

ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES
COMMUNITY BULLETIN
February 12, 2023

Denominational, Classis or Community Prayer Requests:

Society focuses on love this Valentines' week. Pray that God's people would particularly 'love the Lord our God with all our heart and with all our soul and with all our mind.' Pray that we will reach out in Christian love to our neighbors. Pray for compassion for the hurting and lost. Pray for opportunities to exhibit random acts of kindness in light of Romans 5:8, "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

Pray also for Christian homes. Ask God to strengthen Christian marriages in such a way that love and respect replace petty grievances. Pray that children in covenant homes would honor their parents and that parents will express patience and kindness toward each unique life entrusted to them.

Pray for the gospel to impact lives affected by the terrifying earthquake in Turkey and Syria this week.

Immanuel CRC Family Prayer Requests:

Nothing to report.

Living Water Community Church Family Prayer Requests:

Please be in prayer for Matt and Teri Bos and the entire Bos family. Matt's dad, Abe Bos, passed away on Friday, February 3 and his memorial service was held in Sioux Center on Wednesday, February 8.

Please keep Roy Persson in your prayers. He has severe arthritis in both hands and had surgery this past Friday on his left hand. Following surgery, his arm will be in a sling so mobility will be limited. Pray the surgery goes well, his recovery is swift, and he has very little pain.

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)

Dorothy Vanden Brink was released from Orange City Hospital after treatment for an intermittent speeding heartbeat. Please pray that these troubling episodes would cease completely.

Kelsey Koops went to the hospital Wednesday due to ongoing issues with a racing heartbeat. Medical professionals found the source of some heart issues to be an infection in the lining of her heart. Pray that medication will correct the racing heartbeat and its episodes of discomfort.

Phares Lefever planned to undergo surgery on Friday, February 10 to have cancer removed from his neck. Pray for good results and recovery.

Del Walinga plans to have surgery on Tuesday, February 14, to begin to address some kidney stones so that later surgery can deal with the mass on his kidney. Pray for success.

Emily Huisman experienced a mild heart attack Monday and was admitted to Sanford Heart Hospital in Sioux Falls. Give thanks that doctors saw new blood vessels doing the work of that blocked artery and released Emily with a good prognosis on Thursday.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Groundwork - Seeing Jesus Christ in Heaven - The Bible's final book of Revelation has long been a source of mystery to Christians across the ages. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study Revelation 1 to examine the opening images of John's heavenly vision and discuss the comfort it offers believers still today. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Monday, February 13

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

Tuesday, February 14

7:00 p.m. On Tuesday, Feb. 14, the music department from Unity Christian High School will present, "Music from the Heart: A Valentine's Day Pops Concert." All music groups will perform in the Knight Center beginning at 7:00 pm. with a free-will donation available.

Wednesday, February 15

9:30 a.m. Coffee Break Valentine's Party – Soup and Pie

5:30 p.m. Orange City Christian School is having Covenant Kids Preschool open house from 5:30-7:30pm. Parents and children are welcome to tour the classroom and meet the teacher, Miss Zeutenhorst. Preschool Registration will be Thursday, Feb. 23 from 5-6 pm, for parents only.

Saturday, February 18

7:30 p.m. Dordt University student Joya Schreurs will present a junior piano recital in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. The recital will feature repertoire from the major style periods, including compositions by Bach, Haydn, Rachmaninoff, Griffes, and Berthume. The recital will also feature a piano trio with Dordt University juniors Karli Vanden Brink of Orange City, Iowa on violin and Aaron Galloway of Pella, Iowa on cello. All are welcome to a reception following the recital. The recital will also be available on livestream at <https://www.dordt.edu/livestream>.

Advance Notices:

The Dordt University Music Department will present a 4th Avenue Jazz concert on Saturday, February 25 at 7:30 p.m. in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. Featured on the performance will be the 16-voice 4th Avenue Singers and 4th Avenue Band. Come for a relaxed evening of big band standards, fresh jazz perspectives, featured solos, and a variety of collaborations between singers and instruments. The 4th Avenue Singers are directed by Rob Hobgood, and the 4th Avenue Band is directed by Kevin Linder. The concert will also be available on livestream at <https://www.dordt.edu/livestream>.

Guiding Star Siouxland's annual Fundraising Gala will be held on March 24 at 6:00 p.m. at the Terrace View Event Center in Sioux Center. Please join us for an exciting evening, featuring Keynote Speaker, Matt Hammitt, updates on our organization, a touching client testimony, and an opportunity to Build a Culture of Life with us. Find more information at www.guidingstarsiouxland.org/fundraising-gala-2023/

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