

First Christian Reformed Church of Oskaloosa

Bulletin Supplement for 5/5/19

CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

LETTERS:

- Kirk Veenstra -- Jared De Young Kyle Veenstra -- Joel Huyser
- Larry Veenstra -- Eric Schering Mitchel Veenstra -- 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 on Sunday evening, May 12, at 5:30 in the Conference Room for a time of prayer for Andrew Van Engelenhoven.

FROM THE COUNCIL:

- **Church Visitors:** Church visitors, Rev. George Den Oudsten and Mr. Steve Vermeer, will be making their annual church visit with our council on Monday, May 6, during the Council Meeting.
- **C.E.F. Update:** Following the Deacon's meeting on Monday evening, 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.
- **Transportation:** There are members of our congregation who occasionally need to be picked up for worship services. If you would be willing to help out with this, please call the church office at 673-4272 by tomorrow, May 6 and we will get a list made up to be published in the near future.

YEAR-END SUNDAY SCHOOL INFO:

- The schedule for the rest of the year is as follows:
 - ~ May 5 – Regular Class
 - ~ 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

PROFESSION OF FAITH CLASSES:

- **Adults:** Adults who are interested joining our church are encouraged to meet with Pastor Jon in his office this morning after the worship service to discuss Profession of Faith classes. We are planning on a four-week new member's class.
- **High-School Students:** A Profession of Faith class will be offered this summer for our high school students.

FROM THE EVANGELISM COMMITTEE:

- Mother's Day is the second Sunday of the month (May 12) and no members are assigned or committed to attend services at Homestead. However, if anyone would like to volunteer to go on that date, there is a sign-up sheet on the Information Center table if you would like to participate. Please sign up no later than today.

VBS NEEDS:

- **Staff Meeting:** Our Staff meeting is scheduled for this Wednesday, May 8, at 7:00 p.m.
- **Staff Needs:** VBS at the Good News Chapel is scheduled for June 3-7 and will soon be here. There are several staff spots open. If you are interested, please call Pastor Boetsma at 641-660-7096 or Mary Stout at 673-4700.
 - ~ 3 helpers (8th graders - adult) for Age 3, Age 5 & 4th grade classes
 - ~ 1 puppet presenter
- **Craft Needs:** Clean tuna cans or small cat food cans, foil pie pans, and frosting can lids. Please leave in kitchen in the VBS bag on top of the south refrigerator. Thanks.

MOTHER'S DAY PICTURES NEEDED:

- In honor of all our wonderful mother's, I am requesting pictures of you with your moms. These can be current or from years past. Please e-mail your pictures to lstrcprojection@gmail.com by Thursday, May 9. Please let Lisa De Bruin know if you have any questions - 641-660-6682.

LADIES DAY OUT:

- Ladies (college and older) join us Saturday, June 8, for a day out to the Des Moines Farmers Market followed by lunch before coming back home. More details to come, but please mark your calendars for this upcoming event!

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) Pella Christian High Reporter 2) Jared & Anna De Young

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES:

- May 6 = Lavonne Brink, Pastor Paul Hoekstra, Leah Lorentzen (Jeff), Dorothy Vos, Mark Vos
- May 7 = Brian Meinders, Harper Wickenkamp (Evan)
 Harry & Elizabeth Boender
- May 10 = Elizabeth Boender, Kendall Brink
- May 11 = Heather Collins

NEWSLETTER CORRECTION:

-  Adam Lobberecht was inadvertently omitted from the list of High School Graduates in the newsletter last week. I hope to have his information for you next week. My apologies to Adam and the family!

OFFICE NEWS:

- **Summer Hours:** Beginning tomorrow, I will be starting my summer hours of working Tuesday – Friday, with the office being closed on Monday.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS:

FROM PELLA CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL:

- **Spring Concert:** The annual Spring Choir Concert will be held on Wednesday, May 8, at 7:00 p.m. in the PCHS Vermeer Auditorium.
- **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. Reservation deadline is Friday, May 10, at 9:00 a.m. 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 79th 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.
- **Thank You!:** Thank you from PCHS! Our spring Gala, Hawaiian Heist event was a fun-filled evening and the school is grateful to all those who supported the event by attending and with your generous contributions toward student assistance. If you could not attend but would still like to support our efforts to keep Christian Education affordable for all families your gift would be most appreciated. Checks can be dropped off in the school office or mailed to 300 Eagle Lane.
- **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 if you or someone you know is interested.

