

First Christian Reformed Church of Oskaloosa

Bulletin Supplement for 9/8/19

CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

LETTERS:

- Carol De Ronde -- Jared De Young Kevin De Ronde -- Joel Huyser
- Kyle De Ronde -- Eric Schering Neil 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.** We started the month of September with only \$18,000 in the bank, that will not cover this month's regular expenses. We also still owe our 2nd Quarter Classical shares of \$7,000 plus our 3rd Quarter Classical shares are due next month. Please prayerfully consider this in your giving.
- **2019 Monthly Budget Report** (Local & Classical Church Budget)

	2019 Budget	Monthly Giving	Difference	Total Difference
January	\$ 20,967.83	\$ 11,715.00	- \$ 9,252.83	- \$ 9,252.83
February	\$ 20,967.83	\$ 16,585.00	- \$ 4,382.83	- \$ 13,635.66
March	\$ 20,967.84	\$ 20,530.00	- \$ 437.84	- \$ 14,073.50
April	\$ 20,967.83	\$ 13,907.70	- \$ 7,060.13	- \$ 21,133.63
May	\$ 20,967.83	\$ 9,610.00	- \$ 11,357.83	- \$ 32,491.46
June	\$ 20,967.84	\$ 18,790.61	- \$ 2,177.23	- \$ 34,668.69
July	\$ 20,967.83	\$ 22,405.00	\$ 1,437.17	- \$ 33,231.52
August	\$ 20,967.83	\$ 15,540.00	- \$ 5,427.83	- \$ 38,659.35
September \				
October	\$ 83,871.34			
November				
December /				

Approved Budget \$ 251,614.00

FROM THE BUILDING COMMITTEE:

- Just a friendly reminder that your before-church drinks **are not** allowed in the sanctuary.

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 soon.

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

- **Classes:** Sunday School classes will begin today 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.

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!

HOSTS/HOSTESSES NEEDED:

- Please sign the sheet on the Information Center table to be one of the 11 volunteers to serve as Host/Hostess (singles or couples welcome) for the Thursday evening Love, INC (In the Name of Christ) classes. Classes will continue this Thursday, Sept. 12 through Nov. 21. The approximate time commitment is from 5:00-6:30 p.m. If you have other questions, please call Gloria at 660-6856. Thank you.

CADETS:

- **Paperwork:** Your start-up packets for the 2019-2020 year were in your mailboxes last 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.

FROM THE FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE:

- On Sunday, Sept. 15, we will again be having our Friendship Potluck. Invite a friend to our Friendship service at 9:30 and stay for the potluck which will begin immediately after the Sunday School hour at approximately 11:45. If you plan on attending and are in Care Group #8, the Fellowship Committee would appreciate your help with set-up and clean up. Thank you in advance.

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.

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.

FROM THE BUILDING COMMITTEE:

- If you loaned the church some items to furnish Pastor Paul & Ellen's house and would like to have them back, please contact a Byron or Larry to set up a time that works.

"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.

CHURCH USE:

- Just a reminder that if you use any of the classrooms or either kitchen in the church or various items (tablecloths, etc.) to please return them to their original condition before you leave. Please have the tablecloths washed and returned promptly. Thank you!

INFORMATION CENTER UPDATES:

- 1) Barnabas Foundation *Stewardship Spotlight*
- 2) Youth for Christ *Campus Life*
- 3) De Young's
- 4) Huyser Prayer Letter
- 5) Van Zee Prayer Letter

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES:

- Sept. 8 = Raegan De Groot (Layton)
Jeff & Virginia Pierson
- Sept. 10 = Dustin Brink, Ezra Groenenboom (Joel)
Sherwin & Kristin Plate

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES (con't):

- Sept. 11 = Eric & Kim Hol
Sept. 12 = Diane Bruxvoort
Keith & Marcia Brink
Sept. 13 = Trisha Van Donselaar (Jeremy), Ryan Van Gilst (Joel)
Laremy & Nicole De Groot
Sept. 14 = Luke Boender (Doug)

TRANSPORTATION RELEASES:

- **Forms:** It is that time of year again and updated Transportation Releases need to be turned in to the office. Each different organization needs to have a release signed as I keep them by group in the office.
 - ~ Cadets – were in your information packets, need to be given to Gene.
 - ~ GEMS – need to be turned in to Linda or Crystal.
 - ~ Sunday School – are in your mailboxes this week. There is one for each child as I keep them by class within the Sunday School group.
 - ~ IGNITE – The Youth Leaders have them. If you have not filled one out already, please contact your leaders for one and then return it to the office.
- **Mailbox:** For the sheets that are in your mailbox, please just take a minute, sign them and then after church slide the office window open and put them on the table.
- **Leaders:** If your sheets need to be returned to a leader, please do that ASAP, so that they can return them to me.

