

ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES
COMMUNITY BULLETIN
December 7, 2025

Denominational, Classis or Community Prayer Requests:

This advent, let us anticipate our Lord's return to judge wickedness and set the world right by his authority and power.

Let us pray for Him to bring peace between Israel and its neighbors and between Ukraine and Russia, and new peace in Nigeria, so that paths for the gospel are formed. Pray for justice to be served and diplomacy restored.

Let us also pray for righteousness to prevail within our borders with new attention to God's law, integrity in highest levels of government, and new vigor in the worship of Christ's body, the church.

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

We extend our congratulations to Michael and Sarah Hooyer who welcomed a healthy baby girl into their family. Olivia Vera was born on Friday, November 28 at Orange City Hospital. Give thanks for the gift of life.

Immanuel CRC Family Prayer Requests:

Nothing to report.

Living Water Community Church Family Prayer Requests:

We rejoice with Seth and Morgan Swedorski on the birth of their daughter, Leyton Grae, on Wednesday, November 26. Mom and baby are doing great!

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

Nothing to report.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Groundwork - Preparing for the Light of the World - Jesus Christ is the ultimate light of the world.

During Advent, we celebrate his birth and anticipate his second coming. Join Groundwork as we study Isaiah 40:1-5, Matthew 3:1-3, John 1:1-14, and Matthew 25:35-40 to learn what it means to live in the light of Christ with expectation and to explore what it means to prepare our souls for the hope and illumination that Jesus brings. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com.

Habitat for Humanity Homeownership Opportunity! Are you or someone you know in need of a safe, decent and affordable place to live? Siouxland Habitat for Humanity is accepting partner family applications for a 2026 home build in Orange City. Application forms are available at our Sioux City office at 1150 Tri View Ave. or via email families@siouxlandhabitat.org. Contact Sandra with questions: 712-224-5117. Applications are accepted through January 6.

The Sioux County Oratorio Chorus is about to kick off a new season, and all are invited to sing! Rehearsals will be held on Tuesdays from 7:30-9:30 pm, beginning January 6, in the choir room at Northwestern College. This season we will sing the well-loved Handel's *Messiah*, featuring professional soloists and orchestra, under the direction of Dr. Thomas Holm. Our concert will be held on Saturday, April 25 at Northwestern's Christ Chapel. Contact Mike Ochsner at mkchsnr@gmail.com with any questions.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Monday, December 8

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

7:00 p.m. Dordt University Music Department Small Ensembles Recital. The recital will include the clarinet choir and the KPH Singers performing a variety of pieces from various genres of music. The clarinet choir consists of four members, all playing clarinet or bass clarinet. Also included in the concert will be collaborating performers on string bass and clarinet. The clarinet choir will be playing selections from George Gershwin, Arturo Marquez, Lenny Sayers and Alfre Uhl. The KPH singers are a 4-part male group, entirely led by Dordt students. They will be singing material not often represented in a large choral setting. Generally, the music performed will have a barbershop or gospel feel.

Wednesday, December 10

9:30 a.m. Coffee Break Christmas Party at Calvary CRC

6:30 p.m. GEMS Christmas Party at OCCS from 6:30-8:30 p.m.! Wear your pajamas for a fun night of games and hot cocoa!

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

Thursday, December 11

7:00 p.m. The Dordt University music department will present a 4th Avenue Jazz concert in the BJ Haan Auditorium. Featured on the performance will be the 4th Avenue Singers and 4th Avenue Band. Come for a relaxed evening of Christmas jazz music standards, fresh perspectives, featured solos, and a variety of collaborations between singers and instruments. The 4th Avenue Singers are directed by Dr. Ryan Smit, and the 4th Avenue Band is directed by Scott Olson. The concert and a PDF program will also be available on livestream at <https://www.dordt.edu/live-events>.

Advanced Notices

The Unity Christian FFA is hosting their annual supper on Monday, December 15 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. prior to our Christmas Concert. The taco bar supper will take place in the Unity cafeteria. Freewill donations will be taken. Come and enjoy food and fellowship, while supporting future FFA projects!

The Unity Christian High School Music Department invites you to join them for an evening of music focused on the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on Monday, December 15, at 7:00 p.m. in the Knight Center. The concert will feature the choirs, symphonic band and orchestra, and ending with the singing and playing of the Hallelujah Chorus. Please join us for an evening filled with the musical joy recognized as part of the Christmas season.

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