

## ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES

### COMMUNITY BULLETIN

March 29, 2026

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

As congregations focus on the passion of our Lord, celebrating the death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ, pray for a fresh amazement at the work he did for our salvation. Pray for renewed willingness to offer ourselves as living sacrifices of praise to the King of Kings.

World Renew asks us to pray that our faithful God will care for World Renew staff traveling to South Sudan soon. May they be granted smooth connections, protection from illness and danger, and wisdom in every conversation. May their visits strengthen local partners, encourage churches, and open new ways to serving families facing conflict, hunger, and displacement.

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

Pray for the Bruxvoort family as Joan Bruxvoort went to be with the Lord on Sunday, March 22.

Pray for Harold and the whole Pennings family as Evelyn went to her heavenly home on Friday, March 20.

Brenda Schiebout's mother, Joyce Van Gorp passed away. Pray for comfort for the entire Van Gorp and Schiebout families.

### GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*Groundwork - Jesus on the Cross* - Jesus' journey to the cross was done. But even as he hung dying on the cross, he showed compassion and mercy when he offered words of salvation to a crucified thief and established a new kind of family. Join Groundwork as we study Luke 23:39-43 and John 19:25-27 to experience the eleventh and twelfth Stations of the Cross and discuss how God continues to offer us that same mercy and belonging today. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com).

Habitat Sponsor A Stud! - Gather your friends, family, church group or business to sponsor one or more 2x4 studs for \$100 each to help build the Chavez family's Habitat home! We will deliver the stud to you to decorate with Bible verses, encouraging words, prayers, pictures, etc. The studs will be framed into the house, and everyone will be invited to a Stud Finder Event later on to see the studs and pray for the home and family. Get more details and sign up by April 8 by contacting Kurt Franje: 641-780-9054 [kfranje@siouxlandhabitat.org](mailto:kfranje@siouxlandhabitat.org)

OCCS Associates, Tiger PAWS needs your help in what is always our biggest event of the year—the Tulip Festival! If you are willing to help out OCCS families with your time, please sign-up on the OCCS Associates Tent/Straat/Baking Pigs Sign Up which will be coming out on Monday or call Jen Platter at 701-240-8248 to see where your gifts can be used. We thank you in advance for helping us out with your time and talents!

### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

#### **Tuesday, March 31**

10:00 a.m. Orange City Habitat Home Groundbreaking Ceremony at 1501 Juneau Pl. SE in Orange City. Please join Siouxland Habitat for Humanity as we give thanks to God and break ground on this Habitat home with the Tony & Ruby Chavez family. Everyone is welcome!!

7:30 p.m. Northwest Iowa Symphony Orchestra (NISO) will perform three works for their Spring Concert: *The Moldau* from the symphonic suite *My Fatherland (Má Vlast)* by Bedřich Smetana, *Old Wine in New Bottles* by Gordon Jacob, a suite for chamber winds, followed by Camille Saint-Saëns' *Symphony No. 3, "Organ Symphony"* which features soloist Dr. Carrie Groenewold. The concert will be in the BJ Haan Auditorium. Tickets are available at the door, or online at [dordt.edu/niso](http://dordt.edu/niso). General admission is \$25. Students are always free!

## **Sunday, April 5**

6:00 p.m. Combined Easter Worship Service at First CRC – plan to come and celebrate the Risen Savior! An offering will be received for the Family Crisis Center.

### **Advanced Notices:**

NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) will meet on Tuesday, April 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. Creative Living Center Counselor Dr. Shawn Scholten and Brooks McFarland will discuss Compassionate Self-Care and Caregiver Care. From 7:45 to 8:45, 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 [natehuysen93@gmail.com](mailto:natehuysen93@gmail.com) <<mailto:natehuysen93@gmail.com>>

Cornerstone Prison Church in Sioux Falls is having their Annual Benefit Banquet on Monday, April 13 at 6:30 p.m. at Trinity Christian Reformed Church in Rock Valley. There will be a free will donation. Reserve your spot by April 9 by calling 712-476-5292.

Join a Crossroads gathering! Tuesday, April 14, 2026 from 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at First Christian Reformed Church, 321 2<sup>nd</sup> St. SE, Sioux Center. This is a local gathering for church leaders and members to learn about the transformative work of Crossroads Prison Ministries and the ways to get involved. Bring a friend to learn about Crossroads! Register at: [cpministries.org/events](http://cpministries.org/events)

The Minnikota Youth (DU Student Leaders) 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Jr. High Retreat is April 17-19 at Inspiration Hills. Our theme this year is "Truth" from John 8:31-32 'Jesus said, 'If you abide in my word, you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.'" Join other local Jr High Students (6th, 7th, and 8th grade) at this retreat designed especially for you. Growing your faith, prayer time, worship through songs, fun, student speakers sharing from their hearts, large group games, fun, community service time, a Leader lead talent show, fun, and small group time will be on the agenda for the weekend! For more information or to register, email Lee at [degrootlee@gmail.com](mailto:degrootlee@gmail.com) or [mikyouthnetwork@gmail.com](mailto:mikyouthnetwork@gmail.com) or check us out on our Facebook page Minnikota Youth where you will find a picture of our Leaders for the weekend and the registration form. Hope to see you there!

Save the date! The Sioux County Oratorio Chorus, under the leadership of Dr. Thomas Holm, will perform Handel's *Messiah* on Saturday, April 25 at 7:30 pm in Christ Chapel at Northwestern College. The chorus will be joined by the Northwestern College A Cappella Choir, chamber orchestra, and soloists. Tickets for adults are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door and are \$5 for students. Tickets are available through Northwestern College's Music Department and Windmill Park Jewelers in Orange City, the Dordt University Music Department in Sioux Center, or from any SCOC member.

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