OFFICE NEWS:

- **Misc. Stuff:** Just a few reminders as the society season starts up again:
 - ~ Space: If you need to use areas of the church that you don't normally use, at a time you don't normally use them (i.e. Fellowship Hall &/or Kitchen on a Thursday afternoon), you need to talk to me to reserve the space. Space is reserved on a "first come, first serve" basis.
 - ~ Projects: I am more than willing to help you with your projects (designing, copying, cutting), just please get them to me in a timely manner. (Read "NOT Thursday or Friday" ☺)
 - ~ Mailboxes: **PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE** let me put things in mailboxes for you. It is much easier for me to do the smaller things last. Just leave the items on my table with instructions (if needed). Thanks!
 - ~ Van Use: Please see the attached sheet for van use guidelines. The van is reserved through the office on a "first come, first serve" basis.
- **Office Hours:** Beginning tomorrow, the office will again be open Monday – Friday, 9-11:30. Thanks.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS:

FROM PEORIA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL:

- PCS is selling Sub Sandwiches again. There are two options of Ham, Turkey, Swiss, & American Cheese on Hoagie Bun or Ham, Pella Bologna, Swiss, & American Cheese on Hoagie Bun. Cost is \$3 per sandwich or 13 sandwiches for \$36. We are also selling Butter Braids & Cookie Dough. New this year is online ordering available for Butter Braids & Cookie Dough. Go to <https://store.myfundraisingplace.com/4ba638ac-dbd5-4d15-ac80-16a1f97e74fe> and choose a student to submit order. Money **MUST** be collected when orders are placed. Orders are due to the school on Wednesday, Sept. 11. They will be available for pick up along with sub sandwiches on Wednesday, Sept. 25. Any questions or to place an order please contact a Peoria student or the school at 641-625-4131.

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.

FROM PELLA CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL:

- **Alumni:** 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.

- **College Planning Night:** On Monday, Sept. 16, parents of juniors and seniors at PCHS are invited to a presentation and question/answer session about navigating the college admission and financial aid process. This information will be especially valuable for parents who have had no experience with the process previously. We will meet in the school library at 7:00 p.m.

AN INVITATION TO SING IN THE MALE CHORUS:

- We are about to embark on the 50th 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 10:00 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 or visit our Facebook event page here <https://www.facebook.com/events/434870260704528/>.

FROM HOSPICE OF PELLA:

- Hospice of Pella has scheduled their next six-week volunteer training class for Tuesday evenings, Sept. 24 – Oct. 29 from 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. at the Comfort House meeting room. To sign-up or for more information, call Hospice of Pella at 641-620-5050.

FROM LAKE VIEW CAMP:

- Middle School and High School Students mark your calendars! Lake View Camp is offering retreats this fall and winter! Middle School Fall Retreat is Oct. 19-20, 2019. High School Winter Retreat is Jan. 25-26, 2020. Learn more about how following God changes everything and have lots of fun with friends! There are a limited number of registration forms on the Information Center table or you can visit our website (www.lakeviewconference.com) to register online.

PAUL'S MISSIONARY JOURNEYS IN GREECE:

- From April 2-14, 2020 travel by motor coach (8 days) and cruise ship (3 days) to sites connected with Paul's 2nd and 3rd missionary journeys, as well as visit other major sites of biblical, archaeological, and cultural interest. Jeff Weima, Professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading Pauline scholar, hosts this inspirational tour. For more information, visit www.jeffreyweima.com or contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or weimje@calvinseminary.edu

FROM CRC NEWS:

- **From Back to God Ministries International:**
 - ~ *The Lord's Supper:* Communion, Lord's Supper, Eucharist...it's one sacrament known by many names, practiced in varying forms. Join us as we study Luke 22:14-20, John 6:52-58, and 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 with guest Jim Brownson to discover why Christians believe it's an essential means of receiving Christ and experiencing His presence. Listen now at www.GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.
 - ~ *Blizzd the Peacemaker:* Grandpa challenges Liz and Lucille to be peacemakers. Who's got the bigger test? Liz with Spike and Skink? Or Lucille with Mrs. Trollscapes! Listen now at 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.
 - ~ *A Theology of The Office:* Bears. Beets. Battlestar Galactica. A Theology of The Office examines the hit show through the eyes of faith. Free when you subscribe to *Think Christian* emails at www.ThinkChristian.net/TheOffice.
 - ~ *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. Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

