

ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES
COMMUNITY BULLETIN
March 24, 2024

Denominational, Classis or Community Prayer Requests:

On this Palm Sunday as we remember and participate in raising palms in the air and shouting Hosannas, pray about those in your life who need to meet Jesus. Ask God to open a door to have a meaningful interaction with them this week and invite them to worship with you on Easter.

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

Nothing to report.

Immanuel CRC Family Prayer Requests:

Nothing to report.

Living Water Community Church Family Prayer Requests:

Praising God for answered prayers for Dan Welter's niece, and her daughter; their six month old daughter was recently diagnosed with leukemia. More tests were done at Children's Hospital in Omaha including a bone marrow biopsy which revealed that there is no cancer! After a week at the hospital, the little girl and her parents were able to go home. There will be some tests done on an outpatient basis in the near future.

Please pray for Deb De Boer. Because of an end-stage cancer diagnosis she is under Hospice Care.

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

We express our sympathy to Warren and Ruth Dekkers in the passing of Ruth's sister, LaVonne Schelling on Monday, March 18. The funeral was on Friday in Sioux Center.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Groundwork - The Crucifixion of Jesus Christ - Examining the story of Jesus' crucifixion in each of the four gospels reveals a beautiful tapestry of perspectives. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study Matthew 27:45-53, Mark 15:40-41, Luke 23:13-25, and John 19:28-37 to witness the fulfillment of Scripture and remember the significance of what Jesus accomplished on the cross. Listen now at Groundworkonline.com.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Monday, March 25

5:00 p.m. The Immanuel CRC Tulsa Service Project team will hold a Pizza Ranch Tip Night from 5-8 p.m. to raise money for the mission trip in July. Please come and enjoy the evening.

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

Wednesday, March 27

No Coffee Break this week – Happy Easter!

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

6:45 p.m. Cadets - Cadet-O-Rama

Friday, March 29

6:30 a.m. Men (and young men) are invited to attend the 36th annual Good Friday Men's Prayer Breakfast at the Northwestern Rowenhorst Student Center. The cost is \$15.00 per plate, payable at the door. The speaker is Sheriff Jamie Van Voorst. He will share his story of living life, his personal journey, and how his faith has helped him. Please join us for a time of food, fellowship, prayer, and reflection in this holy season of Easter. Contact your church office for tickets.

Easter Sunday, March 31

5:00 p.m. Combined Easter Worship Service at Calvary CRC. Rev. Todd Zuidema will be preaching from Revelation 21:1-10. Christ's death and resurrection have secured for us, even now, the assurance of God's forgiveness, and a renewed and restored relationship with Him. We look forward with joy and confidence that all will be made new, death itself will die, and God's perfect grace, mercy and justice will be fully realized in the New Creation.

Advanced Notices:

Cornerstone Prison Church Council, Board and Congregation invite you to the Annual Benefit Banquet on Monday, April 1, 2024 at Trinity Christian Reformed Church, Rock Valley, IA. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. with the banquet beginning at 6:30 p.m. Save your spot by calling Trinity CRC at 712-476-5292 or by going to www.cornerstonepcsd.org. A freewill offering will be taken as an opportunity to financially support Cornerstone's ministry.

The NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Support Group will meet in the Fireside Room of Central Reformed Church in Sioux Center from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, April 2. Video: *Dr Xavier Amador: How to Help Someone with Mental Illness Accept Treatment*. Individuals and family members coping with mental illness are welcome. For information, call Shirley Matheis 722-4462.

The Dordt University Music Department will host fortepianist Daniel Adam Maltz for a recital at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, April 5, in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. Enjoy Haydn and Mozart's piano works performed as they intended them to be heard — on a Viennese fortepiano. Fortepianist Daniel Adam Maltz is based in Vienna and studied Historical Performance at the Royal Academy of Music in London and at Vienna's University for Music and Performing Arts. He performs on historic Viennese fortepianos, utilizing the vast range of tones, colors, and techniques familiar to Classical-era composers.

Dordt University student Isabel Alsum of Lakeville, Minnesota, will present a senior organ recital at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 6, in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. The program will feature numerous musical styles and composers, including J.S. Bach, Jehan Alain, and Olivier Messiaen. Dordt University senior Miranda Munson will be featured as a soprano soloist. The program will follow a musical journey of darkness and grief to light and joy, concluding with a transcription of Gustav Holst's "Jupiter: the Bringer of Jollity" from *The Planets: Suite for Organ*. The recital will also be available on livestream at <https://www.dordt.edu/livestream>.

Tuesday, April 9th at 7:30 pm, NISO's Spring Concert will be held in the BJ Haan Auditorium on Dordt University's campus. To conclude our concert season, the spring performance includes not only two enchanting pieces of music but also a symphony for organ featuring Dordt's own Dr. Carrie Groenewold. Tickets available at the door, or online through ticketleap. \$20 adults, \$6 students (buy one get one free). https://nisoia.ticketleap.com/spring-concert/dates/Apr-09-2024_at_0730PM

You are invited to the Genesis House Benefit Brunch and Auction, which will take place from 9:00-11:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 27th at Trinity Reformed Church in Orange City. Tickets are on sale at Restored 5:17 and online at genesishouseiowa.org. Individual tickets are \$35, or you can sponsor a table of 6 for \$200. Activities will include a meal, a devotional by Rev. Kristin Brouwer, a testimony from a previous Genesis House resident, and live and silent auctions. All proceeds from the event will go toward Genesis House, a faith-based nonprofit in Orange City aiming to break cycles of violence, addiction, and homelessness by working closely with women and children in the area.

Love INC Sioux County invites the community to our Spring Share Event on April 27th at the Parkview Event Center in Rock Valley. Doors will open at 5 p.m. and food will be served starting at 5:30 p.m. Very Good Trivia will be our entertainment so come with your knowledge skills sharpened! Tickets to this event can be purchased for \$50 a piece or get a team together and reserve a table of 8 for \$360. You can purchase tickets by calling the Love INC office at (712)476-5990 or go online to www.loveincsiouxcounty.org. Deadline is April 17.

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