

# First Christian Reformed Church of Oskaloosa

## Bulletin Supplement for 9/1/19

### CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

#### LETTERS:

- Rich De Groot -- Jared De Young Roger De Groot -- Joel Huyser
- Wayne De Jong -- Eric Schering Brent De Ronde -- Justin Van Zee

#### A TIME FOR 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.

#### FROM THE DEACONS:

- **The General Fund is still running very low.**
  - ~ Some % of Budget numbers to look at:
    - ~ We are 2/3 of the way through the year, or 66%.
    - ~ Our expenses paid so far this year, 60%.
    - ~ Our expenses paid if we were to pay our 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Classical Shares, 63%.
    - ~ Our income from envelopes so far this year, 52%.
- We had a bit of a cushion coming into the year, but that is now gone. We are starting the month of September with only \$18,000 in the bank, which will not cover this month's regular expenses. We also still owe our 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Classical Shares of \$7,000, plus our 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Classical Shares are due next month. Please prayerfully consider this in your giving.

#### FROM THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FUND COMMITTEE:

- For this coming school year our church will owe \$ 278,000.00. Please be in prayers about your commitment to this as Pledge Sheets will be handed out in a couple of weeks.

#### GEMS REMINDERS:

- **1<sup>st</sup> Meeting:** Our first meeting of the year will be this Wednesday evening, Sept. 4, at 7:00 p.m.
- **Campout:** The GEMS camp out at Lake Keomah is this Friday, Sept. 6, after school.

#### YOU'RE INVITED:

- Come help us celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of John & Delores Ryken. We will have an open house on Friday, Sept. 6, from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Stillwater Cabin, 2052 275<sup>th</sup> Street, Oskaloosa, Iowa. A light meal will be served. No gifts please!

#### UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- The CEF (**Christian Education Fund**) Committee will be meeting on Sept. 8 following the morning worship service.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL:

- **Classes:** Sunday School classes will begin next Sunday, Sept. 8, with a regular meeting.
- **Teachers:** Your materials are in your classrooms. If you are in need of any other materials or supplies, contact Steve Kaisand.
- **Adult Sunday School:** Join the Adult Sunday School class in the downstairs Music Room. We will be studying *Modern Parables: Living in the Kingdom of God*. The short DVD puts familiar parables in a modern day setting. What would you do if you found a treasure in your neighbor's field? The first DVD *Hidden Treasure* compares to *The Parables of the Hidden Treasure and the Pearl* (Matthew 13:44-46). What would you do?
- **Shut-In Program:** As we get ready for our new Sunday school year, we are updating our "Adopt-a-Shut-In" list. This list is used to assign a shut-in person to each Sunday school class, so the class can develop a relationship with the person by sending a card each week. If you are not on the list and would like to be, or know of someone not from our congregation who we could bless, please inform Ruth De Bruin at 641-295-2795 or [deruinrp@gmail.com](mailto:deruinrp@gmail.com).

#### HOME VISITATION:

- Home Visitation will be held on Monday, Sept. 9. The schedule is as follows:

**Veenstra & J. Bruxvoort**  
7:00 Cal Branderhorst  
8:15 Ken Van Donselaar

**Pastor Jon & Kaisand**  
7:00 Marty Roberts  
8:15 Keith Brink

**Sytsma & Kunz**  
7:00 Steve Roozeboom  
8:15 Joe Caligiuri

**Louwsma & Spoelstra**

7:00 Eric Hol

8:15 Doug De Bruin

**G. De Bruin & B. Bruxvoort**

7:00 Leland De Groot

8:15 Jim Drost

**TUESDAY EVENING COFFEE BREAK:**

- Women (& their children) of the church and the community are invited to attend Tuesday Evening Coffee Break. On Tuesday, Sept. 10, from 5:45 – 7:15 p.m. there will be a potluck picnic at Church to include socializing for the women and playtime for their children. You may bring a dish to share, but not necessary. Each week following at the church will include a light evening meal at 5:45 followed by Bible study (*Acts – Church on the Edge*) at 6:15 for women and Bible stories, games & crafts for their children. We would love to have you join us, one, two or 27 weeks! (Nursery can be arranged for infants.) Call Deb at 660-8290 or Dena at 660-5671, if you have questions. There are extra invites in the foyer if you’d like to invite someone to come with you, or need more information. See you any Tuesday; we’d love to have some new faces!

**CADETS:**

- **Paperwork:** Your start-up packets for the 2019-2020 year are in your mailboxes this week. There are several papers that need to be filled out and turned in before the start of the season.
- **Campout:** We will be starting our year with a Campout on Sept. 13-14. If you haven’t already turned in your paperwork (Registration Form, Transportation Release, Web-Site Consent Form & Medical Release are all in the above packet), please bring it with you church that afternoon. Thanks! Questions? Call Gene at 660-3297.

**GAMES DAY LUNCHEON:**

- We will be having our Fall Luncheon on Wednesday, Sept. 25, at 11:30. Country Catering will be serving the meal. Reserve the date. If there is someone who would like to join us, please call Mary Ann at 673-8063 or Jeanette at 673-3912.

**BLOOD DRIVE:**

- The next Blood Drive will be held on Monday, Sept. 16, from 2:30-7:00 p.m. If you would like to donate and have not been contacted, please call Sue De Bruin at 673-7303 or 673-4272.

**“THE STORY”:**

- *“The Story”* Bibles that we will be going through in 2020 are on display in the hallway. Please take some time to look through them. Ordering information will be given to the congregation in November.

