

**ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES**  
**COMMUNITY BULLETIN**  
**October 5, 2025**

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

Matthew 8:38 - Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. Pray for the safety of our farmers bringing in the crops during the harvest. Praise the Lord for the many generations participating together in this work and the testament of God's faithfulness that they share!

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

Henry Dykstra returned home on Monday and is doing well after surgery last week. Pray for continued strength as he recovers.

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

Nothing to report.

**Immanuel CRC Family Prayer Requests:**

Lily Bonnema, Autumn Bonnema and Acacia Statema made their Profession of Faith on September 21. Praise the Lord!

**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 - Discipleship During Life's Tragedies* - What happens to our discipleship while we experience grief, pain, frustration, anger, and the many other emotions we experience during these times? Join Groundwork as we study Job 1:13-22, Psalm 56:8, 1 Peter 5:7, and Job 42:10-11 to stay the course of discipleship during life's tragedies. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com)

Saucijsjes are back! OCCS will again be making frozen pig-in-the-blankets. The deadline to place orders is Friday, October 24, or until we reach our goal- so don't wait too long to get your order in! The cost is \$18.00 per dozen and you can order by using the google form link on the OCCS website or stop by the school office to fill out a paper copy. Tiger PAWS thanks you for your support of OCCS!

Habitat for Humanity Homeownership Opportunity! Are you or someone you know in need of a safe, decent and affordable place to live? Siouxland Habitat for Humanity is accepting partner family applications for a 2026 home build in Orange City. Application forms are available at our Sioux City office at 1150 Tri View Ave. or via email [families@siouxlandhabitat.org](mailto:families@siouxlandhabitat.org). Contact Sandra with questions: 712-224-5117. Applications are due October 31.

Paul's Missionary Journeys in Greece (April 3-13, 2026): Travel by motor coach (6 days) and cruise ship (3 days) to sites connected with Paul's second and third missionary journeys, as well as visit other major sites of biblical, archaeological, and cultural interest. Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading Pauline scholar, hosts this inspirational tour. For more information, contact Dr. Weima at [616-328-3110](tel:616-328-3110) or [weimje@calvinseminary.edu](mailto:weimje@calvinseminary.edu).

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### **Tuesday, October 7**

7:00 p.m. NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) will meet at the Sioux Center Public Library. An Educational Program from 7 to 7:45 pm is open to anyone who is interested in the subject: Caregiver to Caregiver: Mental Health Tips (A NAMI video). From 7:45 to 8:45, individuals affected by mental health conditions, and their family/friends will meet for a time of mutual support. For information, call Shirley at 712-574-6758 or Nate at 402-916-0008 or [natehuyser93@gmail.com](mailto:natehuyser93@gmail.com).

### **Wednesday, October 8**

9:30 a.m. Coffee Break will meet at Calvary CRC – *Mark* – Lesson 4

6:45 p.m. GEMS will meet at Immanuel CRC – Girls, please wear your GEMS shirt, and take along a Bible, pen/pencil, and your badge book.

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

### **Thursday, October 9**

5:00 p.m. Justice for All is having their Annual Meeting and Auction at the south building of their ministry campus in Rock Valley. Every year there is an opportunity to hear about the highlights of the past fiscal year, trips, and financial report along with a catered meal. After a short meeting there will be an auction with items donated to help provide support for JFA. From home-made items, to gift cards, meat bundles and more will be up for bidding. Join us to hear a ministry update and stay for the entertainment of Zomer Auctioneering. The meal starts at 5:00 p.m., auction starting at 6:45 p.m.

### **Saturday, October 11**

10:30 a.m. Singing in the Face of Death: How the Psalms model and shape our congregational singing, at First CRC, Sioux Center. You are invited to join us as we consider how the ancient book of Psalms continues to shape and form the Church's worship, and ways that we may benefit from the historic practice of psalm singing. Hear from Dordt communication professor and organist Michael Kearney and guitarist Matthew David Montgomery as they share the ways that they've been able to incorporate the psalter in drastically differing stylistic church contexts.

7:00 p.m. "Singing the Psalms: How the Psalter Speaks to All Church Music Styles" featuring Dr. Michael Kearney & Matthew David Montgomery" Join us for an evening of instrumental and vocal music focusing on the psalter, in the B.J. Haan Auditorium on the campus of Dordt University. Congregational singing will be accompanied by organist Michael Kearney and guitarist Matthew David Montgomery.

### **Advanced Notices:**

Register for a high school experience of a lifetime! Tri-State Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) is accepting applications for the upcoming weekend at the First Presbyterian Church in Sibley, 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 November 21-23, 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.

Full time ministry is an extraordinary calling and great privilege, and critical for the purposes of God in this world. If you have ever wondered if God is calling you to serve Him vocationally, whether as a pastor, missionary, chaplain, or something else; if you have questions about what ministry is like; if you wonder if it is worth it; if you don't know the next steps or process – please join us at Dordt University on November 22 from 10-3 for 'Called'. Rev. Stephen Terpstra, Rev. John Klompfen, and Rev. John Lee, along with missions and candidacy experts, will encourage you, talk with you, answer your questions, and explore if God is calling you. The event is free of charge and is for people of all ages, from high school to those nearing retirement, who are exploring full or part time ministry. For more information and to register, go to:

<https://forms.gle/Sg6Zh4Jx6cbPDiE9A> or follow the QR code on the poster in your church or school.

Questions? Email [pastor@firstercoc.org](mailto:pastor@firstercoc.org).