

**ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES**  
**COMMUNITY BULLETIN**  
**May 4, 2025**

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

Even as we give thanks to God for the many seeds which have been planted in our fields these past weeks, and pray for rain and sun in right proportions to bring growth and eventual harvest, much more so we pray for the seeds of the gospel which have been planted, that they would sprout and produce true saving faith in many. We pray that God would grant growth through an increasing trust and faith and obedience in Jesus, the Light of the World; that it would be watered and fertilized and empowered by the Word, and nourished by the Church in the communion of saints, all to bring about a great harvest of souls and righteousness and praise.

May God convict us to use and trust the means of grace to grow in every spiritual blessing in Christ, with every increasing fruit of the Spirit and gifts of the Spirit unto ministry by the Spirit so that more and more people would be more and more captivated by the person and work of Jesus, so that God is glorified as Jesus is magnified as we make and multiply fully mature disciples of Jesus Christ.

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

Our Christian sympathy is express to Judy De Jong and her family in the loss of her husband, Irwin, who passed away on Friday, April 25. Pray for comfort and peace as they mourn this loss.

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

Nothing to report.

**Immanuel CRC Family Prayer Requests:**

We give thanks to God for the Professions of Faith for Tyler Poppema and Brayden Harskamp last week.

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

Nothing to report.

**GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

*Groundwork - Christian Engagement in Societal Issues* - Together, let's delve into the complexities of Christian engagement in societal issues. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study Romans 13:1-7, 1 Peter 2:13-17, Romans 3:10-12, and James 2:1-9 to discover practical insights and biblical wisdom to help us discern what it means to faithfully engage and embrace our role in shaping a more just and God-honoring society. Listen now at [Groundworkonline.com](http://Groundworkonline.com).

**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

**Monday, May 5**

11:30 a.m. Bible League's Spring Salad Luncheon at Rock Valley First Christian Reformed Church (1401 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Rock Valley, IA). Bring one salad for every four people in your group. The luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m.; featured speaker is Gayle Walhof who will tell of her 4 year journey in publishing her book *Songs of Naamah – A Novel of King David's Harem*. Updates from BLI will be given and a freewill donation will be taken.

**Tuesday, May 6**

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. Jenna Visser, Director of Counseling Services at Northwestern College, will discuss mental health therapy. For information, call Shirley Matheis at 722-4462 or Nate at 402-916-0008 or [natehuyser93@gmail.com](mailto:natehuyser93@gmail.com).

**Wednesday, May 7**

7:00 p.m. The Unity Christian Music Department will be presenting their Spring Concert in the Knight Center. The instrumental portion of the evening will begin at 7:00 with the Orchestra followed by the Symphonic Band. Following a brief intermission, the vocal portion of the evening will begin around 8:00 with Chorale, Bel Canto, Mannenkoor, Knightsounds, and Concert Choir performing.

**Friday, May 9**

3:30-5:30 p.m. Unity FFA Plant Sale. Come to our Mother's Day sale on Friday, May 9 3:30-5:30 p.m. and Saturday, May 10 from 9:00-noon. Cost is free-will donation. Baskets, potted plants, and 6-packs of flowers and vegetables will be available. Please invite your friends, family and neighbors!

**Advanced Notices:**

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](mailto: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](mailto:office@firstcrcoc.org)