CRC Prayer Line 737-3119)

Nothing to report.

**Calvary CRC Family Prayer Requests:** (Calvary CRC Prayer Line 737-3959)

On Wednesday, March 6, Joan Bonnema was moved to Happy Siesta in Remsen and placed on Hospice. Please continue to pray for God's mercy and comfort for Joan.

**Immanuel CRC Family Prayer Requests:**

Nothing to report.

**GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

*Groundwork - The Paradox of The Cross* - In the Roman empire, the cross brought death in a brutal, humiliating way. But believers of Jesus Christ find life in the cross. Join Groundwork as we study 1 Corinthians 1:18-31, Romans 5:1-11, and Ephesians 2:8-10 to study the paradox of the cross, remember the profound love of God, and learn how we should live in light of this paradox. Listen now at [Groundworkonline.com](http://Groundworkonline.com).

Unity Christian invites you to join them for the musical "Little House on the Prairie". While the story will be very familiar, the musical is not. We hope you will join us for this new experience! Tickets can be purchased through Bound either online or through the app. The show will be March 14 & 15 at 7:00 p.m. and a matinee Saturday, March 16 at 2:00 p.m. in the Knight Center.

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 Arteaga 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 March 22 by contacting Kurt Franje: 641-780-9054 or [kfranje@siouxlandhabitat.org](mailto:kfranje@siouxlandhabitat.org)

**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

**Sunday, March 10**

6:00 p.m. Combined Prayer Day Worship Service at First CRC. Rev. Lee Khang, pastor at Ocheyedon CRC, will lead worship and preach on Isaiah 44:6-28. An offering will be received for the Orange City Christian School General Fund.

**Monday, March 11**

6:00 p.m. Common Thread will meet in the Cadet Room at Calvary CRC.

### **Wednesday, March 13**

9:30 a.m. Coffee Break will meet at Calvary CRC – Ephesians, Lesson 5

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

### **Advanced Notices:**

Northwestern College's International Justice Mission (IJM) Campus Chapter is hosting Threads – a pop-up thrift store to end slavery. They will collect clothing donations from college students March 1-April 4 and would love to accept donations from the community as well. In addition, you are invited to shop at the thrift store on Saturday, April 6 from 10am – 1pm in the Ramaker Center on NWC campus and donate to IJM if desired. All funds made will go to funding rescue operations through IJM. For more information on IJM, visit [ijm.org](http://ijm.org).

Rock Valley Habitat Home Groundbreaking Ceremony will be on Wednesday, March 20 at 10:00 a.m. at 2652 Warren Circle in Rock Valley. Please join Siouxland Habitat for Humanity as we give thanks to God and break ground on this Habitat home with the Alex & Rebecca Arteaga family. Everyone is welcome!!

The Dordt University Music Department will host OPERA Iowa, Des Moines Metro Opera's educational touring troupe, on Friday, March 22 for a performance of Grétry/Borths' *Beauty and the Beast* (sung in English), at 7:30 p.m. in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. The performance is free and open to the public. OPERA Iowa will also present a children's opera, "Sid the Serpent Who Wanted to Sing," the story of a serpent in the circus who longs for more than just slithering in and out of his basket—he wants to sing! This performance will be in the B.J. Haan Auditorium on Friday, March 22 at 1:15 pm. To register for the Children's Performance, contact the Dordt University Music Office at 712-722-6222.

Save the Date: Love INC Sioux County invites the community to our Spring Share Event on April 27<sup>th</sup> at the Parkview Event Center in Rock Valley. Get ready for a fun night of food, fellowship, and sweet treats. Hint: It also might be time to brush up on your stored knowledge of random facts! Information on how to purchase tickets is coming soon!

--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)