

# First Christian Reformed Church of Oskaloosa

## Bulletin Supplement for 5/12/19

### CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

#### LETTERS:

- Bernice Veldhuizen -- Jared De Young Henry Vernooy -- Joel Huyser  
Delmar Vos -- Eric Schering Elmer Vos -- Justin Van Zee

#### A TIME FOR PRAYER:

- **AM Prayer:** You are invited to a time of prayer before our worship service every Sunday morning from 9:00-9:10 a.m. in the Conference Room. Everyone is welcome to join us.
- **PM Prayer:** You are invited to join us this evening at 5:30 in the Conference Room for a time of prayer for Andrew Van Engelenhoven.

#### FROM THE COUNCIL:

- **C.E.F. Update:** Following the last Deacon's meeting, these are the updated numbers on the CEF Fund: we still owe \$77,500 which is approximately 30% of the annual total. Please pray for and remember this in your giving as this needs to be paid by July 1. Thank you.
- **From the Deacons:** April Special Offerings were as follows:

Bible League	\$ 2,218.50	Gospel Singers	\$ 1,306.00
Resonate	\$ 2,557.75	Love, INC (In the Name of Christ)	\$ 1,889.00
- **Classis Meetings:** Classis Central Plains will be meeting this Thursday, May 16, at Pella Calvary CRC. Our delegates are Pastor Jon, Elder Jeff Van Donselaar & Deacon Luke Roozeboom. The alternates are Elder Byron Bruxvoort & Deacon Brett De Bruin. There will be a BBQ meal and fellowship for the delegates at 6:00 p.m. followed by the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Please keep all the delegates in your prayers for safety in travel and wisdom in the decisions that need to be made.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL INFO:

- **Year-End Schedule:** The schedule for the rest of the year is as follows:
  - ~ May 12 – No SS: Mother's Day
  - ~ May 19 – Regular class or Shut-in visit, HS Senior Recognition
  - ~ May 26 – No SS: Memorial Day weekend
  - ~ June 2 – SS Recognition and Picnic
- **The Ark Encounter:** Looking for a summer vacation spot? How about Williamsburg, Kentucky? Join us for Sunday School on May 19 in the downstairs music room. We will be viewing "The Building of the Ark Encounter" DVD. Come hear the story of how God placed the project on Ken Ham's heart and helped to bring it to fruition. By faith the ark was built.

#### FROM THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE:

- Due to all the graduations taking place next Sunday, May 19, there will NOT be a potluck for our Friendship Service. Instead the next potluck will be on June 2 which is our Sunday School Recognition Service.

#### VBS NEEDS:

- **Staff Needs:** VBS at the Good News Chapel is scheduled for June 3-7 and will soon be here. If you are interested in helping, please call Pastor Boetsma at 641-660-7096 or Mary Stout at 673-4700.
  - ~ 1 helper (8<sup>th</sup> graders - adult) for Age 5
- **Craft Needs:** Clean tuna cans or small cat food cans, foil pie pans, and frosting and/or sour cream container lids. Please leave in kitchen in the VBS bag on top of the south refrigerator. Thanks.
- **Staff Dedication:** Please join us on Sunday, June 2, at 6:00 p.m. for our Staff Dedication as we prepare for the week.

#### MISSION MAHASKA:

- **Update:** Several projects are underway for Mission Mahaska. These include updates for local thrift stores, Teen Challenge of the Midlands, Youth for Christ and some repair work for an elderly couple. Also scheduled is a Maintenance Building for Lakeview Camp. This building will allow more day camps to be held at Lakeview increasing the potential for more kids to hear about Jesus. Amazingly, we have been offered the steel for the building at nearly cost. This brings the amount needed to \$8,000. We are so grateful to have received \$2,700 thus far. Please prayerfully consider if God is calling you to give towards this project. Thank you.

- **Sign-Up Sheet:** There is a sign-up sheet for Mission Mahaska (June 13-15) in the Fellowship Hall. If you want to help, please sign up. Also, if you know of a family with a need, please let one of us know: Irv De Bruin 660-9525, Jerry De Bruin 660-5548, or Royce Spoelstra 569-3737.
- **Prayer Needs:** We ask that you would remain in prayer for Mission Mahaska and if you feel led to donate to the fund please put a note that it is for Mission Mahaska and put it in the offering or give to any deacon. Thank You!