FROM LAKE VIEW CAMP:

- Have you signed your kids up for camp yet? It's not too late! Lake View Camp offers day camps, overnight camps, work trips, and grandparent/grandchild camps. Send your child on a great summer adventure where they will swim, fish, canoe, hike, and play crazy games - all while growing deeper in their faith. More information and online registration available at www.lakeviewconference.com.

FIRE AND BRIMSTONE:

- Iowa Huddle, a group of Christ followers from our local area, is sponsoring *Fire and Brimstone, A Documentary Film of Redemption* on Saturday, May 11, at 7:00 p.m. at Gateway Church of the Nazarene (140 Gateway Dr. in Oskaloosa). David Arthur gives a powerful testimony on his deliverance and redemption through Jesus Christ from a very dark life-style. There is no charge for attending & beverages will be served. If you have questions, please contact Denny Bryan at 641-295-0245 or IowaHuddle99@gmail.com.

FROM OSKALOOSA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL:

- OSCI is actively seeking an additional full-time Kinder Kids teacher and a part-time teacher for choir and general music in grades 6-8 for the 2019-2020 school year. All candidates should be passionate about building relationships with students and the integration of a Biblical worldview into all areas of teaching and learning. Interested candidates should complete and submit the faculty application found on the employment section of our website (www.oskaloosachristian.net) to Mr. Don Mitchell at mitchelld@oskaloosachristian.net. If you have any questions, feel free to email Mr. Mitchell or call the school at 641-672-2174.

TRAINING FOR MINISTRY? SEMINARY?

- If you are discovering that God is calling you into full-time ministry and seminary training is in your future, we want to make you aware that Classis Central Plains is willing to support you through that journey. Through the Classical Ministry Leadership Team, we are able to support you by offering a financial scholarship, our prayer commitment and communications of encouragement throughout your training. If you are interested in finding out more, please email Brad Meinders (pastor of First CRC in Pella) at pastormeinders@gmail.com.

ADVANCE NOTICE:

- Peoria Christian Reformed Church will celebrate their 125th Anniversary on Sunday, June 2, 2019. Three pastors who formerly served our congregation will participate in our 9:30 a.m. worship service. A noon fellowship meal will follow (food and table service provided for guests). The 6:00 p.m. evening worship service will be a time of celebration to God for His faithfulness through 125 years. Everyone is invited to join us for a day of worship, celebration, and fellowship.

FROM CRC NEWS:

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

~ *The Supremacy of Christ*: We use a lot of phrases to describe Christ and His role: firstborn of the dead, firstborn of all creation, reconciler, and head of the church. Join the conversation on Colossians 1:18-20 to discover their origin and what they mean we believe about Jesus Christ. Listen now at www.GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

~ *The Long Goodbye*: How do people deal with loss? The kids are saddened when a death occurs in the Terrene community. At the same time, Lucille has to say goodbye to a favorite aunt who is going to do far away missions. How do you say goodbye? Listen now at 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.

• **From World Renew:**

~ *Free A Family from Poverty*: May 12 is Free A Family® Offering Sunday for World Renew. Join in helping a whole family and their entire community leave poverty behind for less than \$1 a day. First Thessalonians 5 reminds us to rejoice, pray, and be thankful always. Please give generously in next week's World Renew offering to help families improve their lives. Thank you.

~ *Volunteer Overseas*: Are you looking for ways to help end poverty, restore creation, and reconcile relationships? World Renew's Global Volunteer Program has overseas placements for individuals in language learning, health, agriculture, engineering, and more. If you are identifying God's call in your life or looking for an opportunity to use your gifts and skills, let's further God's kingdom together. To find out more, contact Andrew at globalvolunteer@worldrenew.net.

- **Family Faith Formation Tip:** An anonymous wise person said, "It is through repetition that possibility becomes ability." Making space for God in your family's busy schedule can be hard. But creating regular family faith habits and practices will have a life-changing impact on your kids—and on you! The new resource Everyday Family Faith (available at www.FaithAliveResources.org), a pocket-sized family faith formation guide, can help you get started. (Faith Formation Ministries; www.crcna.org/FaithFormation).

- **Be a Camp Counselor!:** You can make a difference in the life of a young person in Hungary this summer! Resonate partner Momo Victor is inviting college-aged students from Canada and the United States to help lead two week-long English camps. You'll need a love for kids, a sense of adventure, and a desire to serve God! Learn more and apply at www.resonateglobalmission.org/summercamp.