

ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES
COMMUNITY BULLETIN
November 2, 2025

Denominational, Classis or Community Prayer Requests:

On this Reformation Day week, we pray for the ongoing work of Reformation through the words of the Heidelberg Catechism: "Help us to truly know you, to honor, glorify, and praise you for all your works and for all that shines forth from them: your almighty power, wisdom, kindness, justice, mercy, and truth. Help us to direct all our living—what we think, say, and do—so that your name will never be blasphemed because of us but always honored and praised. Preserve your church and make it grow. Destroy the devil's work; destroy every force which revolts against you and every conspiracy against your holy Word. Do this until your kingdom fully comes, when you will be all in all. By ourselves we are too weak to hold our own even for a moment. And our sworn enemies—the devil, the world, and our own flesh—never stop attacking us. And so, Lord, uphold us and make us strong with the strength of your Holy Spirit, so that we may not go down to defeat in this spiritual struggle, but may firmly resist our enemies until we finally win the complete victory. Do this have your name is holy, and should receive all praise forever. Amen."

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

Pray for Marlyn Visser and Beth Vander Veen as they both recover from recent surgeries.

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

Nothing to report.

Immanuel CRC Family Prayer Requests:

Nothing to report.

Living Water Community Church 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 - Your Questions about God's Care and the Life of Faith - The life of faith is a journey, and it's natural to have questions along the way. Join Groundwork as we study Genesis 16, Psalm 146:6-9, John 15:1-17, Micah 6:8, John 16:1-4, Luke 13:1-5, and Isaiah 55:8-9 to discover the Bible's answers to our questions about God's care for us as individuals, discipleship, suffering, and God's timing. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com

Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts may be brought to area drop-site locations in LeMars, Rock Rapids, Sheldon, or Sioux Center starting Monday, November 17 through Sunday, November 23.

The Pioneer Memorial Home of Orange City is a Christian independent retirement community owned by Orange City area churches. We strive to provide affordable Christian independent living choices for the elderly. We are very appreciative of your excellent support which is also helping us to make some very nice updates. The Pioneer Home offers three meals a day, roomy remodeled apartments, staff around the clock, a secure facility, and a comfortable, homey atmosphere. Garages are also available for resident use. We would like to inform you, that currently we do have openings in our facility for singles and couples, and we ask that you encourage your people to consider this very nice option. We would be very happy to offer a tour to anyone who is interested. You can find more information on our new website <https://pioneerhomeoc.com/> as well.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Tuesday, November 4

5:00 p.m. Please join Hospers First Christian Reformed Church for their annual soup and pie supper. They will be serving soup, sandwiches and pie from 5:00-7:00 p.m. with carry out options available. A free will offering will be taken, with all proceeds benefiting Christian education. Come for great food and fellowship!

7:00 p.m. NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) will meet at the Sioux Center Public Library. An Educational Program from 7 to 7:45 pm is open to anyone who is interested in the subject: Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (A NAMI video). From 7:45 to 8:45, individuals affected by mental health conditions, and their family/friends will meet for a time of mutual support. For information, call Shirley at 712-574-6758 or Nate at 402-916-0008 or natehuysen93@gmail.com.

Wednesday, November 5

9:30 a.m. Coffee Break will meet at Calvary CRC – *Mark* – Lesson 7

7:00 p.m. Praise and Thanksgiving! You are warmly invited to an inspiring evening hosted by One Body One Hope at the Overlook on Dordt University Campus. Together, we will celebrate and give thanks for the amazing work God is doing in Liberia and Sierra Leone. Fellowship & Refreshments at 7:00 p.m. (Enjoy delicious desserts and refreshing drinks) followed by a program from 7:15–8:15 p.m. (sharp). We look forward to sharing this special time of worship, gratitude, and community with you!

Friday, November 7

5:00 p.m. Katelyn's Fund Annual Auction will take place at New Life Reformed Church in Sioux Center! Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Join us for a complimentary meal at 5:30 pm and stay for the auction, which begins at 6:30 p.m. We've got a great lineup of items, including electronics, home goods, vacation stays, autographed NFL merch, and more!

Advanced Notices:

Unity Christian High School would like to invite all Veterans and their families to our Veterans Assembly at 9:55 a.m. on November 11. Join us for some music, storytelling, and fellowship.

Men and Young Men - When the unthinkable happens to you or yours, do you have the faith to stand? For Tommy, it was a bullet through his helmet that should have killed him. Come and hear Tommy's story of crisis and God's miraculous power at the Area Men's Event on Tuesday, November 11 at 7 p.m., at the MOC/FV High School Gym. This event is sponsored by Mendistry.

Combo Night is Coming! You're invited to Unity Christian's Combo Night on Thursday, November 13 at 7 p.m. in the Knight Center. Combo Night is a double theater performance of both the Fall one-act play "Our Place" by Terry Gabbard and the improv group "The Cast". Additionally, a few student musicians will perform between the two drama productions. Tickets are available on [Bound](#) [\$5 for students and \$8 for adults]. We hope to see you there!

MIK+ Post High Young Adult (18-30 year old singles): Saturday Nov 15 (6pm): Bible Study at Inwood Christian Reformed Church (Ephesians: Your Place in God's Plan by Richard Coekin). No prep work necessary. We will be sharing a Thanksgiving Meal together and then dig into "Ephesians 2 New Life, New People." For more info and to RSVP contact Lee at 712 470 4244.

Full time ministry is an extraordinary calling and great privilege, and critical for the purposes of God in this world. If you have ever wondered if God is calling you to serve Him vocationally, whether as a pastor, missionary, chaplain, or something else; if you have questions about what ministry is like; if you wonder if it is worth it; if you don't know the next steps or process – please join us at Dordt University on November 22 from 10-3 for 'Called'. Rev. Stephen Terpstra, Rev. John Klompfen, and Rev. John Lee, along with missions and candidacy experts, will encourage you, talk with you, answer your questions, and explore if God is calling you. The event is free of charge and is for people of all ages, from high school to those nearing retirement, who are exploring full or part time ministry. For more information and to register, go to:

<https://forms.gle/Sg6Zh4Jx6cbPDiE9A> or follow the QR code on the poster in your church or school.

Questions? Email pastor@firstercoc.org.

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