

# ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES

## COMMUNITY BULLETIN

October 20, 2024

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

This week the CRC observes disability awareness week. Pray for church members who face a greater challenge to participate at worship and ministry in our churches. Give thanks for disability advocates in each classis who champion, advise, and bear witness to the coming reality of God's kingdom in which every faithful member belongs and everybody serves.

Give thanks to God for good health care and good educational opportunities in our community. Ask God to bless our health care workers with safety and wisdom. Ask for God to bless educational staff at primary, high, and secondary schools with good health as they bless our children. Pray that the sick would find healing and the young would choose godly wisdom.

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

Nothing to report.

### **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)

Stan Oordt anticipates hip replacement surgery this Friday, October 25. Pray for success and a good recovery.

### **Immanuel CRC 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 - Encouragement When We Suffer for Being Christians* - Have you ever been tempted to hide your faith for fear of judgment or ridicule? Join our Groundwork conversation as we study 1 Peter 3 to find courage in the grace of Jesus Christ to remain faithful to the gospel in the face of injustice and suffering. Listen now at [Groundworkonline.com](http://Groundworkonline.com).

From OCCS: We are very thankful for the response we have received so far for the pig-in-the-blanket fundraiser. We are close to reaching our goal. If you haven't ordered yet, please get your order in soon! The cost is \$15.00 per dozen. You can order online using the link on the OCCS website or stop by the school office to pay by cash or check. You can pick up your order at OCCS on Wednesday, October 30 from 5-7 p.m. Please take along a copy of your online order form. We will be making the Pig-In-The-Blankets on October 28 and 29. We welcome any associates (past parents, grandparents, or supporters of the school) who would like to join.

Come Sing on Tuesdays! The Sioux County Oratorio Chorus is kicking off a new and exciting season next month, and all are welcome to come sing. This season features a special guest conductor and a first for the chorus as we present Brahms *Requiem*. Due to a conflict with NISO our first rehearsal will begin Wednesday, November 6 at 7:30 pm DeWitt Music Hall on Northwestern's campus with normal Tuesday rehearsals resuming the following weeks. Please contact Mike Ochsner [mkchsnr@gmail.com](mailto:mkchsnr@gmail.com) with any questions. We look forward to making music with you in the new year!

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### **Monday, October 21**

7:00 p.m. Unity Christian Fall Concert - the Unity Music Department will present their Fall Concert in the Knight Center. This is a great opportunity to hear all of the large group ensembles: Chorale, Concert Choir, Orchestra, and Symphonic Band. A free-will offering will be received.

### **Wednesday, October 23**

9:30 a.m. Coffee Break will meet at Calvary CRC – Isaiah, Lesson 6

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

## **Friday, October 25**

3:10 p.m. Join the Dordt University Music Department for an unforgettable afternoon of jazz as Dordt's 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Singers and 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Band take the stage in the BJ Haan Auditorium. Music will include a jazzy setting of "His Eye Is on the Sparrow;" favorites by Bob Dylan, The Beatles, and Toto; and other standards. The concert will also be available on livestream at <https://www.dordt.edu/live-events>.

7:00 p.m. Please join the Dordt University Music Department for an exhilarating evening of music with the Dordt Wind Symphony, Chamber Orchestra, and the Campus Community Band. The concert is in the BJ Haan Auditorium. The concert and the PDF program will also be available on livestream at <https://www.dordt.edu/live-events>. Parking near the BJ Haan Auditorium is limited due to construction; making plans to arrive early and/or arrange for drop-offs near the Campus Center are encouraged.

8:30 p.m. The second half of the Fall Music Festival in the BJ Haan Auditorium will feature four of the Dordt Choral Ensembles: Bella Voce (women's chorus), Canons of Dordt (men's chorus), Chorale, and Concert Choir. The concert and a PDF program will also be available on livestream at <https://www.dordt.edu/live-events>. Parking near the BJ Haan Auditorium is limited due to construction; making plans to arrive early and/or arrange for drop-offs near the Campus Center are encouraged.

## **Saturday, October 26**

10:30 a.m. Please join the Dordt Music Department for the Defender Days Hymn Festival: "Praise God in His Sanctuary: A Festival of Psalms and Hymns" in the BJ Haan Auditorium. A prelude offered by Dordt organ students will begin at 10:00 a.m. The Hymn Festival will feature Bella Voce, brass, organ, and poetry composed by Kendra Thompson. Come for a celebrative time of worship with timeless hymns! Parking near the BJ Haan Auditorium is limited due to construction; making plans to arrive early and/or arrange for drop-offs near the Campus Center are encouraged.

## **Sunday, October 27**

5:00 p.m. Please join for worship at Immanuel CRC to celebrate with our families the Gospel of Jesus Christ as we walk through the scripture teaching as it is reflected in the Canons of Dort. To God be the Glory!

Sermon Scripture: Ephesians 2:8-10; Sermon Title: God's Good Gift of Faith

\*If you are able, read the second main point of doctrine in the Canons of Dort to prepare for worship. [Click Here](#)

### **Advance Notices:**

NWC's International Justice Mission (IJM) Campus Chapter. IJM, a Christ-centered ministry, partners with local authorities in 13 countries to combat slavery, violence against women and children, and police abuse of power against people who are poor. IJM works to rescue and restore victims, hold perpetrators accountable, and help strengthen public justice systems. In support of their efforts our NWC chapter is hosting **Threads- a pop-up thrift store** to end slavery. We will collect clothing donations from college students until October 31 and would love to accept donations from the community as well. Donations could be dropped off in Ramaker on the Northwestern campus. In addition, we invite you to shop at our thrift store on Saturday, November 2, from 9 am-12 pm and donate to IJM if desired. All funds from selling donated clothing items will fund rescue operations through IJM.

Please join us at Hospers First Christian Reformed Church on Tuesday, November 5 for our annual soup and pie supper. We will be serving soup, sandwiches and pie from 5:00-7:00 p.m. with carry out options available. A free will offering will be taken, with all proceeds benefiting Christian education. Come for great food and fellowship!

Join Us for an Evening of Praise and Thanksgiving! You are warmly invited to an inspiring evening hosted by One Body One Hope on Wednesday, November 6, at the Dordt University Agriculture Stewardship Center. Together, we will celebrate and give thanks for the amazing work God is doing in Liberia and Sierra Leone. Fellowship & Refreshments at 7:00 p.m. (Enjoy delicious desserts and refreshing drinks) followed by a program from 7:15-8:20 PM (sharp). We look forward to sharing this special time of worship, gratitude, and community with you!

Men and Young Men be sure to come to the Area Men's Event to hear Coach and Dad, Chris Yaw, share about the adversity and faith challenge he faced when his daughter, Claire ("Claire Strong") faced leukemia. Join the men at the MOC-FV High School Gym on November 7 at 7 pm. This event is sponsored by Mendistry.

--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)