

**ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES**  
**COMMUNITY BULLETIN**  
**July 14, 2024**

**Denominational, Classis or Community Prayer Requests:**

As the heat of summer comes on, pray for those who work out of doors. Pray for safety and perseverance. For our believing brothers and sisters, pray for an attitude of gratitude to God for the opportunity to serve him and others. Pray according to Colossians 3:17 “And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”

Pray also for our government officials. Ask, first of all, that each would be enabled to recognize the weight of God’s call to serve Him. Ask, secondly, that many would shift the weight of the responsibility to God in prayer seeking wisdom from Him. Pray, thirdly, for them to enjoy bodily health, meaningful labor, happiness in their relationships, and a true relationship to God by faith in Jesus Christ.

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

Diane Volland underwent gall bladder removal surgery on Friday, July 5, and returned home the next day. Pray for a full recovery.

Mark Palsma went to the doctor to consider treatment of the cancer in his body. Mark is expecting to visit the doctor once every three months to monitor the situation. Please pray for daily peace for Mark and wisdom for the medical professionals.

**Immanuel CRC Family Prayer Requests:**

Nothing to report.

**Living Water Community Church Family Prayer Requests:**

Nothing to report.

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

We praise God for the wedding that united Austin and Janie Van Donge in marriage on Friday, July 12. May God bless this marriage united in Him.

The First CRC Youth Group is attending RYS Convention in Oregon this week. Pray for a great week of strengthening their faith, developing new friendships and growing together in Christ. May God be glorified!

**GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

*Groundwork – The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit* - Scripture helps us to better understand the nature of each person of the Trinity and the awesome phenomena of their unity as One. Join Groundwork as we study Deuteronomy 1:31, Psalm 103, Matthew 6:9-14, 25-34, John 1:1-3, Hebrews 4:15-16, Philippians 2:5-8, 2 Corinthians 13:14, Genesis 1:2, and John 14:16-17 to discuss the unique attributes and work of each person of our triune God. Listen now at [Groundworkonline.com](http://Groundworkonline.com).

There will be wood splitting on the second and fourth Monday nights for the months of July and August. We will be starting at 6:00 p.m. on the Ron De Jong farm.

Unity Christian High School registration for the 24-25 school year is open! If you have not received an email with registration instructions and plan to send your student to Unity, please contact the Unity Christian office at 712-737-4114 or email [koetken@unitychristian.net](mailto:koetken@unitychristian.net).

The OCCS office will be closed for 2 weeks, July 15-26, for the final cleaning and waxing of floors. We will re-open on Monday, July 29 at 8:00 a.m.

Cadet Counselors needed – the Orange City Cadets are looking for 5 counselors for the upcoming cadet season. If you would like to be a counselor or just find out more about the program, please reach out to a cadet counselor in your church or contact George Scholten at 712-441-4015.

GEMS Counselors Needed - Come! BE a part of the GEMS ministry this year. We are still looking for counselors for 6th, 7th and 8th grade. Contact Michelle Eason, Shari Visser or Jenness Wolgen if you are interested or have any questions.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### **Wednesday, July 17**

9:30 a.m. Coffee Break Ministries is planning a Coffee Time for **ALL** ladies whether you are a current member of Coffee Break or have never attended. Invite friends and bring your kiddos! Bring a treat to share and drinks will be provided. This will be held at the Van Peurse Barn (906 8<sup>th</sup> St. SW).

### **Advance Notices:**

Plan to attend the Bible League's Annual Christmas in July on Monday, July 29 at 1:30 p.m. at First Christian Reformed Church in Sioux Center. Donations to the silent auction are appreciated: homemade food, household and gift items. Join us for delicious homemade desserts, and learn more about Bible League International and Legacy Thrift Store. Every \$5 raised puts a Bible in the hands of those who are desperate to read the Word of God in their own language.

The 2024 Abide Project convention will be held July 30<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> at First CRC, Sioux Center. The theme this year is drawn from Titus, "contend for the faith!" Join us for two days of instruction from God's Word, fellowship and discussion. The cost is \$100 for both days, which includes admission and all meals as well as lodging at Dordt for those who would like it. If you cannot make the entire convention, join us for our special public session with Dr. Jeff Wiema, Professor of New Testament at Calvin Seminary, July 30<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7pm. He will be giving a talk on "The Sanctity of Sex. Living a Holy Life in a Sex, Saturated Society (1 Thess. 4:1-8)" This portion of the conference is free, and all are encouraged to attend! Please go [www.abideproject.org](http://www.abideproject.org) to register. We hope to see you there!

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