

First Christian Reformed Church of Oskaloosa

Bulletin Supplement for 11/1/20

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 was held this past Monday.
~ The following men were chosen by God to the offices of Elder and Deacon:
Elder: Doug Boender, Kurtis De Bruin, Rich De Groot, Doug Groenenboom
Deacon: Alex Fynaardt, Brad McMahan, Marty Roberts
~ The Budget for 2021 was approved.
- **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.

November Offering Schedule:

Date	AM	PM
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 Chr. Children's Aid	Christian Education Fund

WAFFLE SUPPER:

- Due to Covid concerns, the Waffle Supper planned for this Wednesday, Nov. 4, has been cancelled.

BLOOD DRIVE:

- Our next Blood Drive will be held on Monday, Nov. 16, from 2:30 – 7:00 p.m. If you would like to donate and have not been contacted, please contact Sue De Bruin at 673-7303 or 673-4272. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, **NO** walk-in's are allowed. You must have a scheduled time and are encouraged to keep that time as closely as you can. Also, masks are now required; if you don't have one, one will be provided. Please eat before donating and bring your photo ID. Thanks!

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!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:

- Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse.org is in full swing. Did you know every 24 hours, more than 30,000 children hear the Gospel of Jesus at shoebox outreach events. And every day 5,248 children

accept Christ in the 12-week discipleship program that follows. You can help build the wall as Nehemiah did: Boxes and directions are available in the foyer. Visit www.samaritanspurse.org for more information. A \$9 donation for shipping is suggested (mail or pay online). Boxes will be taken from the church on Tuesday, November 17. Prayerfully consider packing a box and saving a child and his/her family. If you would like Coffee Break to do a box for you, or if you would like to pay for shipping or supplies, or donate supplies contact Deb B. or Dena V.E. GOD BLESS YOU!

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 years 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!

INFORMATION CENTER UPDATES:

- Huyser Prayer Letter

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES:

- Nov. 1 = Joe & Ellize Caligiuri
- Nov. 4 = Lee De Groot, Brent De Ronde, Karen Fynaardt, Luke Grubbs (Shelly)
Steve & Sandra Plate
- Nov. 5 = Dennis Allgood, Doug De Bruin
- Nov. 6 = Kendra Branderhorst (Dan), Kaleigh Van Kooten
Steve & Sandy Roozeboom
- Nov. 7 = Daxton Roozeboom (Luke)

ADVANCE NOTICE:

- As we go into the holiday season, just a reminder that we will be printing a new directory shortly after the first of the year. If you need/want to update your family picture, this would be a great time to take one.

OFFICE NEWS:

- **Upcoming Deadlines:**
 - Sunday, Nov. 22 = Wednesday, Nov. 18 at noon
(The office will be closed on Friday, Nov. 20, due to TEC)
 - Thanksgiving Bulletin = Tuesday, Nov. 24, at noon
 - Sunday, Nov. 29 = Wednesday, Nov. 25, at noon
 - Candlelight Service = rough draft by Monday, Dec. 7, final corrections by Dec. 10 at noon
 - Jan. – Feb. Newsletter = Sunday, Dec. 13
 - Christmas Bulletin = Tuesday, Dec. 22, at noon
 - Sunday, Dec. 27 = Wednesday, Dec. 23, at noon (The office will be closed on Friday, Dec. 25)
 - Sunday, Jan. 3 = Wednesday, Dec. 30, at noon (The office will be closed on Friday, Jan. 1)

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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 PEORIA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL:

- **Veterans Day Lunch/Assembly:** If you are a Veteran or know someone who is, please save Tuesday, Nov. 10, on your calendar. We would love to be able to honor you on this special day. We have a special lunch and assembly starting at noon. Please make sure to RSVP to office@peoriachr.org or call 641-625-4131 with the number attending by November 9. We hope to see you there!

- **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 NEW HOPE MINISTRIES:

- New Hope is planning to reopen a Homeless shelter. They checked with the city about meeting their standard and regulations. They will be able to accommodate 5 to 6 men. They need a male volunteer now and eventually two when they will be hosting 5-6 guests. These volunteers will need to supervise the guests and establish a relationship with the goal to witness to them and have a Bible Study with them, once a day. A lady volunteer would be welcome to cook for them. New Hope already has two guests and has had to turn down another one because of lack of volunteers. Julie (volunteer) is willing to talk about what this entails, as she has done this before. If you are interested, please call Joan Vos at 641-676-1602.

