

First Christian Reformed Church of Oskaloosa

Bulletin Supplement for 10/18/20

CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

FROM THE PASTOR:

- In an effort to promote congregational unity during this time of Social Distancing, I would like to encourage you to remember those of our congregation who are shut-in, whether at home or in a care facility, with your letters and phone calls to let them know you are thinking about them.

FROM THE ELDERS:

- Just a reminder that regular seating is allowed on the whole North side. Socially distant seating will still be available on the South side.

FROM THE COUNCIL:

- GNC General Board Meeting:** The General Board of the Good News Chapel is scheduled to meet at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 19, at Bethel CRC.
- Congregational Meeting:** Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Monday, Oct. 26, at 7:00 p.m.
~ The following men have been nominated for the offices of Elder and Deacon:

Elder: Doug Boender, Harold De Bruin, Kurtis De Bruin, Rich De Groot,
Brent De Ronde, Doug Groenenboom, Eric Hol, Paul Van Donselaar

Deacon: Jeremy Brink, Adam De Bruin, Alex Fynaardt, Brad McMahan,
Marty Roberts, Mitchel Veenstra, Mark Vos

Ballots: Ballots will be available in the foyer on Sundays, Oct. 18 & 25. Just a reminder that there will be no balloting on the night of the Congregational Meeting.

~ The Budget for 2021 will also be presented for approval. Hard copies are in your mailbox this week.

- Food Box:** The local American Legion is having their Annual Veteran's Food Drive on Saturday, Nov. 7, to gather food for the Ecumenical Cupboard. They have asked for and been given permission by our Council to place a Drop Box on our property for people to put non-perishable food items in. While we are more than welcome to make donations, it is not required. We just wanted to let you know why the box is by our south entrance under the canopy.

FROM THE DEACONS:

- 2020 Monthly Budget Report** (Local & Classical Church Budget)

	<u>2020 Budget</u>	<u>Monthly Giving</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Total Difference</u>
January	\$ 21,588.76	\$ 18,789.49	- \$ 2,799.27	- \$ 2,799.27
February	\$ 21,588.76	\$ 17,510.00	- \$ 4,078.76	- \$ 6,878.03
March	\$ 21,588.76	\$ 30,647.00	\$ 9,058.24	\$ 2,180.21
April	\$ 21,588.76	\$ 25,050.00	\$ 3,461.24	\$ 5,641.45
May	\$ 21,588.76	\$ 18,693.35	- \$ 2,895.41	\$ 2,746.04
June	\$ 21,588.76	\$ 17,567.20	- \$ 4,021.56	- \$ 1,275.52
July	\$ 21,588.76	\$ 14,190.00	- \$ 7,398.76	- \$ 8,674.28
August	\$ 21,588.76	\$ 27,415.00	\$ 5,826.24	- \$ 2,848.04
September	\$ 21,588.76	\$ 17,315.00	- \$ 4,273.76	- \$ 7,121.80
<u>Oct. – Dec.</u>	<u>\$ 64,766.32</u>			
Total for Year	\$ 259,065.16	\$ 187,177.04		- \$ 71,888.12

- Offering Schedule:** We would like the congregation to know that we are still following our regular offering schedule. You may give at anytime during the month to any of the causes we have scheduled. You DO NOT need to send separate checks each week, but one check with the offerings and other causes noted that you want the money to go towards would be fine.

October Offering Schedule:

<u>Date</u>	<u>AM</u>	<u>PM</u>
10/4	Many Hands for Haiti	Focus on the Family
10/11	Christian Education Fund	Christian Opportunity Center
10/18	Disability Concerns*	Christian Education Fund
10/25	Joshua Christian Academy	Back to God Ministries International

* Disability Concerns helps churches become healthier communities that embody the whole body of Christ.

Together you are the body of Christ. Each one of you is part of His body. The theme this year is "Agility".
For more information, please go to www.crcna.org/disability.

