

ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES

COMMUNITY BULLETIN

June 8, 2025

Denominational, Classis or Community Prayer Requests:

This coming week, the Synod of the CRCNA plans to meet in Ancaster, Ontario, Canada at Redeemer University. Delegates are scheduled to meet from June 13-19. Pray that delegates from around the United States, Canada, and beyond would make their way safely. Pray that God's word and his name would be honored, his church edified, and his cause extended through these meetings.

Pray for believers around the world that faith, hope, and love would grow in our hearts and be witnessed in our words and actions. Pray for the light of gospel deeds to shine in contrast with the fear, despondency, and bitterness expressed by so many.

Calvary CRC Family Prayer Requests: (Calvary CRC Prayer Line 737-3959)

Nothing to report.

Immanuel CRC Family Prayer Requests:

Please pray for Kevin & Lisa Tesch's grandson, Carson Tesch, who has been deployed to Syria for one year. Also pray for his wife, Madeline, and their two little girls, Rosie & Sylvia.

Steve Brouwer will be having surgery on Friday, June 13 at Mayo in Rochester. Join Steve and Carol in praying that surgery and recovery go well. Isaiah 41:10 - "Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you."

Congratulations to Jenna Bouma and Clayton Bosma who were united in marriage on May 31!

Living Water Community Church Family Prayer Requests:

Sylvia Busby has been diagnosed with spinal stenosis and anticipates undergoing surgery in the next few weeks. Please for her care, protection, and healing.

First CRC Family Prayer Requests: (First CRC Prayer Line 737-3119)

Lois De Beer is in the Orange City Hospital with declining health. Pray for grace and strength for Lois and her family.

Marv Vander Veen is under the care of hospice at Prairie Ridge Care Center. Pray that Marv and Beth may feel God's presence and peace surrounding them.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Groundwork - God Cares and Will Provide; Trust Him - Our Creator God cares for us and promises in Scripture to provide for our needs. Join Groundwork as we study Nehemiah 9:6, Psalm 145:15-16, Matthew 6:25-34, and Philippians 4:10-13 to learn about God's providence. Together we'll discuss what believing these promises looks like in how we pray and live both in times of need and times of plenty. Listen now at Groundworkonline.com.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Monday, June 9

6:00 p.m. Common Thread will meet at Calvary CRC.

Thursday, June 12

4:00 p.m. A choral ensemble comprised of Dordt Concert Choir alumni will be performing a pre-tour concert at First Christian Reformed Church in Sioux Center. The choir will be leaving the next day on a tour to the Netherlands and Germany, performing five additional concerts while they travel. The program will include music from a variety of eras and composers and will include sets focused on the Psalms; God's love and mercy; Christ's birth, life, and sacrifice; and American folk traditions.

Advanced Notices:

You are invited to the 2025 Abide Project Convention on August 13-14 at Redeemer University in Ontario! The theme for this year is Every Tongue Confess from Philippians 2:11. The convention will feature preaching and reading from the entire book of Philippians and an evening public lecture from Rev. Dr. Ed Gerber, Chaplain and Director of Campus Ministries at Trinity Western University in Langley, BC (and an ordained CRC minister!) Thanks to a generous donor we are able to offer steeply discounted Early Bird pricing to the first 100 attendees. Convention attendees are able to book accommodation with their convention fee for two nights (12th and 13th) with Redeemer University! Just select the add-on for \$50 when you register. For more information check out <https://www.abideproject.org/p/convention>, or to register, go to <https://brushfire.com/abideproject/2025abideprojectconvention> We hope to see many of you there for a few days of encouragement and connection along with a healthy diet of the preached Word!

Save the Date! The Unity Christian Booster Club Golf Outing will be held on Saturday, August 23 at 9am at Landsmeer Golf Club. Look for more information and online team registration in July!

The IRBC Basic Training Course in Reformed Biblical Counseling will be offered this fall beginning in September. This course will help you more effectively bring God's Word to bear in the lives of His suffering children. Monthly seminars will be held at the Redeemer United Reformed Church, 302 St. Paul Ave. SE, Orange City, Iowa 51041. Our hybrid format will allow students to complete most classwork from home. For more information and/or an application, please visit our website at IRBC.net

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