

ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES
COMMUNITY BULLETIN
May 11, 2025

Denominational, Classis or Community Prayer Requests:

We pray that God might nourish and sustain us unto eternal life. In a world in which crippling hunger affects 750 million and food insecurity over 2.3 billion, we pray for the mercy of Almighty God to provide. May the church be the hands and feet of Jesus showing mercy, that Christ may say to us one day, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me." (Matt 25:34-36) But even more so, we pray that God might alleviate our spiritual hunger and thirst, for Christ alone is the Bread of Life (John 6:48) and Living Water (John 4:10). May He satisfy us in every way and become in us and many others a spring of water willing up to eternal life. (John 4:14)

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

James and Courtney Hellinga welcomed a baby girl, Quinn Paige, on Thursday, May 1.

Immanuel CRC Family Prayer Requests:

Nothing to report.

Living Water Community Church Family Prayer Requests:

Nothing to report.

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

We praise God for the ceremony that united Lucy Zylstra and Carter Van Hulzen in marriage on Saturday, May 10. Pray that God will bless their marriage as they serve Him together.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Groundwork - Adopt the Mindset of Christ - As Christians, many of us long to make the world a better place. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study Philippians 2:1-11, Matthew 22:15-45, 1 Peter 2:21-23, and Matthew 20:24-28 to study the servant mindset Jesus modeled. Together we'll glean biblical wisdom for discerning the relationship between faith and power and we'll discuss the importance of developing Christlikeness. Listen now at [Groundworkonline.com](https://groundworkonline.com).

The OCCS Tulip Festival Tent will be serving from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday of Tulip Festival. We will be holding a suggested donation sale of any leftover festival foods from 8-8:30 a.m. and 3:30-4 p.m. on Monday, May 19th by the big overhead door at the back of school. Thanks for your support!

Women of Renewal is excited to offer two enriching study opportunities this summer—one for teen girls and one for women. The Teen Study will take place on Wednesday evenings from June 4 - July 30, featuring the book *Lies Young Women Believe* by Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth and Dannah Gresh. The Women's Study will be held on Tuesday evenings from June 10 through July 29, and will focus on *Get Out of Your Head* by Jennie Allen. Both groups will meet weekly in the evenings to engage in meaningful discussions and build community. To join either group, please register at <https://www.womenofrenewal.com/event-list>. We'd love to have you with us this summer!

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Monday, May 12

6:00 p.m. Common Thread will meet at Calvary.

Sunday, May 18

11:00 a.m. The Tulip Festival Community Worship Service will be held in Windmill Park. Blankets and lawn chairs are encouraged for seating. If there is rain, the service will be moved to First Reformed Church.

Advanced Notices:

Orange City Christian School is having their annual Hymn of the Month Program on Monday, May 19, at 7:00 p.m. in the Unity Christian High School gym. Everyone is encouraged to attend and take a friend!

Graduation 2025 at Unity Christian High School will be held on Tuesday, May 20 at 6:00 p.m. in the Knight Center. The ceremony will be streamed on our YouTube channel.

Graduation for the eighth grade students at Orange City Christian School will be held Thursday evening, May 22 at 7:00 p.m. at the Immanuel Christian Reformed Church. Everyone is invited.

Join Douglas Cupery, director of church engagement, for a training workshop for current mentors and an introduction to Crossroads Prison Ministries for those interested in learning more about this impactful ministry. Bring a friend and discover how you can make a difference! Date: Thursday, May 29, 2025, 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at Bethel Christian Reformed Church 341 S Main Ave, Sioux Center, IA. Register at

<https://www.cpministries.org/events>

Cornerstone Prison Church, Sioux Falls Faith Fellowship Weekend - Friday, June 20 – 6:00-8:00 p.m.- Kick Off Worship Service, Saturday, June 21 and Sunday, June 22 – 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. each day. The theme for the weekend is “Faithfulness of the Father”. Scripture text comes from Lamentations 3:22&23. “The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.” Join us for worship, large group talks and small group discussions. The deadline for signing up is Thursday, May 29. We would be happy to have you join us for part of the weekend or all of it. If you would like more information or to sign up, please contact us at office@cornerstonepcsd.org or call 507-215-3670. Thank you for considering this wonderful ministry opportunity!

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