

ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES
COMMUNITY BULLETIN
December 14, 2025

Denominational, Classis or Community Prayer Requests:

“The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler’s staff from between his feet, until he to whom it belongs shall come and the obedience of the nations will be his.” Gen. 49:10. May the promise of our Lord’s coming inspire joy, for Christ brings the blessing of God’s rule to us. As we move further into this Advent season, pray that the Holy Spirit awakens in our hearts a longing for the return of Jesus Christ. As He came, He will come again.

Pray for college students as they finish exams. Pray that the Lord helps college students give a good account of what they have learned, for safety for all who will be traveling, and for a refreshing winter break for them and their professors.

Immanuel CRC Family Prayer Requests:

We are thankful Pete Steggerda was able to return home from the hospital from an infection. Continued prayers for healing and strength.

Pray for Joan Bruxvoort as her son, Dave Bruxvoort, passed away.

Prayers for Harold and Evelyn Pennings as Evelyn is in the hospital for heart failure and kidney issues. She is gaining her appetite back and her confusion has gone away, so we give praise for those things!

Living Water Community Church Family Prayer Requests:

Nothing to report.

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 congratulate Derek and Alexa Bonnema at the birth of twin babies. Ridge McCoy and Rinley Kala were born on Friday, December 5 and remain in the NICU at Sanford Hospital in Sioux Falls. Pray for strength and healthy development.

Congratulations to Ben and Emily Kuiper who welcomed a baby girl into their family. Lydia Lynn was born on Tuesday, December 9. We give thanks to God for the gift of life.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Groundwork - Out of Darkness and into the Light - Turning on a light changes everything. What changes can we anticipate when Jesus brings his light to our world? Join Groundwork as we study Isaiah 2:2-5, John 8:12-19, and John 12:44-50 to discover the significant effects we can expect the presence of the Light of the World to bring in our lives and our world. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com.

Habitat for Humanity Homeownership Opportunity! Are you or someone you know in need of a safe, decent and affordable place to live? Siouxland Habitat for Humanity is accepting partner family applications for a 2026 home build in Orange City. Application forms are available at our Sioux City office at 1150 Tri View Ave. or via email families@siouxlandhabitat.org. Contact Sandra with questions: 712-224-5117. Applications are accepted through January 6.

The Sioux County Oratorio Chorus is about to kick off a new season, and all are invited to sing! Rehearsals will be held on Tuesdays from 7:30-9:30 pm, beginning January 6, in the choir room at Northwestern College. This season we will sing the well-loved Handel's *Messiah*, featuring professional soloists and orchestra, under the direction of Dr. Thomas Holm. Our concert will be held on Saturday, April 25 at Northwestern's Christ Chapel. Contact Mike Ochsner at mkchsnr@gmail.com with any questions.

Unity Christian is seeking a compassionate and dedicated full time paraprofessional to support students in both general and special education classrooms. In this vital role, you'll provide essential assistance to a student with physical disabilities while also supporting other students throughout the school day. Your responsibilities will include helping with mobility and daily activities and ensuring full classroom participation, as well as providing academic and behavioral support to students as needed. You'll work closely with teachers, the Director of Academic Support, and other paraprofessionals to create an inclusive learning environment where every student can reach their full potential academically, socially, and spiritually. The ideal candidate will have a heart for serving young people, patience, physical capability to assist with student mobility and care, and a commitment to our Christian mission. If you're passionate about making a meaningful difference in students' lives and want to be part of our faith-based school community, we'd love to hear from you! The start date for this position is January 12, 2026. To read more about this position and/or to apply, head to our website: <https://www.unitychristian.net/employment> . If you have any questions about the position, please reach out to Jon Holwerda at jholwerda@unitychristian.net or 712-737-4114.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Monday, December 15

4:30 p.m. The Unity Christian FFA is hosting their annual supper from 4:30-6:30 p.m. prior to our Christmas Concert. The taco bar supper will take place in the Unity cafeteria. Freewill donations will be taken. Come and enjoy food and fellowship, while supporting future FFA projects!

7:00 p.m. The Unity Christian High School Music Department invites you to join them for an evening of music focused on the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The concert will be held in the Knight Center and will feature the choirs, symphonic band and orchestra, and ending with the singing and playing of the Hallelujah Chorus. Please join us for an evening filled with the musical joy recognized as part of the Christmas season.

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