

ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES
COMMUNITY BULLETIN
May 18, 2025

Denominational, Classis or Community Prayer Requests:

We pray for the work of Synod, as delegates from each of the 49 Classes of the CRC will gather soon to do the work of the church. The opening of Synod will be on May 28 in the evening on Zoom to elect officers. The delegates will meet in person at Redeemer University in Ancaster, ON, Canada June 13-18. Pray for the delegates from Classes Heartland: Rev. Aaron Greydanus, Rev. Stephen Terpstra, Elder Dan Tracy, and Elder Brad Kraayenbrink. May God guide the work of Synod, that it might be pleasing to Him, obedient to His Word, to the glory of His name and the exaltation of His Son Jesus; that he might bless our denomination and make us fruitful. May the Holy Spirit give wisdom, discernment, zeal, patience, passion, grace, understanding, and love for Christ and his Church in their deliberations and decisions.

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.

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

Nothing to report.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Groundwork - Everything We Have is from God - Whether we have them or not, money and possessions are an inescapable fact of life. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study passages like Exodus 20:15-17, Deuteronomy 5:19-21, Deuteronomy 8:7-18, Leviticus 25:23-28; Proverbs 22:9, Ephesians 4:28, and Matthew 5:40-42 to cultivate a biblical perspective on our money and the things we own in this life. Listen now at Groundworkonline.com.

Women of Renewal is excited to offer two enriching study opportunities this summer—one for teen girls and one for women. The Teen Study will take place on Wednesday evenings from June 4 - July 30, featuring the book *Lies Young Women Believe* by Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth and Dannah Gresh. The Women's Study will be held on Tuesday evenings from June 10 through July 29, and will focus on *Get Out of Your Head* by Jennie Allen. Both groups will meet weekly in the evenings to engage in meaningful discussions and build community. To join either group, please register at <https://www.womenofrenewal.com/event-list>. We'd love to have you with us this summer!

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sunday, May 18

11:00 a.m. The Tulip Festival Community Worship Service will be held in Windmill Park. Blankets and lawn chairs are encouraged for seating. If there is rain, the service will be moved to First Reformed Church.

Monday, May 19

7:00 p.m. Orange City Christian School is having their annual Hymn of the Month Program in the Unity Christian High School gym. Everyone is encouraged to attend and take a friend!

Tuesday, May 20

6:00 p.m. Graduation 2025 at Unity Christian High School will be held in the Knight Center. The ceremony will be streamed on our YouTube channel.

Thursday, May 22

7:00 p.m. Graduation for the eighth grade students at Orange City Christian School will be held at the Immanuel Christian Reformed Church. Everyone is invited.

Advanced Notices:

Join Douglas Cupery, director of church engagement, for a training workshop for current mentors and an introduction to Crossroads Prison Ministries for those interested in learning more about this impactful ministry. Bring a friend and discover how you can make a difference! Date: Thursday, May 29, 2025, 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at Bethel Christian Reformed Church 341 S Main Ave, Sioux Center, IA. Register at

<https://www.cpministries.org/events>

There will be wood cutting for the Rosebud Reservation at Ron De Jong's farm on May 31. This will be from 8:30-noon and will be wood cutting only, not wood splitting.

Tri-State TEC would appreciate your help in getting the word out about our upcoming retreat weekend! Thanks! 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 or email TriStateTEC@gmail.com. The cost is \$50 and includes a t-shirt & other special gifts. Scholarships are available upon request.

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 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@firstercoc.org