

**ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES**  
**COMMUNITY BULLETIN**  
**July 20, 2025**

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

Praying Locally: Pray for the ministry and service of Atlas in our community and our Christian counselors in town. Pray that mentoring relationships and the connections made will help lift up those in our community that need to know the love and care of Christ.

**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)

As the result of a fall last week, Claretta Lobbes has a broken wrist and hip. She had surgery in Sioux Falls late last week and she and John plan to move to assisted living in Rock Valley soon. Please pray for healing for Claretta and for a smooth transition to a new community for both John and Claretta.

The First CRC Youth Group is attending RYS Convention in Illinois this week. Pray for a great week of strengthening their faith, developing new friendships and growing together in Christ. May God be glorified!

**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 - Jesus' Parables, Discipleship, and the Cost of Following Jesus* - Jesus taught his followers about God's heart and values through parables, sermons, and conversation. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study Luke 10:25-37; Luke 18:9-14; Luke 5:1-11, 27-32; Luke 9:57-62; and Luke 14:25-33 to discover what Jesus teaches about the attitudes and hearts of his followers and discuss honestly what it costs to prioritize Jesus in our lives. Listen now at [Groundworkonline.com](http://Groundworkonline.com).

The OCCS office is closed for the final cleaning and waxing of floors. We will re-open on Monday, July 28 at 7:45 a.m.

The Orange City GEMS are looking for counselors and helpers for the next school year. If you are interested or have questions please contact: First CRC - Shari Visser (441-0033), Immanuel - Sarah Bonnema (441-6602), Calvary - Michelle Eason (441-7504), and Living Water - Jenness Wolgen (395-3483).

**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

**Advanced Notices:**

Plan now to attend Bible League's "Christmas in July" at Sibley First Reformed Church on Monday, July 28 starting at 1:30 p.m. Enjoy a silent auction, Bible League updates, and lots of fun/food/fellowship. You won't want to miss it! Consider donating an item for the silent auction to support the growing need for Bibles throughout the world.

Classis Heartland 2025 Timothy Leadership Summit! Plans are underway to host the 2025 TLT Summit in Orange City Iowa. Dates are Thursday evening September 25th, Friday the 26th, and Saturday morning the 27th. Sessions will be held at Calvary CRC in Orange City. Breakfast, dinner and evening meals are provided. A block of rooms has been reserved with expenses covered for those needing overnight accommodations. The registration fee for the Summit is \$25.00. The Summit will include training and certification; Inspirational Trustworthy Leadership. An overview of 4 new TLT modules. Review TLT's Quality Assurance Workshop & Reforma Certification. Testimonies and TLT recognitions. Please contact Del Walinga by **July 21** to register, or if you have any questions. [walingadj@gmail.com](mailto:walingadj@gmail.com) or 712-541-9403.

The IRBC Basic Training Course in Reformed Biblical Counseling is for those who really want to grow in a practical understanding of God's Word as it applies to the common problems people experience. For more information and an online registration form, go to [IRBC.net](http://IRBC.net). Classes start in September at the Redeemer United Reformed Church, 302 St. Paul Ave. SE, Orange City, Iowa 51041 but most classwork can be done from home.

--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)