

First Christian Reformed Church of Oskaloosa

Bulletin Supplement for 10/25/20

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:

- **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 are available in the foyer today. 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 were in your mailbox last 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:

- **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:

- **Fall Party:** On Wednesday, Oct. 28, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. we will be having our Fall Party at the Boender Cabin. Please text Cassia at 641-799-2717 if you need a ride from church. We will be leaving church at 6:45.
- **Pumpkins/Gourds Needed:** If anyone has any pumpkins or gourds they would be willing to donate for our Fall Party, please text Marcia at 641-660-4053. Thank you.

WAFFLE SUPPER:

- On Wednesday, Nov. 4, we will be hosting our Annual Waffle Supper. We will be serving from 5:00-7:00 p.m. with Social Distancing in place. We will also have Take-Out and Drive-Up options available. A freewill offering will be received.

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 1stcrprojection@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 mailbox. 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!

DIRECTORY UPDATE:

- Please update your directories for the following: Gerrit & Sis Roozeboom
2604 Fifield Road
Apt. #A208
Pella, IA 50219

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES:

- Oct. 25 = Cal Branderhorst, Alex Grubbs (Shelly)
- Oct. 26 = Linae De Bruin (Jerry), LaVonne Van Donselaar
- Oct. 27 = Amber De Bruin, Kurtis De Bruin, Cyndi Fynaardt
- Oct. 28 = Melanie Plate
- Oct. 30 = Kwynn De Bruin (Joel)
Karl & Kristin Boender
- Oct. 31 = Michelle (Meyer) Grotluschen

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@oskaloosachristian.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.
 - ~ Schedule: 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.
 - ~ Supper Menu (Freewill Donation): Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Party Potatoes, Green Beans, Fruit Salad, Buttermilk Brownies and Ice Cream. New this year... "To Go Meals" will be available from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Please contact Suzy Veenstra at 641-780-8856 by 12:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 13 if you would like your meals "To-Go". Thank you for supporting Peoria Christian School.

FROM CRC NEWS:

- **From Back to God Ministries International:**
 - ~ Signs of Christ's Power: Having power means having the strength, the ability, or the influence to accomplish something. Study John 5-11 with Groundwork to discover the signs that reveal Christ's power to us. Together we'll discuss what these signs show us about Christ's power and why they point us to life. Listen now at www.GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.
 - ~ Change of Plans: Check out our children's programs at www.kidscorner.net. In this week's episode "Change of Plans," Lucille has great plans for the church's youth camp, but everything is put on hold with a hospital visit. Can Lucille's replacement Liz pull it off perfectly? 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
 - ~ 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 CRC Communications:** The CRCNA has the following director level position opening: "Director of Chaplaincy and Care". A Search Committee has been established for this position to assist us in identifying the individual God is calling to fill this role. You can help by sharing this information and/or submitting names and addresses of individuals you believe may be qualified for this position. Find details at www.crcna.org/jobs. We welcome your suggestions and encourage your prayers for God's guidance as we undertake this important task. To nominate someone for this position, please send an email to Teresa Jones at tjones@crcna.org.
- **At-home Faith Formation Tip - The Practice of Gratitude:** *"Give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations"* (Psalm 100:4-5). How has God been faithful to the generations in your family? Tell those stories to each other. (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit www.crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices.)
- **CRCNA Position Opening:** Ministry Support Services of the Christian Reformed Church in North America (CRCNA) has a full-time opening for a Project Coordinator in our Grand Rapids, Michigan offices. For details or to apply visit www.crcna.org/jobs by November 19, 2020.
- **Bloggers Wanted:** Are you a blogger or a conversation starter? If so, we would love to hear from you! Head over to The Network (www.crcna.org/Network) and submit your post, or email network@crcna.org and we'll add it for you.
- **World Hunger Sunday 2020:** Did anybody eat foo-foo for dinner this week? Not sure what that is? It's not too late to download a World Hunger Sunday devotional and find out. If you're looking for a way to engage hunger with your family, we also have children's devotionals and activities at www.worldrenew.net/worldhunger. We'll take a collection next week that will go directly to World Renew's work with families like the ones you've met during your devotion time.