

ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES

COMMUNITY BULLETIN

March 8, 2026

Denominational, Classis or Community Prayer Requests:

Pray that our college students remain safe during spring break. Pray that they return to studies and finish the year well.

Give thanks for public safety officers and municipal workers who keep our society safe and working. Pray for these workers to find satisfaction in their jobs and to be respected by us and our citizens.

Pray for peace, protection and wisdom for the people of Iran and the wider region amid violence and uncertainty.

Pray that decisions made by Classis Heartland on Saturday will be a spring board for fruitful kingdom labor in the next six months.

First CRC Family Prayer Requests:

Brian, Nancy, Tyler, and Trey Kroeze, and Vi Kuiken, will be traveling to Guatemala with a team from Maurice Reformed Church. They will be serving with Paradise Bound Ministries for a week, partnering in ministry and outreach. Please keep them in your prayers as they travel and serve.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Groundwork - Jesus: Judged, Beaten, and Crowned with Thorns - At the fifth Station of the Cross, we reflect on Jesus before Pilate, and at the sixth, we witness Jesus endure mocking and beating from Roman soldiers as they placed a crown of thorns on his head. Join Groundwork as we study Mark 15:1-15 and John 19:1-3 for a Lenten reflection on Jesus' suffering and persecution, and what it means for his followers. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com.

Rehoboth Christian High School band students and chaperones are seeking host families in the Sioux Center area to stay with the night of Friday, March 27 following their 7:00 p.m. concert at Dordt University. If you or someone you know might be available to host please reach out to the tour coordinator Laura Blystra for more details. She can be reached at lblystra@rcsnm.org or 505-726-9603.

Rehoboth Christian will also be presenting a concert at Calvary CRC on March 28. A Navajo taco meal will be served at Calvary from 5:00-6:30 with the concert to follow at 7:00 p.m. There will be a freewill donation for both the meal and the concert to cover expenses. Host families are needed for the night of March 28 as well. If you are willing to host a student/students on Saturday, March 28, please contact Dan Tracy at 712-395-8640 or Elsa at secretary@calvaryoc.org. Invite your friends and come out for an evening of food, fellowship, and music.

Paul's Missionary Journeys in Turkey & the Seven Churches of Revelation (Oct 9-19, 2026): Visit ancient sites connected with Paul's First, Second, and Third Missionary Journeys as well as the seven churches to whom John wrote the Book of Revelation. Join Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading biblical scholar, for this inspirational biblical tour. Contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or weimje@calvinseminary.edu.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sunday, March 8

5:00 p.m. Combined Prayer Day Worship Service at Immanuel CRC. Rev. Cody Statema will preach on Colossians 4:2-4 "Devoted to Prayer". An offering for the Sack Pack Program will be received.

Monday, March 9

6:00 p.m. Common Thread will meet at the Calvary Cadet/Coffeehouse Room.

Wednesday, March 11

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

Friday, March 13

7:00 p.m. The Dordt University Wind Symphony will give their tour home concert in the BJ Haan Auditorium. This concert marks the final performance of the Wind Symphony's 11-day tour, where they played in Iowa, Indiana, Virginia and Nebraska. Repertoire will feature selections from Maslanka, Mackey, Jager, Ticheli and others. The Wind Symphony is conducted by Dr. Onsbly Rose. The concert and a PDF program will also be available on livestream at <https://www.dordt.edu/live-events>.

Advanced Notices:

Love INC Sioux County invites the community to our *Trivia Fundraising Night* on March 28th at the Parkview Event Center in Rock Valley. Doors will open at 5 p.m. and food will be served starting at 5:30 pm. Very Good Trivia will supply our entertainment so come with your knowledge skills sharpened! Tickets to this event can be purchased for \$50 a piece or get a team together and reserve a table of 8 for \$360 by calling the Love INC office at (712) 476-5990 or online at www.loveincsiouxcounty.org. Deadline to purchase tickets is March 24.

Justice for All invites you to attend the Get to Know JFA Event on March 28 at the Terrace View Event Center, Sioux Center, IA - 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. JFA Ministry programs (Service & Learning, Sharing & Caring, and Transitional Housing) will be presented and then get ready for some fun!! JFA has invited Christian comedian and illusionist Joshua Jordan back again for a great time of laughs and magic! Entertainment for All ages! The catered meal will feature flavors and dishes inspired by the cultures and communities of our ministry partners. Reservations can be made by calling 712-476-2804 or emailing joeldw@jfa-nwiowa.org. (\$75/ticket or \$500 for a table of 8) Kids welcome to join us as we celebrate JFA ministry and enjoy a fun evening!!

The Institute for Reformed Biblical Counseling (IRBC) will be hosting the Reformed Biblical Counseling Conference, Counsel the Word, happening at Dordt University in Sioux Center, Iowa on April 17-18 (Friday evening and Saturday morning). This conference is free of charge, and no registration is required. Our speakers will include IRBC's new executive director, Dr. Jared Poulton, and Director Emeritus and Shepherd's Way Director, Dr. Jeff Doll. Join us for a weekend of teaching that explores how God calls and equips his church to counsel His Word. Learn more at the following website:
<https://reformedcounseling.org/event/counsel-the-word-2026>

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