

ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES
COMMUNITY BULLETIN
April 14, 2024

Denominational, Classis or Community Prayer Requests:

God, thank you for spring and the hope of warmer, longer, brighter days. Thank you for the coming of growth and life and birth. Thank you that things are coming awake in the world. We hope in you and in your promises. We hope in your gift of spring.

Lord, we ask that You protect our minds. O God, set our minds on You. Let us not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of our minds that we may prove what Your will is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect. (Romans 12:2) Help us by the power of Your Spirit to think on whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything is worthy of praise, let our minds dwell on these things. (Philippians 4:8)

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

Please pray for Jake VanDen Hul and his family as Jake's health has been declining and he has been placed under the care of hospice. Pray for them as they go through this season.

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

Michael Hooyer and Sarah Rossbach were united in marriage at Calvary CRC on Saturday, April 6. Pray that God richly blesses their new life together.

Immanuel CRC Family Prayer Requests:

Nothing to report.

Living Water Community Church Family Prayer Requests:

Wayne Mason had been experiencing chest pains and was recently airlifted to a hospital in Sioux Falls. Please continue to pray for Wayne's health following this incident.

A celebration of life for Marilyn Oldenkamp will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, April 15, at Vander Ploeg Funeral Home in Sheldon. Please pray for the entire Oldenkamp family as they mourn the loss of a loved one.

Our Christian sympathy is extended to Sherwyn and Marilyn Bolkema; Sherwyn's aunt, Phyl, passed away on Thursday.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Groundwork - Justice and Righteousness in Amos - Amos was a shepherd until God called him to deliver a searing message to Israel. Join Groundwork as we study Amos 1-9 to hear God's message of justice and righteousness and to be reminded of the strong connection between how we live our daily lives and how God sees our worship. Listen now at Groundworkonline.com.

Splitting wood for Indian reservation project will take place on the remaining Saturdays in April at 8:30 a.m. on the Ron DeJong farm west of Orange City.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Tuesday, April 16

7:00 p.m. All Unity supporters are invited to attend the Unity Society Meeting in the Knight Center. Board members will be elected at this meeting. The nominees are from Immanuel CRC OC - Randy Smit and Benji Hulstein; Covenant CRC - Melissa Bailey and Jeff Ploegstra; Bethel CRC - Candi Te Krony, Dean Dekkers and Julie Hoogland. We will have updates from the Board and also a budget to pass for the 24-25 school year.

Wednesday, April 17

9:30 a.m. Coffee Break will meet at Calvary CRC – Ending Salad Luncheon

7:00 p.m. Dordt University's Criminal Justice and Social Work departments, in cooperation with the Sioux County Sherriff's Office, are hosting the screening of the documentary, *Gridshock: A Documentary about Sex Trafficking in Iowa*. This will be followed by a panel discussion. The event will be held from 7-9 p.m. in the

B.J. Haan Auditorium. The event is open to all, but due to the sensitive nature of this topic, discretion is advised. Invited guests represent the following offices: Iowa Attorney General, U.S. Attorney, FBI, Sioux County Attorney, CAASA, and the Family Crisis Center.

Thursday, April 18

9:30 a.m. All grandparents of freshmen students at Unity Christian High School are invited to attend Freshmen Grandparent Day 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.

7:00 p.m. The OCCS K-4 musical, “The Amazing Grace Race” will take off on April 18 at 7:00 pm and April 19 at 9:00 am, in the OCCS gym. K-OCCS will be reporting live from the scene with play by plays as they happen in real time. You won’t want to miss this group of runners running the race of life, following the trails that are full of twists and turns! The key to running the race successfully, following in His steps, will need to be taken to heart by everyone, even Spud, the “Couch Potato”! Come and be a part of the great cloud of witnesses as the kids are reminded that followers of Jesus don’t just sit on the sidelines but serve faithfully out of a grateful heart! A freewill offering will be taken.

Friday, April 19

9:00 a.m. OCCS K-4 musical, “The Amazing Race”

7:30 p.m. Dordt University student Anna Herman of Boise, Idaho, will present a senior organ recital in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. Herman will be playing works by Bach, Brahms, Speuy, and Visser. The recital will also be available on livestream at <https://www.dordt.edu/livestream>.

Saturday, April 20

7:30 p.m. The Joan Ringerwole Organ Recital Series presents Dutch organist Willem van Twillert in a solo organ recital in the B.J. Haan Auditorium at Dordt University. Van Twillert is an organist, composer, improviser, and teacher. His performance at Dordt is part of the Ringerwole Organ Recital Series, which is currently in its eleventh year.

Advance Notices:

FFA Plant Early Bird Open Greenhouse at Unity Christian High School is Friday, April 26 from 3:45 p.m.- 6:00 p.m. and Saturday, April 27 from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. The Mother’s Day Sale is Friday, May 10 from 3:45 p.m.-6:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 11 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Come and walk through our greenhouses, pick up some plants to use in your garden and enjoy seeing the work of our students! Freewill offering goes towards our FFA Program. Thank you for your support!

The Dordt University Music Department will present a Small Ensembles Recital at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, April 26, in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. The recital will feature Dordt University’s Saxophone Ensemble and Clarinet Choir.

Love INC Sioux County invites the community to our Spring Share Event on April 27th at the Parkview Event Center in Rock Valley. Doors will open at 5 p.m. and food will be served starting at 5:30 p.m. Very Good Trivia will be our entertainment so come with your knowledge skills sharpened! Tickets to this event can be purchased for \$50 a piece or get a team together and reserve a table of 8 for \$360. You can purchase tickets by calling the Love INC office at (712)476-5990 or go online to www.loveincsiouxcounty.org. Deadline is April 17.

The Dordt University Music Department will present a 4th Avenue Jazz concert on Saturday, April 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. Featured on the concert will be the 4th Avenue Singers and 4th Avenue Band. Come for a relaxed evening of big band standards, pop tune covers, and newer works. The concert will also be available on livestream at www.dordt.edu/livestream.

The Sioux County Oratorio Chorus, joined by Northwestern College’s A Cappella Choir, will be presenting Mozart’s *Requiem*—one of the most powerful and beloved choral works of all time! Under the direction of Dr. Thomas Holm, and featuring orchestra and professional soloists, the concert will be presented on Saturday, April 27 at 7:30 p.m. in Christ Chapel at Northwestern College. Tickets for adults are \$15 in advance/\$20 at the door and \$5 for students. Advance tickets can be purchased at Northwestern’s music office in Orange City, the Dordt music office in Sioux Center, Evie’s Hallmark in Sioux Center, and Windmill Park Jewelers in Orange City.

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