

ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES
COMMUNITY BULLETIN
July 7, 2024

Denominational, Classis or Community Prayer Requests:

Give thanks that a local church, First CRC, is receiving a new pastor this Sunday. Pray that as Rev. Stephen Terpstra is installed, the congregation will embrace the Lord's providence and that the Terpstra family will enjoy acquaintance with a new church family, community, and school. Pray also that the Lord would provide guidance to churches in our classis which are vacant.

Give thanks for the Spirit's mobilization of churches to help our brothers and sisters in Rock Valley, Hawarden, and Alton who have experienced loss in the flooding. Pray for continued wisdom and willingness to assist.

On this past 4th of July week, give thanks for a free country in which to serve the Lord openly as His church.

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

We are grateful to God that in His providence, Rev. Stephen Terpstra and his family have moved to Orange City, and Rev. Terpstra will be installed as our pastor on Sunday. Please keep the Terpstra family in your prayers as they transition to a new church family and a new community.

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:

Nothing to report.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Groundwork – Adopt the Mindset of Christ - As Christians, many of us long to make the world a better place. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study Philippians 2:1-11, Matthew 22:15-45, 1 Peter 2:21-23, and Matthew 20:24-28 to study the servant mindset Jesus modeled. Together we'll glean biblical wisdom for discerning the relationship between faith and power and we'll discuss the importance of developing Christlikeness. Listen now at 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.

Cadet Counselors needed - We 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 8

6:00 p.m. Wood Splitting for the Rosebud Reservation. Splitting will take place at Ron De Jong's farm.

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

Thursday, July 11

Cadet Summer campout - There is a Cadet summer camp out this week, July 11-13. If your cadet would like to attend please talk to a counselor by July 8th.

Advance Notices:

Save the date: July 17 at 9:30 at the Van Peurse Barn (906 8th St. SW). 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.

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!

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