

ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES
COMMUNITY BULLETIN
March 3, 2024

Denominational, Classis or Community Prayer Requests:

Pray for the Heartland Classis meeting scheduled for this coming Saturday, March 9 at 8:30 a.m. at First CRC of Hull. Pray for safe travels, biblical unity, and wisdom as the delegates meet. Pray that delegates would celebrate the Lord's work in our churches and communities and be an encouragement to each other.

Immanuel CRC Family Prayer Requests:

Nothing to report.

Living Water Community Church Family Prayer Requests:

Nothing to report.

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

Arie Noteboom had successful surgery and has been transferred to the Orange City Hospital for continued recovery. Pray for healing and strength for Arie.

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

Jennifer Whitman will have her last chemo treatment on Tuesday, March 5 and 6 weeks later she will have a follow up PET scan. Please pray for healing as well as a good report on the PET scan.

Joan Bonnema remains at the Orange City Hospital and there has been discussion of transferring her to a care facility. Continue to pray for God's comfort, peace and mercy with Joan.

Rhyer Bonnema, infant son of Derek and Alexa, was hospitalized last week in Sioux Falls due to a virus. Praise God he has been moved out of the NICU. Pray for God's continued healing in Rhyer.

Mary Mouw is in the ICU at Orange City Area Hospital because of a rapid pulse and heart rate and when given IV medication to treat it, she had a bad reaction to it. Please pray her body would respond well to a different medication and for God's grace, mercy and comfort for Mary.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Groundwork -The Shame of The Cross - As we seek to comprehend the fullness of Jesus' sacrifice, we need to revisit the shame of the cross. Join Groundwork as we study Isaiah 53:1-3, Philippians 2:5-8, Genesis 2:25, Genesis 3:7-10, Hebrews 12:1-3, and 1 Peter 2:4-6 to examine the relationship between sin and shame and unpack why Jesus' experience of shame was necessary for our salvation. Listen now at Groundworkonline.com.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wednesday, March 6

9:30 a.m. Coffee Break will meet at Calvary CRC – Ephesians, Lesson 4

6:00 p.m. GEMS/Cadets Skating Party at the All Seasons Center in Sioux Center from 6-8 p.m. You are allowed and encouraged to bring your own skates, and you are responsible for your own transportation.

Thursday, March 7

5:30 p.m. Orange City Christian School warmly invites all families with prospective kindergarten students to join them for an informative parent meeting. The meeting will take place in Mrs. Wolf's classroom, providing an excellent opportunity for parents to learn more about our kindergarten program, curriculum, ESAs and what makes Orange City Christian School a special place for young learners.

7:00 p.m. Heartland Christian Schools invites you to attend, "An Evening with Roger Erdvig" from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. at Dordt University. Dr. Roger Erdvig is an author, speaker, and scholar who finds his greatest joy in helping to develop emerging leaders. His book titled, *Beyond Biblical Integration*, has been used in many Christian schools as a workbook and guide to challenge, encourage, and strengthen biblical integration. Dr. Erdvig will share his insights on Biblical integration at Dordt University in the science building, room SB1606, next to the Big Steps, or "Jacob's Ladder." Christian Educators, Parents, and Students are invited to attend free of charge!

Friday, March 8

On Friday, March 8th, Orange City Christian School is excited to extend an invitation to prospective kindergarten students for a special visit day. On this day, prospective kindergarten students are welcome to come and experience firsthand the engaging and nurturing environment of our kindergarten class. It's a fantastic chance for them to interact with teachers, explore the classrooms, and get a glimpse of the exciting journey that awaits them. We are offering two different Kindergarten Round up times, with both a morning and an afternoon session. Parents can select the session their student plans to attend by using the google form found on our website, or by calling the school office at 712-737-2274.

Advanced Notices:

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.

Many Christians feel that they should share their faith with others, but fear often stops them from doing it. Dunamis Project #6: Listening Evangelism will help you find a natural and fearless way to have more faith-sharing conversations in the ordinary course of life. It emphasizes learning God's vision for evangelism, and developing a passion for personal evangelism. We will learn and practice practical evangelism skills in cooperation with the Holy Spirit. This conference will be March 21-24 in Milford, Iowa. To learn more and register, visit www.primi.org/dpmilford.

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.

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