

ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES
COMMUNITY BULLETIN
March 19, 2023

Denominational, Classis or Community Prayer Requests:

Around this time students and teachers in our schools have a breather called a spring break, preparing them for a final sprint in the race of the school year. For our prayer focus this week, let's remember staff, teachers, administrators, and students and let's surround them in prayer, asking the Lord to provide them with fortitude, energy, and perseverance to end the school year well! College, post-high, high school, middle school, grade school and all, let's remember and be thankful for the work they have put in with God's help, and let's ask Him to sustain them all for one more sprint to the finish!

Living Water Community Church Family Prayer Requests:

Today we witness and celebrate with Brady and Kari Gonzales as they baptize their infant daughter, Nora.

Give thanks for the arrival of a healthy baby boy, Rhett Casen, to Casey and Meghan Vermeer. Pray for these parents and two siblings as they adapt to the addition of a new family member and a different daily routine.

Chad De Jong had ankle reconstruction surgery in Sioux City on Thursday. Prayers for patience in healing and complete restoration of his ankle/leg are greatly appreciated.

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

Lois De Beer moved to Royale Meadows this week. Please pray for healing for Lois as she deals with her broken leg and also pray that this transition will go well for her.

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

Al and Jan Kuiper have spent over a week in Rochester. Pastor Al underwent procedures there last week Tuesday. They have not yet returned home. Pray for the presence of healing and the process of recovery.

A recent medical test indicated that John Jongma has a spot on his femur. John plans to consult with medical professionals the day after Easter. Give thanks for peace and pray for encouraging reports.

Today, Manny Vega plans to publicly profess his faith in Jesus Christ. Give thanks for the work of God's Spirit in Manny's life.

Pete and Helen face a few health issues. Pray for healing. Give thanks for good medical assistance and pray for clear guidance as Pete and Helen make decisions.

Immanuel CRC Family Prayer Requests:

Don Wielenga was transferred to the nursing home in LeMars last Thursday. Please pray that the transition will go well for Don.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Groundwork - Encouragement as We Wait for Christ's Return - Waiting for Christ's second coming can feel discouraging as we continue to witness the pain and brokenness of this world. Join Groundwork as we study John's vision of a restored heaven in Revelation 22 and discuss the hope and encouragement it provides so that we might persevere and remain faithful in doing the work to which God has called us while we wait. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wednesday, March 22

9:30 a.m. Coffee Break will meet at Calvary CRC – Joshua 2, Lesson 4

6:45 p.m. GEMS will meet at Immanuel CRC – please wear your GEMS shirt and take your Bible and badge book along with you.

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

Friday, March 24

7:30 p.m. Dordt University student Julia Holleman will present a senior flute recital in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. The recital will feature a variety of instruments, such as harpsicord and cello on Bach's *Sonata IV in C Major* and saxophone with flute performing a recently composed Hymn Suite collection. All are welcome to a reception following the recital. The recital will also be available on livestream at <https://www.dordt.edu/livestream>.

Saturday, March 25

7:30 p.m. Dordt University student Brody Joens will present a junior saxophone recital in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. The recital will feature a variety of styles and musical eras, including Classical, Baroque, French Romantic, Contemporary, and Jazz. Joens will be performing on soprano saxophone, tenor saxophone, and baritone saxophone during the recital. All are welcome to a reception following the recital. The recital will also be available on livestream at <https://www.dordt.edu/livestream>.

Advance Notices:

The Joan Ringerwole Organ Recital Series presents British organist Wayne Marshall in a solo organ recital on Friday, March 31, at 7:30 p.m. in the B.J. Haan Auditorium at Dordt University. As artist-in-residence at Dordt University, Wayne will work with the Chamber Orchestra as guest clinician, perform music in chapel, lead a masterclass to the organ studio, and present a solo organ recital, featuring his own compositions alongside standard repertoire such as Liszt's *Prelude and Fugue on BACH*. His performance at Dordt is part of the Ringerwole Organ Recital Series, which is currently in its tenth year. The Joan Ringerwole Organ Recital series seeks to promote the organ and its repertoire for the musical education and enjoyment of students, alumni, and the community by bringing celebrated organists to Dordt University.

Dordt University student Tommy Shin will present a senior voice recital at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 1, in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. Selections range from Italian arias such as Puccini's well-known "Questo amor, vergogna mia" from *Edgar* to selections from musicals such as "If I Were a Rich Man" from *Fiddler on the Roof*. Shin will sing in Korean during his performance of "In Your Dream" from the Korean musical *Frankenstein*. Seven other Dordt students will join Shin for a performance of an octet by Ralph Vaughan Williams. All are welcome to a reception following the recital.

Cornerstone Prison Church Council, Board and Congregation invites you to the 15th Annual Benefit Banquet on Monday, April 3 at Trinity Christian Reformed Church in Rock Valley. The doors will open at 6:00 p.m., the banquet will start at 6:30 p.m. Save your spot by March 26! Call Trinity CRC at 712-476-5292 or go to www.cornerstonepcsd.org Join us for an evening of praise to God for his work through Cornerstone Prison Church inside the walls of the South Dakota State Penitentiary. A freewill offering will be taken as an opportunity to financially support Cornerstone's ministry.

Love INC Sioux County invites the community to our *Spring Share Event* on April 15th at the Parkview Event Center in Rock Valley. Doors will open at 5 p.m. to be followed by a catered meal at 5:30 and an improvisational comedy show by *Slap Happy Comedy* at 7. The *Slap Happy Comedy* team, a Christian two-man duo, brings a clean, high energy, interactive comedy experience that guarantees fun for the entire family. Tickets to this event can be purchased for \$50 a piece or you may reserve a complete table of 8 for \$360. Please order tickets by calling the Love INC office at (712)476-5990 or by going to www.loveincsiouxcounty.org. Deadline is April 7.

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