

ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES
COMMUNITY BULLETIN
October 9, 2022

Denominational, Classis or Community Prayer Requests:

As we thank God for dry days of harvest, join in asking the Lord to bring rain so that our fields may be replenished and renewed.

Pray for our country's president and cabinet to be guided in paths of righteousness. Pray for our country's legislature, that every congressman and congresswoman might be kept healthy and even become holy, if it be God's will. Pray for our country's supreme court to know righteousness and justice as God defines it from His word, and to make decisions in accord with it.

Pray for the Lord to provide servants of his choosing for vacant churches of Classis Heartland and surroundings classes.

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

Nothing to report.

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

Happy Birthday to Phares Lefever! Phares will turn 101 on Saturday, October 15!

Give thanks that Les Vander Lugt's knee replacement surgery went well on Tuesday. Pray for grace and strength for rehabilitation.

We extend our Christian sympathies to Betty Cooper at the passing away of her son, Marc late Thursday night, September 29. May the God of all comfort grant us eternal encouragement and good hope at the gospel of Christ.

Immanuel CRC Family Prayer Requests:

Please pray for Bernie and Irma Fedders as they have made the move to Crown Pointe Estates in Sioux Center. We pray that they will adjust well to their new home.

Ila Schiebout was admitted to the Orange City Hospital last week. Please pray that God will give comfort and strength to Ila as she is experiencing great weakness.

Please keep Chad Noteboom in your prayers as he was admitted to Unity Point in Sioux City last week with heart issues.

Living Water Community Church Family Prayer Requests:

Nothing to report.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Groundwork - God's Perfect Peace - How do we find the strength to say "it is well with our souls," even when our circumstances leave us feeling uncertain or anxious? Join our Groundwork conversation as we study Isaiah 26:3-4, Jeremiah 6:13-14, and Numbers 6:22-26 to better understand the truth of God's perfect peace and discover how we can experience it for ourselves, even when our lives aren't very peaceful. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com

Women of Renewal invites you to join us studying a new book by Kim Erickson: "*Predicting Jesus: A Study of the Messianic Prophecies of Isaiah*." This eight week study will be offered Tuesday evenings in Orange City and Sioux Center and Thursday mornings in Orange City. For further details and to register: <https://www.womenofrenewal.com/contact-8>. The last day to sign up is today, October 9.

Moms in Prayer is an international ministry that prays for children and schools. The Orange City College and Career group will be meeting at Calvary Christian Reformed Church in the chapel. Come join us praying for our post-high children, and for Dordt, Northwestern, NWICC and other colleges and universities connected with the women attending. We gather Friday mornings from 8:30-9:30 a.m. For more information call Carol Borchard at 441-5286 or Sheryl Slegers at 441-2795.

Biblical Study Tour to Italy (May 22 - June 2, 2023): Visit the Vatican with its Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Cathedral; the impressive monuments of ancient Rome; Pompeii and Mt. Vesuvius; Assisi (home of St. Francis); Florence; Ravenna; and St. Mark's Basilica in Venice. Join Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading biblical scholar, for this inspirational tour. Contact Dr. Weima at weimje@calvinseminary.edu or [616-328-3110](tel:616-328-3110).

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Monday, October 10

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

Wednesday, October 12

9:30 a.m. Coffee Break will meet at Calvary CRC – Revelation, Lesson 4

6:45 p.m. GEMS will meet at Immanuel CRC – Please wear your GEMS shirt and take your Bible and badge book.

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

Saturday, October 15

7:30 p.m. The Joan Ringerwole Organ Recital Series presents organist Damin Spritzer in a solo organ recital in the B.J. Haan Auditorium at Dordt University. Dr. Damin Spritzer is the Area Chair and Associate Professor of Organ at the University of Oklahoma and continues to work with the Cathedral Church of Saint Matthew in Dallas as Artist-in-Residence for Cathedral Arts. Her performance at Dordt is part of the Ringerwole Organ Recital Series, which is currently in its tenth year. The Joan Ringerwole Organ Recital series seeks to promote the organ and its repertoire for the musical education and enjoyment of students, alumni, and the community by bringing nationally-acclaimed organists to Dordt University.

Advance Notices:

The Unity Christian High School Music Department invites you to join them for an evening of music on Tuesday, October 18 beginning at 7:00 in the Knight Center. The concert will feature the choirs, symphonic band, and orchestra.

The Dordt University Music Department presents guest pianist Mark Valenti in a recital on Friday, October 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. Mark Valenti received his Master of Music from Northwestern University, Bachelor of Music from the Philadelphia Musical Academy and has studied with such notable teachers as Benjamin Whitten, Zoltan Kocsis and Mary Sauer. In addition to giving solo recitals in cities throughout the U.S., Mr. Valenti has performed in France, Belgium, Hungary and Luxembourg as well as for former First Lady Barbara Bush in Washington, D.C. His recital at Dordt will include music that displays the evolution of piano styles from the elegant gracefulness of Classicism to the passionate lyricism of Romanticism through the atmospheric Impressionism of Debussy to the rhythmic percussiveness of Modernism.

Justice for All invites you to join us at the combined Annual Meeting/Fall Auction on Thursday evening, Oct. 27 at the Parkview Events Center of Rock Valley, IA. A great evening is being planned! A delicious meal will be served from 5:00-6:30 p.m. (A Freewill Gift will be taken for the meal). At 6:15 there will be a business meeting which will include celebrating JFA ministry from the past year and looking at opportunities ahead, as well as presenting a new budget and new board members. Then at 6:30 p.m. our fall auction will begin with Mark Zomer and company. There will also be auction items online from October 13-31 that you can bid on at zomerbid.com. We hope you can join us for this very important fund-raiser for JFA ministry efforts!!

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