FROM CRC NEWS:

- **From Back to God Ministries International:**
 - ~ Christ Glorified – Love and Humble Sacrifice: The Gospel of John dedicates five full chapters to Jesus' teaching in the Upper Room. Join Groundwork as we study John 12-14:14 to study what Jesus teaches his disciples about the true work and purpose of their long awaited Messiah. Listen now at www.GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.
 - ~ The Stowaway – I: Check out our children's programs at www.kidscorner.net. In this week's episode "The Stowaway-1," Scooter hides on the bus so he can go on the fifth grade camping trip. He's discovered too late to send him home. But in the morning, Scooter is missing! 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. <https://kidscorner.net/activities>
- **At-home Faith Formation Tip - The Practice of Generosity:** A grateful heart overflows in generosity. How might your gratitude for God's good gifts overflow to bless your neighbor? If you're grateful for the gift of good food, for example, how might that spur you on to help make sure your community is fed? If you're grateful for your family, how might you extend a sense of love and belonging to others? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit www.crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices)
- **Opportunities at World Renew:** Compelled by God's deep passion for justice & mercy, we join communities around the world to renew hope, reconcile lives, and restore creation - and we have an opportunity for you to join us in this work! We currently have some RFP's for SEO Agencies - Content and Optimization in the USA and Canada. More details can be found on our websites: www.worldrenew.net/careers
- **Development Officer - Resonate Global Mission:** Resonate is currently looking to hire a Mid-Level Development Officer, whose role will be to increase donation revenue for Resonate Global Mission by initiating, developing, and sustaining positive and mutually-beneficial relationships with designated groups of assigned Mid-Level Donors. Visit www.crcna.org/jobs for a detailed description. For consideration, complete an online application attaching a cover letter and resume by November 20, 2020.

HIGHER POWER

A Sunday school teacher said to her children, "We have been learning how powerful kings and queens were in Bible times. But, there is a Higher Power. Can anybody tell me what it is?"

One child blurted out, "Aces!"

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Notes of Congregational Meeting held Monday, October 26, 2020
 57 members present

- Pastor Jon calls the meeting to order.
- Pastor Jon read from Psalm 102:23-28 and opened with devotions and prayer.
- Pastor Jon introduces our first song -- LUYH #579:1-4, “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”.
- Council Clerk Roger Fynaardt reads minutes of Dec. 8, 2019 Congregational Meeting for information.
- Pastor Jon recognizes & thanks retiring Council members:
 Elders: Byron Bruxvoort, Larry De Groot, Royce Spoelstra, Jeff Van Donselaar
 Deacons: Brett De Bruin, Doug De Bruin, Luke Roozeboom
- Pastor Jon had prayer asking for God’s leading in the election of office bearers.
- Names drawn by lot for new Council members are:
 Deacons: Alex Fynaardt, Brad McMahan, Marty Roberts
 Elders: Doug Boender, Kurtis De Bruin, Rich De Groot, Doug Groenenboom
- Pastor Jon reminds newly elected of the Organizational Meeting on Monday, Nov. 2, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

- Treasurer Doug De Bruin presents proposed 2021 budget based on 264 active members as follows:

Local Budget Total	\$240,685.30
Classical Shares Total	<u>\$ 27,000.00</u>
General Budget Total	\$267,685.30

Denominational Budget (\$ 84,348.00 Total) 30% Pledge \$ 25,304.40

Missionary Budget	
Rev. Eric Schering	\$5,000.00
Joel Huyser	\$5,000.00
Justin Van Zee	\$5,000.00
Jared & Anna De Young	\$5,000.00
Thomas Wolthuis (Geneva)	\$1,600.00
New Life Prison Ministries	\$1,600.00
Missionary Budget Total	<u>\$ 23,200.00</u>
Budget Grand Total	\$316,189.70

2021 Total budget and Missionary support -- *approved by motion*

General budget per member	\$ 1,013.96
Denominational budget per member	\$ 95.85
Missionary budget per member	<u>\$ 87.88</u>
Total per member	\$ 1,197.69

- Motion made to accept absentee ballots on first vote for the local budget. *Motion carried.*
- 2021 local budget and missionary budget *approved* by adoptive motion.
- Motion made to accept the Denominational Ministries Pledge of 30% of our assessed quota of \$ 84,348.00, which would make our pledge \$ 25,304.40. *Motion carried.*
- Joel Groenenboom updates us on the STO Program and how to utilize this program.
- Council Clerk Roger Fynaardt reads the concept minutes.
- Motion made to adjourn. *Motion carried.*
- Pastor Jon introduces our closing song -- LUYH #348:1-3, “Great is Thy Faithfulness”.
- Elder Royce Spoelstra closed in prayer.