

**ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES**  
**COMMUNITY BULLETIN**  
**September 28, 2025**

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

Let us be in prayer for the leaders of the world who are seeking to respond wisely to violence in the world. Pray for an end to conflict in Ukraine, the Middle East, and areas of Africa in particular. Pray also for just access to food and resources and an end to unjust rule that misuses resources for personal gain. Pray for a world-wide humility before the Almighty, and a new spread of gospel responsiveness, according to Micah 6:8. Pray particularly for Christian legislators and rulers to hold influence throughout the world.

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

Nothing to report.

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

Henry Dykstra had successful gallbladder surgery on Wednesday. Praise God that the surgery went well, and pray for a good recovery.

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

Nothing to report.

**Immanuel CRC 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 -When Discipleship Growth Stalls* - Sometimes the things we do and say are out of sync with the faith we profess to believe. Study Acts 10:34-48, Galatians 2:11-16, James 1:22-27, 1 John 1:8-10, and Philippians 3:12-14 with Groundwork to understand what God does for us in these situations and what we need to continue growing again as Christ's disciples today. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com)

Love INC Sioux County is seeking a part-time *Church Ambassador*. Qualifications: A personal relationship with Jesus Christ and a heart for Christian service, strong interpersonal, communication and computer skills, a motivated, self-starter that works independently and collaboratively within a team setting, comfortable giving presentations and praying in groups, willingness to work with various Christian church denominations - Please send resume to: Love INC Sioux County, PO Box 85, Rock Valley, IA 51247. For more information, please contact Debbie at 476-5990.

Moms in Prayer is an international ministry that prays for children and schools. The Orange City College and Career group meets at Calvary Christian Reformed Church in the chapel. Come join us praying for our post-high children, for area colleges and other schools connected with the women attending. We gather Friday mornings from 8:30-9:30 a.m. For more information call Carol Borchard at 441-5286 or Sheryl Slegers at 441-2795.

Saucijsjes are back! OCCS will again be making frozen pig-in-the-blankets. The deadline to place orders is Friday, October 24, or until we reach our goal- so don't wait too long to get your order in! The cost is \$18.00 per dozen and you can order by using the google form link on the OCCS website or stop by the school office to fill out a paper copy. Tiger PAWS thanks you for your support of OCCS!

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](mailto:families@siouxlandhabitat.org). Contact Sandra with questions: 712-224-5117. Applications are due October 31.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### **Wednesday, October 1**

9:30 a.m. Coffee Break will meet at Calvary CRC – *Mark* – Lesson 3

### **Saturday, October 4**

9:00 a.m. You are invited to a Safari Adventure at Green Oaks Museum and Educational Center located 3 miles south of Fairview SD (29043th 486 Avenue). The Museum is filled with 140+ taxidermized animals in natural habitats, the result of global hunting trips by the Anden Van Beek family. Join us to tour the museum (9:00-10:00 AM) followed by refreshments, Q & A, and a Bible League presentation about global travels. There is a suggested donation of \$15/person for admittance, cash/check; a freewill offering will also be taken for Bible League. Children are welcome. Please call/text Linda Visser at 712-541-8485 if you would like a ride to the Museum.

### **Advanced Notices:**

Justice for All is having their Annual Meeting and Auction Thursday, October 9 at the south building of their ministry campus in Rock Valley. Every year there is an opportunity to hear about the highlights of the past fiscal year, trips and financial report along with a catered meal. After a short meeting there will be an auction with items donated to help provide support for JFA. Home-made items, gift cards, meat bundles and more will be up for bidding. Join us to hear a ministry update and stay for the entertainment of Zomer Auctioneering. If you'd like to donate an item contact Joel De Wit – [joeldw@jfa-nwiowa.org](mailto:joeldw@jfa-nwiowa.org) or 712.739.0055. Don't forget to mark your calendars for Thursday October 9, 2025, meal starts at 5:00pm, auction starting at 6:45pm.

Register for a high school experience of a lifetime! Tri-State Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) is accepting applications for the upcoming weekend at the First Presbyterian Church in Sibley, Iowa. TEC is an interdenominational three-day Christian retreat designed to help high schoolers learn more about their faith and their community. The next TEC is November 21-23, 2025. If you would like to learn more about TEC or register, please visit [www.TriStateTEC.org](http://www.TriStateTEC.org) or email [TriStateTEC@gmail.com](mailto:TriStateTEC@gmail.com). The cost is \$50 and includes a t-shirt & other special gifts. Scholarships are available upon request.

Singing in the Face of Death: How the Psalms model and shape our congregational singing, October 11, 10:30-12:00 p.m. at First CRC, Sioux Center. You are invited to join us as we consider how the ancient book of Psalms continues to shape and form the Church's worship, and ways that we may benefit from the historic practice of psalm singing. Hear from Dordt communication professor and organist Michael Kearney and guitarist Matthew David Montgomery as they share the ways that they've been able to incorporate the psalter in drastically differing stylistic church contexts.

"Singing the Psalms: How the Psalter Speaks to All Church Music Styles" featuring Dr. Michael Kearney & Matthew David Montgomery" Join us for an evening of instrumental and vocal music focusing on the psalter, on October 11, 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the B.J. Haan Auditorium on the campus of Dordt University. Congregational singing will be accompanied by organist Michael Kearney and guitarist Matthew David Montgomery.

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