IGNITE:

- **Care Packages:** This Wednesday, Oct. 21, we will be assembling Care packages for last year's Seniors. We will be putting together 7 boxes, please help us fill these up!
- **Pumpkins/Gourds Needed:** On Wednesday, Oct. 28, we will be having our Fall Party. If anyone has any pumpkins or gourds they would be willing to donate, please call Marcia at 641-660-4053. Thank you.
- **Waffle Supper:** On Wednesday, Nov. 4, the Lord willing, IGNITE will be hosting their annual Waffle Supper. We will be serving from 5:00-7:00 p.m. with Take-Out and Drive-Up available.

FROM THE EVANGELISM COMMITTEE:

- Just a reminder that we have a wonderful opportunity to help our community through *Mahaska Connect 2020!* Love, INC, area churches and local businesses will be reaching out to those who are homeless or on the verge of it on Saturday, Oct. 24, from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Flyers are available on the Information Center Table.

THANKSGIVING ANIMAL PHOTOS:

- All Creatures great and small...The Lord God made them all. Animals bring joy to God and joy to our lives. Share your animal photos as a way to praise our Creator of endless variety and beauty. Psalm 8:7-9 *"All flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild, the birds in the sky, and the fish in the seas, all that swim in the paths of the seas. Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!"*
~ Send up to 3 of your digital photos focusing on all creatures great and small (pets, farm animals, wild animals, interesting insects, fish) to lstrcprojection@gmail.com by Tuesday, Nov. 17.
- Then rejoice on Thanksgiving in our Creator and the creatures He has made!

FROM THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FUND:

- CEF Pledge Forms are in your mailboxes. Please fill them out and turn in ASAP. Thanks - CEF Committee

TRANSPORTATION RELEASES:

- Just a reminder that Transportation Releases for all groups need to be turned into the office ASAP. Thanks!

ON-LINE ACCESS CONSENT FORMS:

- There are several of you who have an On-Line Access Consent Form in your mailboxes. In filing the new ones for this year's activities, I came across several that I needed for one of the following reasons:
 - 1) You have transferred into our church since we last did them,
 - 2) You have new family members/were married, or
 - 3) I never received one from you when we updated them the last time.
- Please fill them out and return them to the table in the office ASAP. Thank you!

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES:

- Oct. 18 = Mark Boender, Natalie Boender (BJ)
Les & Rachel Fynaardt
- Oct. 19 = Meredith De Ronde
- Oct. 20 = Dawson Roozeboom (Luke)
- Oct. 21 = Jeremy Brink, Lydia De Groot (Laremy)
Mike & Suzanne Boender
- Oct. 22 = Barb Fynaardt, Wendi Meinders
- Oct. 23 = Gerrit & Sis Roozeboom
- Oct. 24 = Ruth Branderhorst, Cora Groenenboom (Joel), Marty Roberts

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CRCNA IMMIGRATION WORKSHOPS:

- As Christians called to love one another, how can we talk about immigration in a way that unites us and is reflective of scripture? Learn more about immigration from a biblical perspective through virtual workshops provided by the CRCNA; First three Tuesdays in October. Questions? Contact Rose Admiraal, 641-204-1953, radmiraal44@gmail.com. Find out more here: <http://justice.crcna.org/church-between-borders>. Facebook Event: <https://www.facebook.com/crcjustice/events/>

FROM OSKALOOSA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL:

- We are so excited to spend this year celebrating the 75th Anniversary of Oskaloosa Christian! The year long celebration will culminate with corporate celebration activities on September 3-4, 2021. We are planning an Alumni Dinner and Celebration Service on Friday night, followed by our Annual 5k Grace Race and a Family Mix and Mingle on Saturday. It's a lot of work when you are planning a celebration this big, so we would love to

have you join us by serving on one of our 75th Anniversary sub-committees. If you feel led in helping out with one of these events please email 75th@oskaloochristian.net.