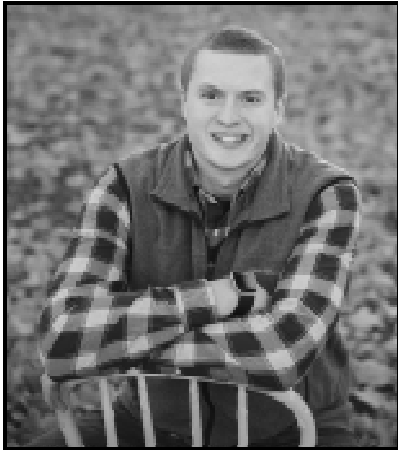
INFORMATION CENTER REPORTS:

- 1) Jared & Anna De Young

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES:

- May 12 = Jim & Marilyn Brummel
- May 13 = Marcia Brink, Kinzey Veenstra (Kyle)
- May 15 = Blake De Jong (Laura), Nick Spronk (Pastor Jon)
- May 17 = Brakken De Bruin (Brett)
- May 18 = Chris Pierson

GRADUATION:



Adam Lobberecht will graduate from North Mahaska High School on May 19, 2019.

He plans to attend Iowa State University to pursue a Bachelor's Degree in Atmospheric Sciences and Meteorology.

While in high school, Adam was in the choir, helped students through the North Mahaska Mentor Program, helped host Blood Drives at the school, was a member of the National Honor Society and was the Senior Class President.

Adam loves to sing, spend time with family, and take care of his dogs and poultry at home. Staying strong in his faith is also an important aspect of his life.

Adam is the son of David & Cassie Lobberecht.

FOUND:

- A Lady-Bug Pin was found under the south canopy last Sunday. Please see Sue to claim.

OFFICE NEWS:

- **Summer Hours:** Just a reminder that summer hours of Tuesday – Friday have started, the office will be closed on Monday's through Labor Day.

**REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

FROM PELLA CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL:

- **Band Pops Concert:** The annual PCHS instrumental Pops Concert will be held on Tuesday, May 14, at 7:00 p.m. in the gymnasium. You will want to reserve a table in advance or you may sit on the bleachers. This year, the band will be performing several favorites including "The Lion King", "Frozen" and many more. This is a great event for multiple generations and the whole family. Free popcorn and ice cream sundaes!!
- **Commencement:** The 79<sup>th</sup> Annual Commencement Exercises of PCHS will take place on Saturday, May 18, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the PCHS gymnasium. Pastor Doug Van Der Pol will give the address and Parker Schnell is the 2019 class representative.
- **Job Openings:** PCHS has an opening for a band instructor, an upper level Spanish teacher, and a part-time Industrial Arts teacher. Please contact Principal Dan Van Kooten at [vankootend@pceagles.org](mailto:vankootend@pceagles.org) if you or someone you know is interested.

FROM PEORIA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL:

- We would like to invite each of you to join us for our 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation, which takes place on Thursday, May 16, at 7:00 p.m. This year we have three 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students graduating. The three graduates are: Dan De Bruin, Ethan Hol, and Alexa Klaasen. This is an important day for these three students and their families, so please plan to attend this major milestone in their lives. Also, they have invited all families to join in the celebration with them immediately following the program in the gymnasium. We hope to see you there.

## MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM:

- You are invited to a Memorial Day Service to be held at the Peoria Cemetery at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, May 27. Al Bandstra will be the speaker. Please bring your lawn chairs. In case of inclement weather, the service will be held at the Peoria gym. Refreshments will be served.

## HEARTLAND GOSPEL SING:

- The Fourth Annual Heartland Gospel Hymn Sing will be held Saturday, June 15, at 6:00 p.m. in the First Reformed Church, 603 Broadway, in Pella. You are invited to join us for this non-denominational, intergenerational time of singing the heartwarming traditional hymns of the faith. It is going to be a wonderful evening of worship as we all join in singing these familiar songs. The singing will be led by Mr. Tom Brown and a mass choir which will include anyone who wants to sing along with some of our local Gospel singers. Our pianist will be Mrs. Barbara Nunnkhioven. There will be a free will offering received to cover expenses. For additional information, or if you would like to be part of the mass choir, please contact Carol Houk at [cardonhouk@mahaska.org](mailto:cardonhouk@mahaska.org) or Christy Van Zee at [vanzeejc@gmail.com](mailto:vanzeejc@gmail.com) or 641-628-1068. The Choir will practice at 5:00 p.m. on June 15 prior to the hymn sing.

## FROM CRC NEWS:

- **From Back to God Ministries International:**

- ~ *How Jesus Changed Our Understanding of God:* From where in scripture does the belief that Jesus is God come? Or the belief that God is three persons yet one God? Join us as we study John 1:1-5 and 14:15-26 with Han-luen Kantzer Komline to discover the source, history, and implication of these beliefs. Listen now at [www.GroundworkOnline.com](http://www.GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.
- ~ *God of Wonders:* While Grandpa and Chamy talk about creation, Liz and Morrie stumble across the unexpected in the woods. So why is God sometimes called the God of Wonders? Listen now at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net) and subscribe to KC's weekly emails for future episodes. Download KC's Image Bearer Picture Frame Kit for a family activity today.
- ~ *Family Fire* is an online community exploring Spirit-led family, marriage, parenting, in-laws, blended families, and intimacy. Find encouraging articles and devotions at [www.familyfire.com](http://www.familyfire.com). Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

