

# ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES

## COMMUNITY BULLETIN

October 27, 2024

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

Let us be in prayer for our upcoming presidential election. Pray for mercy to receive a president who defends our Christian values and champions the protection of life. Pray for a fair and honest election and for integrity on the part of all who bear responsibility at the polls. Pray that those who are truly citizens of this country would practice the privilege of voting, and that God would grant us his blessing.

Pray with gratitude for the gifts of freedom to vote, freedom of religion, freedom to assemble and defend ourselves, as well as freedom to speak openly of our faith. Ask God to preserve these freedoms within the borders of the United States and to exercise our God-given responsibility as a powerful nation.

### **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)

Frank Vogel transferred from OCAHS to his residence on Wednesday. Give thanks for renewed strength after a hip repair.

John Slegers reports that turning on his cochlear implant has produced a metallic sound that can be difficult to tolerate. However, he is told his brain will get used to it before the cochlear implant is turned up higher on December 5. Pray for good adjustment and better hearing.

Pray for Stan Oordt who was to receive hip replacement surgery on Friday, October 25. Pray for minimal pain and good recovery.

Bill Saeger underwent a scan on Friday, October 25 to gauge the success of his chemotherapy treatments. Bill plans to learn the results this coming Tuesday when he receives another chemotherapy treatment in Sioux Falls. Pray for good results and grace for the family as they wait.

Ken and Dorothy Vanden Brink report that Ken's liver check-up at Mayo Clinic went well Wednesday. Give thanks for 18 years of health following a liver transplant.

Give thanks with the Whitman family. Jennifer's joint pain has not been linked to cancer or chemo treatments. Those numbers look good. Pray for relief at Jennifer's visit to a rheumatologist and good numbers again at a cancer checkup in January.

Quinn Van Kley continues to heal from a motorcycle accident. Pray that three broken vertebrae heal and that pain diminishes. Pray also for patience as Quinn's activity is limited.

Pray for Brent and Kelsey Koops. The medication Kelsey has been taking has been helping, but she is still having episodes, especially in the morning. Kelsey plans to travel to Mayo Clinic for a long-anticipated visit with cardiac specialists from Monday, October 28 through Wednesday, October 30. Pray for answers and for safe travel.

### **Immanuel CRC Family Prayer Requests:**

Nothing to report.

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

Amanda Van Otterloo's mom, Mary, suffered two grand mal seizures Saturday. She has been discharged with a diagnosis of epilepsy among many other things. Right now, the family is simply asking for continued prayers of healing, but also prayers of thanks and gratitude for those they've interacted with on this journey.

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*Groundwork - How to Live as Christians* - In closing his first letter to the early Christians, Peter offers some final advice that remains valuable for us today. Join Groundwork as we study 1 Peter 4-5 to hear Peter's instructions for acting with love and humility, his assurance that God indeed cares, and his encouragement to stand firm in our faith because we are not alone and God makes us strong. Listen now at [Groundworkonline.com](http://Groundworkonline.com).

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!

OCCS Pig-In-The-Blanket Fundraiser - We will be making the pig-in-the-blankets this coming week on Monday and Tuesday, October 28 and 29. The process will be taking place from 5:00-9:00 p.m. in the school gym. We welcome any associates (past parents, grandparents, or supporters of the school) who would like to join us. You can pick up your order at OCCS on Wednesday, October 30 from 5-7 p.m. We will have a drive thru line starting in front of the school and proceeding around the gym. Please take along a copy of your online order form, if you have one. Thank you for supporting OCCS!

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### **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; Offering: Habitat for Humanity

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

### **Monday, October 28**

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

### **Wednesday, October 30**

9:30 a.m. Coffee Break will meet at Calvary CRC – Isaiah, Lesson 7

### **Friday, November 1**

5:30 p.m. Katelyn's Fund Annual Auction will take place at New Life Reformed Church in Sioux Center! Come enjoy a free meal at 5:30 p.m. and stay for the auction beginning at 6:30 p.m. Your support helps us continue our mission of speaking boldly for the fatherless. With partners like you, we've been able to support countless families in their adoption journeys and continue our work in Haiti. We'd love for you to be part of this mission again.

### **Saturday, November 2**

7:00 p.m. Dordt University student Courtney Joiner of Orange City, Iowa will present a junior clarinet recital in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. The program will feature a variety of musical styles, ranging from romantic to Klezmer.

### **Advance Notices:**

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!

The NAMI Support Group will meet in the Fireside Room of Central Reformed Church in Sioux Center from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, November 5. Judicial Mental Health Advocate Abby Wallin will discuss "Mental Health Commitments & the Rights of Committed Individuals," concerning individuals with mental illness who do not voluntarily seek treatment. For information, call Shirley Matheis at 722-4462.

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. followed by a program from 7:15-8:20 p.m. (sharp). We look forward to sharing this special time of worship, gratitude, and community with you!

The team with the deepest bench often wins. True in sports. True in life. Coach Chris Yaw will share how he needed a deep bench when his family suddenly included a daughter with leukemia. Come hear Chris speak from his heart at the Area Men's Event at the MOC-FV high school gym on Thursday, November 7 at 7 p.m., when Chris will share about his bench and ask all of us, "How Deep Is Your Bench?"