

## ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES

### COMMUNITY BULLETIN

February 23, 2025

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

We pray for our denomination and classis, particularly as Classis Heartland meets on March 8 to discuss overtures for Synod and appoint delegates. May God guide the work of our classis and the shared ministry we enjoy. We pray for a blessing on each congregation this week: for Calvary, Calvin, First Hull, First Orange City, First Sheldon, First Hospers, F Street, Hawarden, Hope, Immanuel Sheldon, Immanuel Orange City, Ireton, Living Water Sheldon and Orange City, New City, Northern Lighthouse, Ocheyedon, Pathway, Prairie Lane, Sanborn, Sibley, and Siouxland Unity CRCs.

#### **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 - Paul's First Journey: The Gospel Spreads and the Church Grows* - After Jesus ascends to heaven and the Holy Spirit comes at Pentecost, the apostles start teaching and spreading the good news of salvation. Join Groundwork as we study the Apostle Paul's first missionary journey in Acts 13-14 and let his teaching and experiences instruct our faith today. Listen now at [Groundworkonline.com](http://Groundworkonline.com).

Love INC Sioux County has a Home Essentials Resource that is open to the community the first Monday of every month. This resource provides paper products, baby products, and cleaning and hygiene supplies. The resource is located at Calvin CRC in Rock Valley. Currently, we are low on some specific products and are asking local churches and individuals to support this ministry by donating supplies that will help restock the shelves. Items needed are: bleach, toilet paper, toilet bowl cleaner, napkins, window cleaner, dish soap, hand soap, body wash and lotion. Items can be dropped off at the Love INC office (1317 Main Street, Rock Valley) or contact our office for pick up (476-5990).

### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

#### **Monday, February 24**

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

#### **Wednesday, February 26**

9:30 a.m. Coffee Break – Lesson 7 – John 16:1-33

6:45 p.m. GEMS will meet at Immanuel CRC. Please wear your GEMS shirt, and bring a Bible, a pen/pencil, and your badge book.

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

7:00 p.m. You are cordially invited to Dordt University's Wind Ensembles Concert in the BJ Haan Auditorium. The concert will feature the 64-piece Wind Symphony and the Campus Community Band made up of students as well as community members. Campus Community Band is conducted by Clifford St. Clair and the Wind Symphony is conducted by Dr. Onsby Rose. The concert and a PDF program will also be available on livestream at <https://www.dordt.edu/live-events>.

## **Thursday, February 27**

7:00 p.m. The Choral Ensembles Winter Concert will be held in the BJ Haan Auditorium and will feature three of the Dordt Choral Ensembles: Bella Voce (women's chorus), Canons of Dordt (men's chorus), and the 94-voice Chorale. Repertoire will focus on the work of modern composers, focusing on themes of God's love and faithfulness to His people. Bella Voce is conducted by Dr. Carrie Groenewold, Canons of Dordt by Tim Van Voorst, and Chorale by Dr. Ryan Smit. The concert and a PDF program will also be available on livestream at <https://www.dordt.edu/live-events>.

### **Advanced Notices:**

Guiding Star Siouxland's Annual Fundraising Gala will be held March 7 at 6:30 p.m. at Terrace View Event Center in Sioux Center. Join your local pro-life ministry as we unveil a groundbreaking announcement that we believe, after years of development, will reshape the future of women's healthcare—creating a culture where womanhood is celebrated and supported at every stage of life. Panelists include Abby Dahl, who chose life at 17 years old, and Sarah Hurm, who underwent a successful abortion pill reversal treatment. Registration information can be found at [www.guidingstarsiouxland.org](http://www.guidingstarsiouxland.org) or by calling 712-266-3282.

MIK+ young adults (19-29 year old singles) is a sister ministry to Minnikota Youth which serves the 6th-8th grades & 9th-12th grades. Both of these ministries are supported by three Christian Reformed Classis (Minnkota, Iakota, and Heartland). MIK Youth has been around a long time, but MIK+ Young Adults is new! We are working at getting the word out about this awesome ministry opportunity for our young adult singles in our regional CR Churches.

MIK+ Young adults...Here is a tentative schedule for the next two months. Be watching the Minnikota Youth facebook for more info and updates!

Saturday, March 1-Activity-Waiting to hear back from RJ Golf in Sioux Center. More info coming soon.

Saturday, March 22-Bible Study (Leviticus) in Hull 1<sup>st</sup> CRC Youth Building

Saturday, April 5-Activity-Planning on reserving Escape Rooms in Sioux Falls. Will need to RSVP in advance to pay for tickets in advance. More info coming soon.

Saturday, April 19-Bible Study (Numbers) in Sioux Center Bridge of Hop CRC Youth Building.

Cornerstone Prison Church Council, Board and Congregation would like to invite you to our Annual Benefit Banquet on Monday, April 7, 2025 at Trinity Christian Reformed Church, Rock Valley, IA, 6:30 p.m. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. Save your spot by Sunday, March 30 by calling Trinity CRC at 712-476-5292 or go to our website [www.cornerstonepcsd.org](http://www.cornerstonepcsd.org). Join us for an evening of praise to celebrate 20 years of God's faithfulness inside the SDSP. A free will offering will be taken as an opportunity to financially support Cornerstone's ministry. We look forward to seeing you! If you are unable to attend, you can send your donations to: Cornerstone Prison Church c/o Dave Vande Kamp PO Box 88708 Sioux Falls, SD 57109 Or donate online at [www.cornerstonepcsd.org](http://www.cornerstonepcsd.org)

--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)