

ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES
COMMUNITY BULLETIN
November 23, 2025

Denominational, Classis or Community Prayer Requests:

On this thanksgiving week, we pray with Psalm 9 and give thanks to the Lord with our whole heart; we recount all his wonderful deeds; we are glad and exult in God, we sing praise to his name, the Most High. For he sits on his throne, giving righteous judgement. The Lord sits enthroned forever. He is a stronghold for the oppressed. May the Lord be gracious to us, may he see our affliction and lift us up from the gates of death. May we recount all his praises and rejoice in his salvation.

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)

We rejoice with Ben and Courtney Boice (and Reuben and Kate) at the birth of a healthy baby girl, Millie George, on Friday, November 14.

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 - Blessed are...the Merciful, the Pure in Heart, the Peacemakers, and those Who are Persecuted - Discover what Jesus taught us about the heart and mind of an ideal disciple. Study Matthew 5:7-12 with Groundwork as we examine the remaining beatitudes of Jesus as recorded in Matthew, and explore mercy, purity of heart, peacemaking, and the surprising blessing hidden behind persecution. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Monday, November 24

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

Wednesday, November 26

6:50 a.m. Cadet Fun Night at OCCS

Advanced Notices:

The Dordt University Wind Symphony and Campus Band will present a Christmas Concert on December 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the BJ Haan Auditorium. The concert will feature settings of all music to celebrate the Christmas season. Works such as Alfred Reed's setting of *Greensleeves*, Gary Fry's *The Nativity*, which will feature Dordt Theater Arts Assistant Professor Jason Vande Brake as narrator. In addition, Dordt vocal music performance major and horn instrumentalist Ella Huisinga will be the featured vocalist on a work titled *The Day After Christmas*. We hope everyone will join us to celebrate our Savior's birth as we ring in this festive season of hope and celebration.

Celebrate the mystery and majesty of the birth of Christ with beautiful choral and orchestral music on Saturday, December 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the BJ Haan Auditorium! This event is a re-imagining of Dordt's traditional Christmas concerts: it will feature music performed by the 250+ student musicians of the Dordt choirs and Chamber Orchestra separately and together, from the stage and around the auditorium; dramatic readings by Laurel Koerner and Jason Vande Brake; lighting enhancements and projections; and opportunities for the audience to join in singing. The concert and a PDF program will also be available on livestream at

<https://www.dordt.edu/live-events>

--Announcements (2-week limit) for the Community Bulletin are due by Thursday at 1:00 p.m., email: office@firstercoc.org