

ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES
COMMUNITY BULLETIN
April 21, 2024

Denominational, Classis or Community Prayer Requests:

Pray for all who “go and tell” the good news, and for the Lord to help each of us to be effective witnesses of new life in the kingdom of God!

Pray for Cornerstone Prison Church as they continue to navigate difficult times. Please pray that the way they navigate these times would bring glory to God and give others a glimpse of the freedom available in Jesus Christ. Pray that by the work of the Holy Spirit the men would feel that even when locked down, they are in fact being lifted up.

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

Sye Roghair went home to our Lord on Tuesday, April 16 at Prairie Ridge Care Center. Pray for God’s comfort and peace for Ruth during this time of loss.

Marcia Saeger also went home to our Lord and Savior on April 16. Pray God’s comfort and peace be with Bill, Jeff and the Saeger family.

Gene Huitink suffered a neck and head injury on April 12 after a fall from a ladder. He had a successful surgery on Wednesday, April 17. Please pray for God’s continued mercy and healing.

Immanuel CRC Family Prayer Requests:

Nothing to report.

Living Water Community Church Family Prayer Requests:

Praise from Loretta Greene: After high blood pressure was diagnosed for my daughter-in-law, Keely, at 36 weeks pregnant, there were prayer concerns for her and for the unborn baby. My new grandson, Callahan Rhys, was born premature but, after battling to keep his blood sugars up, he was able to come home this past week.

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

Nothing to report.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Groundwork - God's Judgment and Hope in Micah - A contemporary of Isaiah, the prophet Micah is most well-known for the famous verse “He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.” Join Groundwork as we study Micah 1-7 to discuss God’s judgment and hope woven throughout Micah’s prophecies. Listen now at Groundworkonline.com.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Monday, April 22

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

Wednesday, April 24

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

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

Friday, April 26

3:45 p.m. FFA Plant Early Bird Open Greenhouse at Unity Christian High School from 3:45- 6:00 p.m. Freewill offering goes towards our FFA Program.

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

Saturday, April 27

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

9:00 a.m. FFA Plant Early Bird Open Greenhouse at Unity Christian High School from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Freewill offering goes towards our FFA Program!

7:30 p.m. The Dordt University Music Department will present a 4th Avenue Jazz concert 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.

7:30 p.m. 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 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.

Sunday, April 28

5:00 p.m. Combined GEMS Sunday worship service at Immanuel CRC.

Advance Notices:

The Choral Ensembles Spring Concert at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, May 3, in the B.J. Haan Auditorium will feature four of the Dordt Choral Ensembles: Bella Voce (women's chorus), Canons of Dordt (men's chorus), Chorale, and Concert Choir. Repertoire will draw from a wide range of styles and centuries. Bella Voce is conducted by Dr. Carrie Groenewold, Canons of Dordt by Tim Van Voorst, and Chorale and Concert Choir by Dr. Ryan Smit. The concert and a PDF program will also be available on livestream at <https://www.dordt.edu/live-events>.

Join the Dordt University Music Department at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 4 in the B.J. Haan Auditorium for a concert by the Chamber Orchestra and Campus-Community Band. The Campus-Community Band will open with works from a diverse cross section of old and new wind band works. The Chamber Orchestra will then perform one of the most highly respected works from American composer Aaron Copland titled *Appalachian Spring*. Following this concert, the Wind Symphony will present their Iowa Bandmasters Association Preview Concert at 8:30 p.m. in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. This year, the Dordt University Wind Symphony was selected by blind peer review to perform as the invited college wind band for the 2024 conference. This evening's concert will be all of the music they will perform on May 11 in Des Moines, to include a featured solo by Professor Pam De Haan on James Stephenson's newly written *Concerto for Saxophone and Wind Ensemble*. We hope you can join us for both of these concerts to celebrate the achievements of all of the students participating in instrumental music at Dordt! The concerts will also be available on livestream at <https://www.dordt.edu/live-events>.

Unity Christian's FFA 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!

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