

## ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES

### COMMUNITY BULLETIN

April 7, 2024

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

Pray that in all seasons of life, we may glorify God's name. Ask God to replace our worry with worship, and to surrender the things we long to reign control over that are not meant for us to carry.

Pray for those who are struggling with family conflict or the loss of loved ones. Ask God to renew peace and give true comfort.

This week we saw sun and rain, both are reminders that God is at work renewing the earth. Thank Him that He is ever at work in our lives as well.

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

Our Christian sympathy is expressed to Audley and Bonnie De Jong and their family in the recent loss of Audley's mom, Geraldine De Jong. Please continue to raise up the entire De Jong family as they mourn the loss of a loved one.

#### **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)

Praise God that Clarence Postma was able to return home to Landsmeer on Wednesday, April 3. Pray for continued healing and restoration of his health.

Dan Tracy will be having minor knee surgery on April 11 to repair a torn MCL. Pray that the surgery would restore comfortable mobility in Dan's knee.

#### **Immanuel CRC Family Prayer Requests:**

Nothing to report.

### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

#### **Monday, April 8**

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

#### **Tuesday, April 9**

7:30 p.m. NISO's Spring Concert will be held in the BJ Haan Auditorium on Dordt University's campus. To conclude our concert season, the spring performance includes not only two enchanting pieces of music but also a symphony for organ featuring Dordt's own Dr. Carrie Groenewold. Tickets available at the door, or online through ticketleap. \$20 adults, \$6 students (buy one get one free).

[https://nisoia.ticketleap.com/spring-concert/dates/Apr-09-2024\\_at\\_0730PM](https://nisoia.ticketleap.com/spring-concert/dates/Apr-09-2024_at_0730PM)

#### **Wednesday, April 10**

9:30 a.m. Coffee Break will meet at Calvary CRC – Ephesians - Lesson 8

6:45 p.m. GEMS will meet at Immanuel CRC - Girls, please wear your GEMS shirt, and take along your Bible, pen/pencil and your badge book.

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

#### **Thursday, April 11**

7:00 p.m. Join the Dordt Music Department for a Community Choir Evening of Worship in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. This event will be a time of worship through choral music, Scripture readings, litanies, meditations, and other musical reflections. A combined Community Choir will sing four choral pieces composed or arranged by guest composer-in-residence Dan Forrest. The Dordt choirs will join the Community Choir for two of those pieces as well as sing a few other Dan Forrest works on their own.

#### **Friday, April 12**

7:00 p.m. The Dordt University Choral Department will present the High School Choral Festival Concert in the B.J. Haan Auditorium and De Witt Gymnasium. This concert will feature a massed festival choir including singers from 13 Christian high schools representing 6 different states, as well as four Dordt choirs: Bella Voce women's chorus, Canons of Dordt men's chorus, 4th Avenue Singers, Chorale, and Concert Choir. In addition, most of the participating choirs will perform one song on their own.

### **Saturday, April 13**

7:30 p.m. Dordt University student Philip Shippy of Sioux Center, Iowa, will present a junior voice recital in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. The program focuses on German Art Songs and Contemporary English songs. Shippy will be accompanied by Dordt University junior Abe Hall of Machesney Park, Illinois.

### **Advanced Notices:**

We invite all Unity supporters to attend the Unity Society Meeting on Tuesday, April 16 at 7:00 p.m. 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.

Dordt University's Criminal Justice and Social Work departments, in cooperation with the Sioux County Sheriff'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 on April 17, 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.

All grandparents of freshmen students at Unity Christian High School are invited to attend Freshmen Grandparent Day on Thursday, April 18 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](mailto:aobbink@unitychristian.net) to make a lunch reservation.

Dordt University student Anna Herman of Boise, Idaho, will present a senior organ recital at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, April 19, in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. Herman will be playing works by Bach, Brahms, Speuy, and Visser, the latter three of which were selected because they are arrangements of chorale, psalm, and hymn tunes, reflecting her passion as a church organist. The recital will also be available on livestream at <https://www.dordt.edu/livestream>.

The Joan Ringerwole Organ Recital Series presents Dutch organist Willem van Twillert in a solo organ recital on Saturday, April 20, at 7:30 p.m. in the B.J. Haan Auditorium at Dordt University. Van Twillert is an organist, composer, improviser, and teacher. He has published a large number of psalm and choral arrangements and has received international awards for many of them. His performance at Dordt is part of the Ringerwole Organ Recital Series, which is currently in its eleventh year.

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. 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](http://www.loveincsiouxcounty.org). Deadline is April 17.

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. From its fiery Dies Irae to the haunting Lacrymosa, the *Requiem* is full of beauty and pathos, and it will always hold a certain mystery because it remained unfinished at Mozart's death. Make plans today to attend! 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@firstercoc.org](mailto:office@firstercoc.org)