

ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES
COMMUNITY BULLETIN
March 5, 2023

Denominational, Classis or Community Prayer Requests:

Let's begin the Lenten season remembering how Jesus fulfills the role of the great High Priest, able to bring our offerings and our prayers before the throne of the Father as one who has been tempted as we are and is without sin! Thanks be to God we have this High Priest, who we don't need to hold anything from. We are able to be completely honest and open with Him about every situation and every emotion and every bit of who we are!

Feel encouraged today to pour out your heart and be honest about your joys, fears, sadness, and all! He wants the real you, so be truthful with Him today!

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

Kelsey Koops experienced more symptoms this week and underwent further tests on her heart. Thankfully, no serious heart issues have been found, but the virus in the lining of the heart requires rest and time before hoped for recovery. Pray for patience and healing.

Be praying for Eli Dykstra and Anna Poppema who plan to be married this Saturday, March 10 at Calvary.

Del Walinga plans to have another surgery to remove kidney stones on Tuesday, March 7. Pray for success.

Immanuel CRC Family Prayer Requests:

Please keep Brynn Van Dyke, daughter of Joel & Larissa in your prayers as she is at Sanford Hospital in Sioux falls with pneumonia. We are thankful that she is making steady improvements every day. We pray that she will be able to return home soon.

Living Water Community Church Family Prayer Requests:

Nothing to report.

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 - Heavenly Visions to Encourage Our Faith - Seeing heaven's perspective of the cosmic, spiritual battle between God and evil provided John comfort while he was exiled on the island of Patmos. Join Groundwork as we study Revelation 7-14 and discuss the meaning of the images and numbers in John's famous heavenly visions and the comfort we can continue to find in the eternal truths those vision conveyed. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com.

Orange City Christian School is expanding its resource department and is looking at adding another resource teacher. If you or someone you know is interested, please send your resume and application to jalons@occhristian.pvt.k12.ia.us. We also need to hire a part time Art Teacher, responsible for teaching art to students in 1st thru 8th grade. Applications can be found on the employment section of our website.

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

Wednesday, March 8

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

6:00 p.m. GEMS/Cadets Ice Skating Party at the All Seasons Center from 6-8. GEMS and Cadets need to find their own transportation. Skate rental is \$2.00. You are encouraged to bring your own ice skates.

Saturday, March 11

2:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Ireton Christian School's Annual Bluegrass Gospel Concert will be held on at the BJ Haan Auditorium on the Dordt University Campus in Sioux Center. The two groups performing are The Anderegg Family and The Baker Family. Tickets are \$15.00 at the door or can be purchased from the Ireton Christian School. Children ages 15 and under are free.

Sunday, March 12

5:00 p.m. Combined Prayer Day Worship Service at Immanuel CRC.

Advance Notices:

Unity Christian is hosting a "Lunch and Learn" Homeschool Visit Day at Unity Christian on Tuesday, March 14, 2023. The lunch and learn portion of the day will be from 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and we then invite attendees to join us for a matinee performance of *Sarah, Plain and Tall* in our Knight Center from 12:30-2:15. Learn about Unity Christian and our mission, course offerings, ESA impact, academic support, and co-curriculars. Please RSVP by March 10 to aobbink@unitychristian.net if you plan to attend.

OCCS Kindergarten Preview will be March 16! If your child is in our preschool program we will transition them into the rooms at school and back. We will have a morning preview from 8:30-9:30 and an afternoon preview from 12:45-1:45. If your child does not attend Covenant Kids preschool please RSVP for the preview by March 9 and enter the building by the office. We will have a parent meeting to briefly go over our kindergarten program at 5:00 pm in Mrs. Wolf's classroom that night and answer questions you may have.

Unity Christian will present the full length play, *Sarah, Plain and Tall* on March 16, 17, and 18 at 7:00 p.m. at the Unity Christian Knight Center. Starting February 27, tickets can be purchased through itickets or finding the link on the Unity website. We hope you can join us for this lovely story that is based on the book by Patricia MacLachlan.

The Dordt University Music Department presents a guest performance by Ensemble Chaconne at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, March 17, at 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.

The Dordt University Wind Symphony invites you to a concert at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 18, 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. Highlights of this concert is a new work commissioned by the Dordt Wind Symphony from Kansas composer Grace Baugher-Dunlap titled *When I Consider the Heavens*. Other program highlights include the music of Gustav Holst, Dimitri Shostakovich, Timothy Mahr, Kevin Day, Edwin Franko Goldman, Chris Pilsner, Onsby Rose, and Jack Stamp. During March 2023 the ensemble will also be recording their 2nd full-length, worldwide-released CD titled *Patchwork*. 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/