ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES
COMMUNITY BULLETIN
October 25, 2026

Denominational, Classis or Community Prayer Requests:

In praying for the Lord to move in our churches in such a way that our hearts are moved to plant new churches to share the Gospel... Pray that the Lord would raise up workers for the harvest that is ripe and ready in OUR community here in Orange City. Lord, for the work of your harvest, challenge us to respond in gratitude by responding, "Here I am Lord, send me."

First Christian Reformed Church Prayer Requests:

Our Christian Sympathy is expressed to the family of Arie Noteboom who passed away on Friday, October 16. Pray for the family as they remember and celebrate the many years God gave to Arie.

Living Water Community Church Prayer Requests:

Arie Noteboom Jr, the father of Brad (Ronda) Noteboom, passed away on Friday, Oct 16, at the Prairie Ridge Care Center, Orange City, Iowa. Going peacefully and joyfully into Glory and the arms of Jesus.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Groundwork - Prayer and Discerning God's Will - God invites his people to communicate with him through prayer, a foundational discipline in the Christian life. Join Groundwork as we study 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 16, Philippians 4:4-7, James 5:13-16, Psalm 143:7-10, Psalm 25:4-9, and Matthew 26:36-46 to understand how consistent prayer practice helps us listen to God’s voice and discern his will for our lives. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com

From OCCS: We will be making the Pig-In-The-Blankets this coming week on Monday and Tuesday, October 26 and 27 and packaging on Wednesday, October 28. The process will be taking place from 2:00-9:00 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 28 from 6:00-7:15 p.m. We will have a drive thru line starting in front of the school and proceeding around the gym on the east side. Thank you for supporting OCCS!

Share Christ's Love Through a Hope Haven Wheelchair Distribution Trip: Hope Haven International Ministries is looking for volunteers to serve on upcoming wheelchair distribution trips in 2027. These trips offer the opportunity to work alongside local partners, share Christ’s love, and help provide wheelchairs and mobility equipment to children and adults in need. Upcoming trips include Kenya, March 6-17, 2027; Uganda, April 25-May 5, 2027; and Thailand, April 29-May 9, 2027. No medical experience is required, and there are a variety of ways to serve as part of a distribution team. To learn more or apply, visit hopehaven.org/international-ministries/distribution-trips or contact Luke Russell at lrussell@hopehaven.org.

From Unity Christian: The Unity Christian Board of Trustees is now accepting nominations for the new At-Large Board Trustee position. While supporting churches will continue to nominate trustee candidates for two board positions each year, the third position will be filled through the new At-Large nomination process. This position is designed to identify individuals whose gifts, experience, and perspective can strengthen the Board's work. As the UCHS Board considers its current needs, we are particularly interested in individuals with experience in construction or facilities management, institutional advancement, executive leadership, and strategic planning. We invite members of the Unity Christian Society to prayerfully nominate individuals who are committed to Christian Education and who may bring strengths in these or other areas. To receive information about the nomination process and a link to the nomination form, please email secretary@unitychristian.net. The deadline to submit nominations is November 2. Thank you for helping identify individuals who can provide faithful leadership and support Unity Christian's mission for years to come.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sunday, October 25

5:00 p.m. Combined Reformation Worship Service at Calvary CRC. Pastor John Klompien will bring a message from Psalm 2 entitled "God and His Anointed: Our Great Refuge".

Monday, October 26

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

Wednesday, October 28

9:30 a.m. Coffee Break will meet at Calvary CRC – James, Chapter 5

6:45 p.m. GEMS will meet at Immanuel CRC – Girls, please wear your GEMS shirt, and take along a Bible, pen/pencil, and your badge book.

6:50 p.m. Cadets will meet at Calvary CRC

Friday, October 30

5:00 p.m. Join us for Ireton Christian School's Annual Rally Day Sale! Smoked pulled pork supper will be served from 5:00-7:30 p.m., with the live auction beginning at 6:30 p.m. Come hungry and enjoy a great evening of food, fellowship, and fun while supporting Christian education at ICS. The auction will feature gift cards, kids' items, home décor, class baskets, a gun raffle, and many other great items. Supper is a free-will donation. Come hungry, stay awhile, enjoy some great food, and bid on fantastic items all while supporting Ireton Christian School. We hope to see you there!

Saturday, October 31

9:00 a.m. Bible League International invites you to a **Safari Adventure** at Green Oaks Museum and Educational Center located 3 miles south of Fairview SD (29043 486th Ave.). The museum is filled with over 140 taxidermized animals in natural habitats, the result of global hunting trips by the Anden Van Beek family. Join us to tour the museum (9-10 a.m.) followed by refreshments, Q&A, and a Bible League presentation about global travels. There is no admission charge; freewill donations will be received. Children are welcome!

Advanced Notices:

Please join us at Hospers First Christian Reformed Church on Tuesday, November 3 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!

Katelyn's Fund Annual Auction will take place on Friday, November 6, at New Life Reformed Church in Sioux Center! Doors open at 5:00 pm. Join us for a complimentary meal at 5:30 pm and stay for the auction, which begins at 6:30 pm. We've got a great lineup of items, including electronics, home goods, vacation stays, autographed NFL merch, and more! Your support helps us continue our mission of speaking boldly for the fatherless. With generous 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.

Have you ever considered that God might be calling you into vocational ministry? What might that look like in your life? Come to Dordt in Sioux Center on Saturday, November 14, 2026 from 9am to 12 pm to explore your calling alongside others at a free "Called" event. Listen to pastors talk about calling. Discuss areas of ministry like church planting, chaplaincy, pastoring, missions, and more with people who are working in those areas. Connect with various programs and practitioners of vocational ministry. "*The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few*" (Luke 10:2). Is the Lord of the Harvest calling you to come work in ministry? Please RSVP using this link (https://forms.gle/dX97eQYbhzvf1VBJ9) by November 1.

Tri-State Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) is accepting applications for the upcoming weekend at Maurice Reformed Church in Maurice, Iowa. TEC is an interdenominational three-day Christian retreat designed to help high schoolers learn more about their faith and their community. The next TEC is November 20-22, 2026. If you would like to learn more about TEC or register, please visit www.TriStateTEC.org or email TriStateTEC@gmail.com. The cost is $50 and includes a t-shirt & other special gifts. Scholarships are available upon request.

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