**DIRECTORY UPDATES:**

- Please make the following change in your directory:  
Byron & Deb Bruxvoort  
1407 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue East  
Oskaloosa, IA 52577  
641-660-6260 (B) & 641-660-8290 (D) – NO Landline

**INFORMATION CENTER UPDATES:**

- 1) Barnabas Foundation *Stewardship Spotlight*                      2) Youth for Christ *Campus Life*

**BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES:**

- Sept. 1            =        Brant & Martha Bruxvoort, Irv & Anne De Bruin, Evan & Brooke Wickenkamp
- Sept. 2            =        Sandra Plate, Allison Veenstra (Mitchel)
- Sept. 3            =        Ken Van Donselaar, Tony Zou  
                                 Chris & Kelly Pierson
- Sept. 4            =        Larry Robertson, Tyler Shelquist  
                                 Marvin & Jeanette De Bruin, Mitchel & Lyndsay Veenstra
- Sept. 5            =        John & Delores Ryken
- Sept. 7            =        Jared Roberts (Marty)

**REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**BIBLE LEAGUE RETREAT:**

- Register today to be blessed at the Bible League Volunteer sponsored retreat *“His Plan...Our Purpose”* on Thursday, Sept. 12. Key note speaker, Pam Schram will speak in all sessions encouraging and inspiring you; ministry leader, Nervana will be visiting from Egypt to share how God is moving in the hearts of people as she ministers among Muslims there; you will be led in worship with Deb Bruxvoort and Bonnie Vander Weerd, and you will adore the special music by flautist Julia Vander Wal. Registration brochures are available from your Key Contact, Elaine Bandstra, or online at [bibleleague.org/retreat19](http://bibleleague.org/retreat19).

#### FROM PELLA CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL:

- This is an invitation to all PCHS alumni to attend the home football game against Regina of Iowa City on Friday, Sept. 13, at 7:00 p.m. You will receive some freebies at the gate including a complimentary concessions food coupon.

#### AN INVITATION TO SING IN THE MALE CHORUS:

- We are about to embark on the 50<sup>th</sup> Season of the Gospel Singers Male Chorus. Our theme this year goes along with our legacy - *Find Us Faithful*. We invite all men who have a desire to sing God's praises to join us on the evening of Saturday, Sept. 14, at 7:00 p.m. in Oskaloosa First Christian Reformed Church. We have a great selection of songs centered around our theme. We're asking members present and past to find a friend and invite him to the first rehearsal. See you all there. For more information, call our director Gary Verhoef at 641-628-9593.

#### FROM PATHWAYS OF PELLA:

- Get ready to enjoy a Saturday morning cruise on Saturday, Sept. 21, joining other motorcycle and car enthusiasts to raise money for Pathways of Pella. Registrations begin at 8:30 a.m. Riders and drivers will depart at 10 a.m. from the United Methodist Church parking lot located at 1414 University Street in Pella. There will be a lunch stop at the Lake Ahquabi Beach Shelter House mid-way through the ride (located just outside of Indianola). This meal is free for all registered riders/passengers. For those who wish not to participate in the ride, you are invited to come out and enjoy the meal, for a small cost. During the meal, we will also have children's activities, along with a silent auction. For more information, please contact Jed Blauw at [bhteets@gmail.com](mailto:bhteets@gmail.com) or visit our Facebook event page here <https://www.facebook.com/events/434870260704528/>.

#### FROM CRC NEWS:

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

- ~ Baptism: Water is ordinary, so why do Christians think touching a person's body with water in baptism can do extraordinary things? Join Groundwork in studying Matthew 28:18-20 and Colossians 2:9-15 with our guest Jim Brownson to discover what happens in baptism, whom it's for, and the hope it gives to faithful believers. Listen now at [www.GroundworkOnline.com](http://www.GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

- ~ Morrie's Love Story: Morrie gets up the courage to talk to the little red-headed girl he's had a crush on. But does she like him, or is there someone else? Listen now at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net) and subscribe to KC's weekly emails for future episodes. Download this month's Kids Corner puzzle and game giveaway, The Bible Challenge Activity Book 7.

- **From World Renew:**

- ~ Careers with World Renew: If you are passionate about World Renew's work and advancing His kingdom, check out the following career opportunities currently available with World Renew. These include: Director of Donor Relations, USA (based in Grand Rapids, MI); and Program Coordinator with the International Disaster Response Team (based in Burlington, ON). See our website for more details about these opportunities and the links to apply: [www.worldrenew.net/careers](http://www.worldrenew.net/careers).

- ~ Help Naschitti CRC Recover from Arson Fire: Last week, the CRC in Naschitti, NM, was damaged by arson. The property was uninsured and church leaders have asked World Renew DRS for help. DRS volunteers are making plans to support the congregation with clean up, repair and volunteer labor. Your financial support makes this project possible. Please give generously today at [www.worldrenew.net/drs](http://www.worldrenew.net/drs), by calling 800-552-7972, sending your check, made out to World Renew DRS with "Naschitti CRC Response" in the memo line, to World Renew, 1700 28 th St., SE. Grand Rapids, MI 49508.

- ~ Volunteer Overseas with World Renew: 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](mailto:globalvolunteer@worldrenew.net).

- **The Banner's Guide to the Acts of Synod 2019**: Every year, following the CRC's annual general assembly, the denomination publishes a hefty volume detailing all the 'acts' of that year's synod. If you get bogged down in the 50,000-word document or are intimidated to even pick it up, *The Banner's* 3,000-word guide is for you. Find it at [www.thebanner.org/synod](http://www.thebanner.org/synod).

- **At-Home Faith Formation Tip**: Fall can be an overwhelming and anxious time for students of all ages. How could you encourage the students in your family or your church this week? You might bake cookies, share a favorite book, send a card. And pray for them as they discover the gifts God has given them and explore how God might be calling them to use those gifts. (Tip from Faith Formation Ministries; [www.crcna.org/FaithFormation](http://www.crcna.org/FaithFormation))