

ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES
COMMUNITY BULLETIN
July 21, 2024

Denominational, Classis or Community Prayer Requests:

Give thanks to the Lord of creation for the good crops crowing and the tasseling of corn in places. Pray for agriculture workers who are seeing lower prices for the things they produce. Pray that they could see fair prices while consumers seek to combat inflation. Pray also that the bird flu might be passed and that information gained from the past outbreak could preclude future outbreaks.

World Renew calls us to remember Southern Africa after a dryer than normal rainy season this year. The risks of hunger and malnutrition are especially high in Madagascar, Malawi, and Zambia. Pray for the Lord's provision, asking that emergency assistance efforts may be helpful and that conservation agriculture methods may be effective.

Immanuel CRC Family Prayer Requests:

Nothing to report.

Living Water Community Church Family Prayer Requests:

Congratulations to Kari and Brady Gonzales on the birth of their son, Jude Lee. He joins big sister Nora and arrived on Thursday, July 11.

Congratulations to Riley and Tiffany Huizenga and big sister Westlyn, who welcomed a new baby boy on July 16, Walker Joel Todd.

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)

We give thanks that Diane Vollink's health issues related to her surgery and an infection have diminished. However, medical professionals have uncovered an underlying hip issue and Diane will need therapy. Give thanks and pray for ongoing grace.

On Tuesday, Bill Saeger had a biopsy of a mass on his pancreas. Doctors believe it is cancer, but must wait for result of the biopsy. Please keep Bill, Jeff, and the Saeger family in your prayers.

Kelsey Koops went to see a cardiologist on Wednesday. Pray for clues as to her ongoing health issues and pray for resolution.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Groundwork – The Trinity in Worship, Prayer, and Daily Life - The Christian belief in the Holy Trinity significantly influences our worship, prayer, and daily living. Join Groundwork as we study Matthew 28:19, 2 Corinthians 13:14, Hebrews 4:14-16, Romans 8:26-35, and Acts 2:42 to see how these biblical truths shape and inform how we glorify God and touch every aspect of our lives. Listen now at Groundworkonline.com.

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

Monday, July 22

6:00 p.m. Wood splitting for the Rosebud Reservation. Meet at the Ron De Jong farm.

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

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 30th-31st 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 30th 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 to register. We hope to see you there!

Orange City Christian is hosting a Dessert Dash and Trivia Night on Tuesday, August 6, starting at 6pm. The evening will include a meal, entertaining trivia and delicious desserts. All money raised from this evening will go towards the Phase 23 Building Project. Please email Travis De Jong by July 31 if you have any questions or to sign up (tdejong@orangecitychristian.net).

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