

ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES

COMMUNITY BULLETIN

September 7, 2025

Denominational, Classis or Community Prayer Requests:

We grieve with friends, colleagues, and fellow students in our community who experienced the sudden passing of three high school students in a house fire in Granville. Pray for the teachers, staff, and student body of MOC/FV and pray for the families affected. Ask God to draw students to himself, and for the grace to hold onto him and gospel hope in this dark valley. Pray that the fourth injured student might be healed.

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.

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 - Living as Citizens of God's Kingdom Now - We've learned that Jesus brought God's kingdom near -- so near, in fact, it's within us. Join Groundwork as we study Matthew 6:9-13, Romans 14:17, Micah 4:1-5, Matthew 25:35-40, Philippians 2:5-8, Acts 2:42-47, Revelation 11:15, and 1 Corinthians 15:58 to learn what it means and looks like for us to live in God's kingdom here and now, even when we can't fully see it. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com

From the Orange City Cadets: If you have a Cadet Shirt you are no longer using, please leave it in the Calvary Cadet Room so that incoming Cadets can use them. Thanks!

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Monday, September 8

6:00 p.m. Common Thread will meet in the Calvary Cadet/Coffeehouse room.

Tuesday, September 9

9:00 a.m. The Fall Bible League Conference will be held at the Bethel Christian Reformed Church in Sioux Center. The Conference will begin with registration and coffee at 9:00 and concluding at 2:00. The speaker will be Jason Van Ruler, a therapist from Sioux Falls who has written a book, *Get Past Your Past*. Register online at bibleleague.org/tickets.

Wednesday, September 10

9:30 a.m. Coffee Break Get-Acquainted Social at Calvary CRC. Coffee Break is studying the book of Mark this year! We meet weekly on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. at Calvary CRC lower level. Nursery and Little Lambs available for ages birth and up. The study of Mark begins on September 17. No previous Bible knowledge is necessary! Come and have a cup of coffee on us!

6:45 p.m. GEMS will meet at Immanuel CRC

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

Friday, September 12

7:00 p.m. Join us for the Dordt University Instrumental Ensembles Pops Concert in the BJ Haan Auditorium! The Mass Band and Chamber Orchestra will feature music of fantasy movies this year! Come enjoy music from all of your favorite movies like Harry Potter, and many others! Feel free to dress in costume for this concert and come as your favorite character from your favorite fantasy movie! In addition to the music, we will have a costume contest for the ensemble members! The chamber orchestra is under the direction of Mrs. Amie Smit, and the Mass Band is led by Dr. Onsby C. Rose. Don't miss this fun beginning of the 2025-26 instrumental concert season!

Advanced Notices:

Join Orange City Christian School on September 15 at 7:00 p.m. for the annual society meeting. We'll be electing new board members and presenting the budget. Absentee ballots for board nominees are available in the school office and can be submitted to the OCCS office, Mr. Alons, or any board member before the meeting. This is a wonderful chance to hear updates from the school, including a recap of last year, goals for the upcoming year, staff recognition, and more! The new board nominees are: Immanuel CRC: Josh Pluim, Lora Kleinhesselink, Brandon Vander Stoep; Redeemer URC: Ethan Hoekstra, Jonathon Kiel, Nick Scholten; At large: Kelly Kooistra, Joel Van Engen, Todd Rowenhorst

The Power of Prayer is the focus of the upcoming Dunamis Conference in Milford, IA, October 2-5. Participants will learn how any Christian can pray with vision and power. Sessions will encourage and equip people to grow in intimacy with Jesus Christ through prayer and to participate with God in shaping the future through intercessory prayer. Participants will have opportunities to practice what they learn. To learn more and register, visit www.primi.org/dpmilford.

The Healing Ministry of Jesus is the focus of the upcoming Dunamis Conference in Viborg, SD, November 6-9. Participants will examine Jesus' healing ministry as the model for praying for many types of healing, including physical, emotional, and spiritual. Theory and practical application help make this dimension of ministry a reality in our own lives and in the Church. To learn more and register, visit www.primi.org/dpviborg.

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