FROM PELLA CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL:

- **Parent-Teacher Conferences:** Parents, please plan to attend Parent-Teacher Conferences during one of the following times. A sign-up link for the conferences will be provided to parents via email.
 - ~ Tuesday, Oct. 27, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. on-site in the school gymnasium.
 - * Masks are required for the in-person conferences.
 - * School will dismiss at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday.
 - ~ Thursday, Oct. 29, conferences will be held virtually from noon-2:00 p.m.
 - * School will dismiss at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday.
 - ~ A reminder that there will be no classes Friday, Oct. 30, for a teacher work day.
- **Fall Musical:** PCHS Theatre Troupe will open its 71st theatre season with Andrew Lloyd Webber's classic musical, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. The Biblical story of Joseph, his eleven brothers and the coat of many colors comes to vibrant and colorful life in this energetic musical which will also include elementary students in the ensemble. Production dates are October 29, 30, and 31 at 7:00 p.m. with an additional Saturday matinee at 3:00 p.m. Reserve Tickets are no longer sold in the school office but are available for purchase on-line beginning October 19 at <https://pchstt.booktix.com/>. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$8 for students (\$2 more at the door) which includes credit card and handling fees charged to the school. ALL SALES WILL BE FINAL.

FROM PEORIA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL:

- **Part –Time Secretary:** PCS is looking for a Part-Time Secretary. If you are interested or know someone who is, please contact Jeremy Copenhaver (principal@peoriachr.org) regarding this position. Please be praying as we look to fill this position.
- **Bazaar:** The PCS Annual Bazaar will be on Friday, Nov. 13, in the school gym. This year's theme is "*The grass withers, the flowers fade, but the word of our God will stand forever.*" Isaiah 40:8. Please plan to join us for a fun-filled evening. Bake Sale/Browse-n-Buy 3:00-6:30, Coffee Time 3:00-4:30, Supper 5:00-6:30, Live Auction and free childcare at 7:00. Like Peoria Christian School on Facebook for more information and to see items that will be auctioned off. Thank you for supporting Peoria Christian School.

FROM CRC NEWS:

- **From Back to God Ministries International:**
 - ~ *Signs of Christ's Glory:* The gospel of John recounts a number of events that reveal Jesus Christ's glory. Join Groundwork as we examine some of the stories found in John 2-4 to help us better understand what glory is and where we can expect to encounter the glory of Jesus in our own lives. Listen now at www.GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.
 - ~ *Future Forecast:* Check out our children's programs at www.kidscorner.net. In this week's episode "Future Forecast," after an aptitude test, Spike is convinced he's good for nothing. How can Liz and the gang show him otherwise? Listen now at www.kidscorner.net and subscribe to KC's weekly emails for future episodes. Download this month's Kids Corner Bible Story Coloring Packet: The Story Begins. www.kidscorner.net/activities
- **From World Renew:**
 - ~ *World Hunger Devotional Experience:* Join World Renew online for a NEW World Hunger Devotional Experience where we gather together at the table to journey through the World Hunger adult devotional. We will meet virtually every weekday for 15 minutes from October 19-30 at 12 EDT. Subscribe to the online Facebook event at bit.ly/whdevo. Download the adult devotional at www.worldrenew.ca/worldhunger or request a FREE printed copy mailed to your address at bit.ly/orderwh20.
 - ~ *World Hunger Sunday 2020:* Nearly 1 billion people around the world are hungry. In two weeks, we'll be observing World Hunger Sunday. God gives us food for the body and food for the spirit. He has a place for all of us at His table. Download your World Hunger Campaign devotionals today and spend some thinking about why and how we welcome others to God's table (www.worldrenew.net/worldhunger). If you have children in your household, make sure to get both the adult and children's versions and explore the online activities on World Renew's site for a chance to better understand the impact of and solutions for ending global hunger.
- **At-home Faith Formation Tip:** The Practice of Gratitude: Keep track of God's good gifts using a format that works for you. Some ideas: keep a gratitude journal; express your thankfulness on paper strips placed inside a Gratitude Jar; write or draw things for which you are grateful on a paper tablecloth during mealtimes. Save your lists and drawings and revisit them when you need a reminder of God's provision. (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit www.crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices.)