- **From World Renew:**

- ~ *Short-Term Volunteers:* Are you 18 to 24 years old and interested in embarking on a short-term volunteer opportunity with life-long impact? World Renew's Global Volunteer Program provides opportunities to live, work, eat, and play in an international community while exploring how God wants to use your talents and skills for His purpose. For more information, contact Andrew at [globalvolunteer@worldrenew.net](mailto:globalvolunteer@worldrenew.net).
- ~ *World Renew Careers:* Do you love to see transformation as people are empowered to live healthy, fruitful lives? Do you desire to promote this transformation? World Renew is currently hiring for these three positions:
  - Director of Donor Relations, USA, based in Grand Rapids, MI;
  - Chief Advancement Officer based in Grand Rapids, MI; and
  - Director of Donor Relations, Canada based in Burlington, ON.

For more information on these positions, and for the links to apply, please visit our website at:

[www.worldrenew.net/careers](http://www.worldrenew.net/careers).

- **From Calvin Theological Seminary:** Israel & Jordan Study Tour - October 10-22, 2019 - Travel to New Testament sites connected with Jesus' life and the early church: Bethlehem, Nazareth, Caesarea, Capernaum, Bethsaida, Sea of Galilee, Caesarea Philippi, the major biblical places in Jerusalem, Masada and much more. This tour also uniquely involves key biblical sites in Jordan, including the amazing city of Petra. Visit [www.jeffreyweima.com](http://www.jeffreyweima.com) or contact Dr. Jeff Weima at [wemje@calvinseminary.edu](mailto:wemje@calvinseminary.edu) or 616-328-3110
- **From CRC Communications:** Pray for Inspire 2019 - Inspire 2019 is a conference to connect people from across the 1000+ churches in the Christian Reformed Church for three days of worship, workshops, speakers, and conversation. As we plan and prepare for this event, happening August 1-3 in Windsor, Ont., please join us in praying for the event and all who will attend. This week, please pray for breakout speakers in sessions about racism and reconciliation. Pray that speakers will present in ways that engage and build understanding, and that participants will be open to learn, hear new perspectives, and embrace brothers and sisters "from every tribe and language and people and nation" (Rev. 5:9).
- **Family Faith Formation Tip:** It's important for your kids to know that adults need God's help too. In age-appropriate ways, share your concerns with your kids. Are you nervous about that presentation at work? Ask your kids to pray for you. Then tell them later how God answered those prayers. (Faith Formation Ministries; [www.crcna.org/FaithFormation](http://www.crcna.org/FaithFormation))

- **From Resonate Global Mission:** Step Back into Biblical Times - Walk the paths of the Exodus from Egypt to Israel. Follow in Jesus' footsteps from Nazareth to Jerusalem. See scripture on the walls of ancient temples and tombs. Resonate Global Mission is gathering a team for the Exodus Vision Tour for Spring 2020. Learn more and apply at [www.resonateglobalmission.org/exodus](http://www.resonateglobalmission.org/exodus).

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### *Before I was a Mom*

Before I was a Mom...

- ...I slept as late as I wanted and never worried about how late I got into bed.
- ...I brushed my hair and my teeth everyday.

Before I was a Mom...

- ...I cleaned my house each day. I never tripped over toys or forgot words to a lullaby.
- ...I didn't worry whether or not my plants were poisonous. I never thought about immunizations.

Before I was a Mom...

- ...I had never been puked on. Pooped on. Spit on. Chewed on. Peed on.
- ...I had complete control of my mind and my thoughts. I slept all night.

Before I was a Mom...

- ...I never held down a screaming child so that doctors could do tests. Or give shots.
- ...I never looked into teary eyes and cried. I never got gloriously happy over a simple grin.
- ...I never sat up late hours at night watching a baby sleep.

Before I was a Mom...

- ...I never held a sleeping baby just because I didn't want to put it down.
- ...I never felt my heart break into a million pieces when I couldn't stop the hurt.
- ...I never knew that something so small could affect my life so much.
- ...I never knew that I could love someone so much. I never knew I would love being a Mom.

Before I was a Mom...

- ...I didn't know the feeling of having my heart outside my body.
- ...I didn't know how special it could feel to feed a hungry baby.
- ...I didn't know that bond between a mother and her child.
- ...I didn't know that something so small could make me feel so important and happy.

Before I was a Mom...

- ...I had never gotten up in the middle of the night every 10 minutes to make sure all was okay.
- ...I had never known the warmth, the joy, the love, the heartache, the wonderment or the satisfaction of being a Mom.
- ...I didn't know I was capable of feeling so much before I was a Mom.

And before I was a Grandma...

- ...I didn't know that all those "Mom" feelings more than doubled!

