

**ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES**  
**COMMUNITY BULLETIN**  
**June 1, 2025**

**Denominational, Classis or Community Prayer Requests:**

Give thanks for a good planting season and now, for warm weather to grow crops. Pray for timely rains, safety in agricultural pursuits, and that farmers would receive a good return for their labors.

Pray for students who transition from school room to household chores, daily jobs, and recreation. Ask our Lord to guide them to find godly patterns and pastime. Pray also for teachers and staff to find renewal through a slower pace, vacations, alternate jobs or hobbies, and more time recreating. Pray for safety and spiritual vitality as the Lord guides our paths while apart from one another.

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

Nothing to report.

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

Janelle Volkers remains at Sanford Hospital in Sioux Falls following three surgeries. Give thanks for the healing so far. Please continue to pray she will strengthen and return home soon.

**Immanuel CRC Family Prayer Requests:**

Keep Crista Smidt in your prayers for the passing of her sister, Carma, last Wednesday.

**Living Water Community Church Family Prayer Requests:**

Sylvia Busby has been diagnosed with Spinal Stenosis, a narrowing of the spinal cord, and anticipates undergoing surgery in approximately 3-4 weeks in Sioux Falls. Please pray for her care, protection, and healing.

**GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

*Groundwork - Honor God by Using His Resources Wisely* - The Bible teaches us we are stewards of God's resources. Join Groundwork as we study 1 Timothy 6:17-19, Luke 12:13-21, Philippians 4:11-13, Leviticus 27:30, Numbers 18:25-28, and 2 Corinthians 9:6-8 to discuss stewardship, tithing, and what this means for how we handle the money and possessions we have in this life. Listen now at [Groundworkonline.com](http://Groundworkonline.com).

**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

**Tuesday, June 3**

7:00 p.m. The NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Group will meet in the Fireside Room of Central Reformed Church in Sioux Center from 7 to 8 p.m. Topic: Living with Severe Depression. Individuals and family members affected by mental illness are welcome. For information, call Shirley Matheis at 722-4462 or Nate at 402-916-0008 or [natehuyser93@gmail.com](mailto:natehuyser93@gmail.com).

**Advanced Notices:**

Register for a High School Experience of a Life Time! Tri-State Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) is accepting applications for the upcoming weekend at the Faith Church in Rock Valley, Iowa. TEC is an interdenominational three-day Christian retreat designed to help high schoolers learn more about their faith and their community. The next TEC is June 13-15, 2025. If you would like to learn more about TEC or register, please visit [www.TriStateTEC.org](http://www.TriStateTEC.org) or email [TriStateTEC@gmail.com](mailto:TriStateTEC@gmail.com). The cost is \$50 and includes a t-shirt & other special gifts. Scholarships are available upon request.

You are invited to the 2025 Abide Project Convention on August 13-14 at Redeemer University in Ontario! The theme for this year is Every Tongue Confess from Philippians 2:11. The convention will feature preaching and reading from the entire book of Philippians and an evening public lecture from Rev. Dr. Ed Gerber, Chaplain and Director of Campus Ministries at Trinity Western University in Langley, BC (and an ordained CRC minister!) Thanks to a generous donor we are able to offer steeply discounted Early Bird pricing to the first 100 attendees. Convention attendees are able to book accommodation with their convention fee for two nights (12th and 13th) with Redeemer University! Just select the add-on for \$50 when you register. For more information check out <https://www.abideproject.org/p/convention>, or to register, go to <https://brushfire.com/abideproject/2025abideprojectconvention> We hope to see many of you there for a few days of encouragement and connection along with a healthy diet of the preached Word!

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