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Notes of Council Meeting held Monday, October 5, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

All members present except Mike Brink, Brett De Bruin, Larry De Groot & Jeff Van Donselaar (absent with notice).

- Council Chairman Kirk Veenstra calls meeting to order, opens with devotions from Matthew 11:28-30 and prayer.
- Minutes of Council Meeting September 8, 2020 – *approved*.
- Old Business: TEC (Teens Encounter Christ) still on for Nov. 19-22, 2020.
- Correspondence:
 - A. Motions made and *approved* to:
 - ~ let Blood Drives use the entire Fellowship Hall to comply with Social Distancing regulations.
 - ~ let a church member have a Certified Service Dog (in training) in church in order to comply with handler regulations, as well as become accustomed to crowds.
 - ~ turn down a Garage Sale request for Wings of Refuge due to scheduling conflict.
 - B. Discussed Neland Avenue CRC letter that was circulating to other CRC churches.
- Items Added to Agenda:
 - A. Motions made and *approved* for:
 - ~ November 8 Communion to be served between the pews on the south side, and the north side will be served as usual. Bread will be in cups on both sides.
 - ~ an increase in the rental fee for 3-hour rental of Fellowship Hall to \$55.
 - B. GNC General Board Meeting scheduled for Monday, October 19, at 7:00 p.m. at Bethel CRC.
- Deacon Reports:
 - A. Deacon Doug De Bruin reports for the General Fund:
 - 1. Motions made and *approved* to approve the Proposed 2021 Budget & to pledge 30% of our Denominational Quotas.
 - 2. Budget envelopes \$ 17,315.00 Balance \$ 37,730.02
 - B. Deacon Tim Jabaay reports for Benevolent and Enduring Gifts:

Benevolent Fund	\$ 6,125.80	Enduring Gifts	\$ 12,878.01
Missions Fund	\$ 2,081.13	Padded Pew Fund	\$ 26,617.85
Associate Pastor Fund	\$ 20,015.19		
 - C. Deacon Brett De Bruin's report presented for the Building Fund: \$ 8,617.81
 - D. Deacon Luke Roozeboom reports for Special Offerings/Offering Schedule:
 - 1. Special Offerings at \$ 16,704.05
 - 2. November offering schedule -- *approved*:

	<u>AM</u>	<u>PM</u>
11/1	World Renew	Samaritan's Purse
11/8	Back to God Ministries	Prison Fellowship
11/15	Christian Education Fund	Missionary Support
11/22	Rehoboth Christian School	Luke Society
11/26	Thanksgiving Offering	
11/29	Mexican Christian Children's Aid	Christian Education Fund
 - E. Deacon Karl Boender reports for Christian Education Fund:
 - 1. Balance on hand at \$ 120.64
 - 2. Tuition owed to schools:

OSCI	\$ 178,676.00	PCHS	\$ 67,992.00	PCGS	\$ 13,894.48
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 - F. All financial reports *approved* by adopted motion.
 - G. Deacon Matt Collins reports the Deacon's minutes for September 28, 2020.
- Committee Reports:
 - A. Building – more painting was done on the north side of the church.
 - B. CEF – Pledge Sheets are out.
 - C. Chairman Kirk Veenstra reports for Pulpit Supply:
 - ~ Oct. 18: AM – Nate Schelhaas PM – Pastor Jon
 - ~ Dec. 13: AM – Scott Roose PM – Candlelight
 - D. Tech Committee: New computer is in for Livestream
 - E. Worship: Decision made to hold separate Reformation Services due to Covid concerns.
- Joys and Concerns were expressed. Next Meeting: November 2, 2020, 7:00 p.m.
- Motion to adjourn prevails & Elder Gene De Bruin closed in prayer.