- **From World Renew:**

- ~ *Have you Considered a Global Church Partnership?*: If you are seeking an opportunity to develop in-depth relationships with other Christians locally and internationally, World Renew helps churches to develop committed church-to-church relationships that enrich lives within a congregation and provide long-term, two-way support between churches. Join World Renew to partner with churches worldwide and further God's kingdom! Contact Andrew at globalvolunteer@worldrenew.net for more information.
- ~ *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, 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.
- ~ *Help People Recover from Hurricane Dorian*: The Bahamas were ravaged by Hurricane Dorian last week, and the full extent of the damage is unknown. You can help by making a financial donation to World Renew Disaster Response Services. Your gift will help the people of the Bahamas, as well as those on the U.S. East Coast, in the early days and in long-term response. Please give generously at www.worldrenew.net/donate, by calling 800-552-7972, or by mailing your check, made out to World Renew, with "DRS Hurricane Dorian" in the memo line, to: World Renew, 1700 28th St., SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49508. Thank you!
- ~ *World Renew Careers!*: 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: Program Coordinator with the International Disaster Response Team (based in Burlington, ON); and Director of Donor Relations, USA (based in Grand Rapids, MI). See our website for more details about these opportunities and the links to apply: www.worldrenew.net/careers.
- ***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.
- **At-home Faith Formation Tip**: It's Grandparents' Day today! Invite the Christian grandparents in your life (both official and honorary) to share stories of how God has worked in their lives. Making space for these stories honors the elders in your family and encourages younger family members in their walk with Jesus. (Tip from Faith Formation Ministries; www.crcna.org/FaithFormation)

Van Guidelines

1. The van is to be used for 1st CRC church activities only.
2. Requests for the van will be handled through the church office and should be made at least 2 weeks prior to the date of use.
 - A. The church office has the right to approve/disapprove the use of the van.
 - B. Keys will be given out the day of your activity and must be returned as soon as possible.
3. A Transportation Release Form must be on file in the church office for all minors who will be transported for your event/activity.
4. No more than 15 passengers may ride in the van at any one time.
5. Seatbelts must be worn at all times.
6. Persons driving the van must have a valid Iowa Driver's License and be at least 25 years old. No special CDL is required.
7. Each organization is required to fill out the Log Book in the van's glove box with the requested info at the end of their activity.

8. Smoking and alcoholic beverages are NOT permitted in the van.
9. Food and drink are acceptable providing the van is returned in good, clean condition.
10. The van should be refueled and in clean appearance, inside and out, by those who use it.

It is a privilege to be able to use the van. We trust that you will treat it with respect and use the honor system with the above guidelines.

Created 9/30/15

Sunday School Teachers 2019-20

3 Year Old's:	Jeremy and Amy Brink	Keith and Marcia Brink
4 Year Old's:	Carol DeRonde	Jerry and Jill DeBruin
Kindergarten:	Rich and Belinda De Groot	Larry and Sue DeGroot
1st Grade:	Lucas and Merribeth De Groot	Jeremy and Kristen Van Donselaar
2nd Grade:	Sherwin and Kristin Plate	Tiffany Roozeboom
3rd Grade:	Dan and Lori McKinney	Ryan and Amy Brink
4th Grade:	Mark Boender	Joel and Hayley De Bruin
5th /6th Grade: ~ 5 th Grade Curriculum	Kurtis De Bruin	Eldon Louwsma
7th/8th Grade: ~ 7 th Grade Curriculum	Gene DeBruin	Pat Franje
9th Grade:	Steve and Sandra Plate	Leon Van Kooten
10th Grade:	Doug and Ginger Boender	Joel Groenenboom
11th Grade:	Doug Groenenboom	Joel Groenenboom
12th Grade:	Steve and Jenessa Kaisand	Kirk Veenstra
Adult:	Irv and Anne De Bruin	
Ish:	Pastor John	
SS Program:	Cheryl Groenenboom	
Incentive Cupboard:	Lisa De Bruin	
K-4th Music:	Deb Bruxvoort, Gloria De Bruin, Cheryl Groenenboom	
5th – 8th Music:	Ruth De Bruin, Sue De Bruin, Keri Spronk	