

ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES
COMMUNITY BULLETIN
March 12, 2023

Denominational, Classis or Community Prayer Requests:

Let's pray today for safety and peace of mind in these (hopefully) last weeks of winter! While the snow keeps piling up, remember we have many volunteers and workers to be thankful for. Let's surround them in prayer and ask for safety for those running plows, driving trucks and operating the rest of the snow-moving-equipment!

And in these weeks, let's also ask for an uplifting for those battling through the winter months while being homebound. For those who aren't able to get out and about and for those who aren't able to enjoy as much fellowship or community. Please pray for their minds and hearts to be strengthened and supported by the Holy Spirit.

Spring is coming! Maybe not tomorrow, and maybe not even next week. But as those who hope in the Lord, we live expectant lives, always looking forward to the day when He comes again; so be people of hope in your prayers, believing that it won't always be this way!

Immanuel CRC Family Prayer Requests:

We are thankful to God that Brynn Van Dyke was able to return home from the hospital this week! We pray that Brynn will have a full recovery from her pneumonia.

Living Water Community Church Family Prayer Requests:

Sherwyn Bolkema appreciates your prayers and support after his heart surgery and congestive heart failure last year. Last week he had a good checkup with his cardiologist. There are many positive signs that his heart is getting stronger and that he is able to have a good activity level.

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 Bernice Noteboom! Bernice turns 103 Sunday, March 12!

Give thanks that Eli Dykstra and Anna Poppema could be united in marriage on Saturday, March 10 at Calvary. Ask the Lord's blessing on this newly established Christian home.

We rejoice with the Maletoungou family. Dr. Maletoungou successfully underwent his examination (in Montana) to become a Commissioned Pastor. Sosthene plans to be ordained as a commissioned pastor in June in Montana.

Donna Bouma and Alice Jongma both underwent successful cataract surgeries last Thursday. Pray for good healing.

Del Walinga underwent a successful second surgery to remove kidney stones on Tuesday. Pray that Del will recover and regroup for an upcoming surgery in a few weeks; a surgery to remove a mass on the same kidney.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Groundwork - A Look at the New Heaven and Earth - In this life, we often find hope and encouragement to endure by thinking about what we have to look forward to. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study John's visions of the new heaven and earth in Revelation 21. We'll discuss the meaning of his visions and the comfort these images continue to provide us today. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com.

Guiding Star Siouxland is excited to announce that we are searching for an instructor for our Boys to Men class! This 90 minute interactive class is perfect for fathers and sons age 12-16 years old to begin a discussion on what it means to be a man, and is based on the book "Fathered by God" by John Eldridge. The class covers the phases of the masculine journey, basic biological changes, and the dangers of pornography. Guiding Star Siouxland will fully train the instructor and no experience is necessary. The class will be held 4 times per year, with days and times to be determined by the instructor's availability, and the instructor will be

compensated as a contracted Education Employee. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Kaleigh by emailing info@guidingstarsiouxland.org or calling 712-266-3282.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sunday, March 12

5:00 p.m. Combined Prayer Day Worship Service at Immanuel CRC. Rev. Jesse Walhof will lead the service. The message is “United in Christ” taken from Philippians 2:1-11. An offering will be received for the Orange City Food Pantry.

Monday, March 14

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

Wednesday, March 15

9:30 a.m. Coffee Break will meet at Calvary CRC – Joshua 2, Lesson 3

Friday, March 17

7:30 p.m. The Dordt University Music Department presents a guest performance by Ensemble Chaconne in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. Ensemble Chaconne transports the audience to the salons and palaces of 18th century Europe with “The Glorious Ones – Treasures by the Late Baroque Masters.” The ensemble will perform gems by J.S. Bach, Handel, Vivaldi, Telemann and other leading composers of the baroque era. Now celebrating its 37th season, the ensemble tours widely in the U.S. and abroad.

Saturday, March 18

7:30 p.m. The Dordt University Wind Symphony invites you to a concert at the B.J. Haan Auditorium. This free concert is part of a spring tour with performances scheduled in Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota, and Wisconsin. Under the baton of Associate Professor and Director of Instrumental Activities Dr. Onsby C. Rose, the Wind Symphony will perform a wide variety of repertoire. The concert will also be available on livestream at <https://www.dordt.edu/livestream>.

Advance Notices:

Guiding Star Siouland'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/

Dordt University student Julia Holleman will present a senior flute recital at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, March 24, in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. The recital will feature a variety of instruments, such as harpsicord and cello on Bach's *Sonata IV in C Major* and saxophone with flute performing a recently composed Hymn Suite collection. All are welcome to a reception following the recital. The recital will also be available on livestream at <https://www.dordt.edu/livestream>.

Dordt University student Brody Joens will present a junior saxophone recital at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 25, in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. The recital will feature a variety of styles and musical eras, including Classical, Baroque, French Romantic, Contemporary, and Jazz. Joens will be performing on soprano saxophone, tenor saxophone, and baritone saxophone during the recital. All are welcome to a reception following the recital. The recital will also be available on livestream at <https://www.dordt.edu/livestream>.

Cornerstone Prison Church Council, Board and Congregation invites you to the 15th Annual Benefit Banquet on Monday, April 3 at Trinity Christian Reformed Church in Rock Valley. The doors will open at 6:00 p.m., the banquet will start at 6:30 p.m. Save your spot by March 26! Call Trinity CRC at 712-476-5292 or go to www.cornerstonepcsd.org Join us for an evening of praise to God for his work through Cornerstone Prison Church inside the walls of the South Dakota State Penitentiary. A freewill offering will be taken as an opportunity to financially support Cornerstone's ministry.