

ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES

COMMUNITY BULLETIN

June 28, 2026

Denominational, Classis or Community Prayer Requests:

Please be in prayer for the many in our churches who are getting married this summer. Pray for sincere vows, faithfulness to those vows, growing spiritual engagement in church life, and wisdom for new experiences of life together. Ask that God would strengthen the marriages of each household in our congregations, and that those who struggle would reconcile and find new hope. Pray that Christian marriages would be an arresting witness to those who do not yet believe, and an honor to the unfailing love of God (I Cor. 13:8).

First CRC Family Prayer Requests:

We praise God for the wedding that united Jacob Van Donge and Gracie Schoonhoven in marriage on Saturday, June 27. May their marriage bring glory to God, strengthen their faith, and bring joy to one another.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Groundwork: God Gives Israel a King - We want a lot of things in life. Some of those are good for us; some aren't. Some align with God's will for us, and some don't. Join Groundwork as we study 1 Samuel 8:1-10:24 to see what happens when God grants Israel's request for a king and discover how God is faithful, working behind the scenes even when his people make choices that don't align with his will. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com.

Biblical Study Tour to Italy (April 12-22, 2027): Visit the Vatican with its Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Cathedral; the impressive monuments of ancient Rome; Hadrian's Villa; Pompeii and Mt. Vesuvius; the spectacular Amalfi Coast; and much more! Join Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading biblical scholar, for this inspirational tour. Contact Dr. Weima at weimje@calvinseminary.edu or [616-328-3110](tel:616-328-3110).

Mission Opportunity: Join the Hope Haven Distribution Trip to Costa Rica! We're inviting volunteers to be part of a life-changing mission trip with Hope Haven, happening August 5-12, 2026. This trip focuses on distributing wheelchairs and sharing the love of Christ with communities in need across Costa Rica. Whether you're passionate about serving others, building relationships, or experiencing global outreach firsthand, this is a beautiful opportunity to make a difference. **Deadline to sign up: July 1.** If you feel called to join or want more details, please contact Kelly TeSlaa at kteslaa@hopehaven.org or 605-332-8300. Let's be the hands and feet of Jesus—one wheelchair at a time.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Advanced Notices:

NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) will meet on Tuesday, July 7 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. Part II of "Bedlam," a critically acclaimed Sundance film festival documentary will be shown. Individuals affected by mental health conditions, and their family/friends will meet separately for a time of mutual support. For information, call Shirley at 712-574-6758 or Nate at 402-916-0008 or natehuyser93@gmail.com.

Worship at the Fair - If you were not able to attend the 1st or 2nd Praise 'n Worship at the Sioux County Fair, you'll certainly want to be part of this year's event. The 3rd Annual gathering scheduled for Sunday evening, July 12, at 7pm will include the talents provided by various Sioux County citizens, and will also feature a patriotic segment honoring our veterans as well as our nation's 250th anniversary. Seating will be available under an open tent; however, feel free to take along your favorite lawn chair... and of course invite your friends. Mini taxi service (via golf carts) will be available for those with limited walking ability. Come prepared to participate in a time of praise 'n worship!

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