ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES
COMMUNITY BULLETIN
November 8, 2026

Denominational, Classis or Community Prayer Requests:

In praying for the Lord to move in our churches in such a way that our hearts are moved to plant new churches to share the Gospel... Pray that the Lord would pull our hearts to desire to walk in faith and follow him into the unknown! Lord, please surprise us with a heart of faith that eagerly longs to follow Jesus and where He leads! May our passion to be faithful to your call upon our lives drive our prayers, our worship, and our gratitude for your grace.

Immanuel Family Prayer Requests:

Congratulations to Tanner Schouten, son of Jeff and Liza, and Lydia Van Kley as they were united in marriage on November 7.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Groundwork - Prayer and Repentance - Most of us feel uncomfortable admitting our shame and our guilt when we make mistakes, but for Christians, it's an important and valuable part of our faith life. Join our Groundwork conversation as we dig into Luke 11:4, John 1:8-10, Psalm 51, Mark 2:1-7, Daniel 9:4-19, and 1 John 5:13-15 to learn about prayers of repentance and why honest prayers of confession matter. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com

Share Christ's Love Through a Hope Haven Wheelchair Distribution Trip: Hope Haven International Ministries is looking for volunteers to serve on upcoming wheelchair distribution trips in 2027. These trips offer the opportunity to work alongside local partners, share Christ's love, and help provide wheelchairs and mobility equipment to children and adults in need. Upcoming trips include Kenya, March 6-17, 2027; Uganda, April 25-May 5, 2027; and Thailand, April 29-May 9, 2027. No medical experience is required, and there are a variety of ways to serve as part of a distribution team. To learn more or apply, visit hopehaven.org/international-ministries/distribution-trips or contact Luke Russell at lrussell@hopehaven.org.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Tuesday, November 10

9:55 a.m. You are invited to Unity Christian High School for their chapel honoring veterans. This chapel will be held in the Unity Christian Knight Center. Veterans may dress in uniform and will be honored. Veterans and students will participate in this celebration to honor the men and women who have served and are serving in the protection of our country.

7:30 p.m. The Northwest Iowa Symphony Orchestra (NISO) invites the community to its fall concert, *"Passion, Poetry, and Power,"* in the BJ Haan Auditorium at Dordt University. The concert will feature a dynamic program of orchestral works, including Mikhail Glinka's *Russlan and Ludmilla Overture*, Florence Price's *Violin Concerto No. 2*, featuring guest soloist and Dordt University alumna Erika Hoogeveen on violin, and Alexander Borodin's *Symphony No. 2*. Adult general admission tickets are $25, and student admission is free. For tickets and additional information, visit www.dordt.edu/niso.

Monday, November 9

6:00 p.m. Common Thread will meet at Calvary's Coffeehouse/Cadet Room.

Wednesday, November 11

9:30 a.m. Coffee Break will meet at Calvary CRC – *Gift of Christmas*, Chapter 1

6:45 p.m. GEMS will meet at Immanuel CRC from 6:45 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. Girls - please wear your GEMS shirt and take along a Bible, pen/pencil, and badge book.

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

Thursday, November 12

7:00 p.m. You're Invited: Join us for combo nights of Theater and Art on Thursday, November 12 and/or Friday, November 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the Knight Center. Unity Christian HS Theater presents a two-act comedy play titled "Whodunit... and to Whom?" It's a wild adventure of Harold Finnegan writing a third-rate detective story on his typewriter. As he writes, we see the actions from his characters played out by actors on stage. Unity student artwork will be featured in the courtyard for these evenings. Tickets available on Bound ($10/adult, $8/K-12 students).

Friday, November 13

3:10 p.m. You are invited to join the Dordt University Music Department for the first Department Recital of the semester. The recital will be in the Dean Recital Hall and will feature students from vocal, instrumental and keyboard departments. The recital is free and open to the public.

Advanced Notices:

No matter what stage of life you are in, God is calling you to serve Him. Perhaps you're exploring what that could mean for you now. Local pastors and mission leaders would love to discuss that with you at the "Called" event at Dordt on Saturday, November 14, 2026 from 9am-12pm. Snacks and networking begin at 8:30 am, and you can sign up for lunch afterwards. This event is offered at no cost to you. Pastors will talk about the reason for vocational ministry, how to know if you're called, and what next steps might be. You'll get a chance to sit at the table with others interested in pastoring, mission work, chaplaincy, church planting, and other topics. You'll make connections with others who are exploring and living out their calling. "*Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.*" (Mt 28:19-20). Where and how is God sending YOU? Please sign up using this link (https://forms.gle/dX97eQYbhzvf1VBJ9) by November 1.

Future Knights Night! All 6th-8th graders are invited to this introductory Unity event. Join us on Monday, November 16, from 7:00-8:40 pm for an on-your-feet experience where you will see our campus and learn about our programs in a fun, interactive format! This event is geared towards curious parents and students who want to learn more about Unity Christian.

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