

# First Christian Reformed Church of Oskaloosa

## Bulletin Supplement for 11/22/20

### 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 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

#### INFORMATION CENTER UPDATES:

- 1) Jared & Anna De Young Update      2) Stewardship Spotlight      3) Mobility Worldwide

#### BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES:

- Nov. 22 = Molly Collins (Matthew), Wayne De Bruin
- Nov. 23 = Kristen Van Donselaar, Mason Van Engelenhoven (Kevin)
- Nov. 24 = Finn Spronk (Pastor)
- Nov. 26 = Paul & Barb Fynaardt, Tony & Joan Kunz, Russ & Valerie Sytsma

#### 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.

#### FOUND:

- A laptop computer was found in the library and turned into the office. Please see Sue to identify and claim.

#### FORMS NEEDED:

- CEF Pledge Forms, Transportation Releases and On-Line Access Consent Forms need to be turned into the office ASAP. If you need a new copy or have questions about whether you are on file, please contact the office during business hours – M-F, 9-11:30. Thanks!

#### OFFICE NEWS:

##### • **Upcoming Deadlines:**

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:

#### HELP WANTED:

- We are looking for someone heading to the southwest who is able to transport quilts to Rehoboth, NM. They must arrive there by Monday, Dec. 14, in order to be given out by the Rehoboth students to families in need. Contact: Ron Zwiers at 641-628-2219 or [zwiers@iowatelecom.net](mailto:zwiers@iowatelecom.net)

## ADVENT MEANS HOPE

- With World Renew's 2020-2021 Gift Catalog, you can help a family with a filter for clean water to drink, give a child get the food they need to grow with a nutrition kit, or provide shelter to a disaster survivor. Choose a gift that gives someone who is poor and hungry the opportunity for a better life today and hope for the future. Gift Catalogs are available on the Information Center Table, you may give at [www.worldrenew.net/gifts](http://www.worldrenew.net/gifts) or call 800-552-7972 to order.

## FROM PELLA CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL:

- The PCHS Annual Financial Drive is underway. The goal for this year is \$80,000 used to support the General Fund of the school. You should have received or will soon receive a letter either via postal mail or at church explaining the drive. Donations can be sent directly to the school office at 300 Eagle Lane or given to any board member. Thank you for your ongoing support of the mission of PCHS.

## FROM LEGACY OF GRACE STO:

- Legacy Of Grace Student Tuition Organization (LOG STO) is once again actively seeking donations. A 65% state tax credit will be given on the first \$489,751.00 donated. An information sheet and donation form were attached to the 11/8 supplement or you may pick one up from your church office.

## SPANISH-ENGLISH TRANSLATOR NEEDED:

- Bible League International has a volunteer opportunity for a Spanish/English translator to assist BLI with the translation of documents or other forms of communication between English and Spanish in order to engage more donors and partners in Bible League's ministry in Latin America. Contact [DVanSwol@bibleleague.org](mailto:DVanSwol@bibleleague.org)

## FROM CRC NEWS:

- **Prepare Your Heart:** Starting December 2, 2020, World Renew, Resonate Global Mission, and the CRC Office of Social Justice will distribute a free email devotional to your inbox during Advent. Don't let Christmas presents overtake the Christmas Presence. Sign up to receive reflections on this year's theme of *He Will Be Our Peace* every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday through Christmas Day. Join us as we journey through lamenting injustice to looking forward to the coming of the Prince of Peace using the book of Micah. Go to [www.justice.crcna.org/advent](http://www.justice.crcna.org/advent) to sign up today!
- **From Back to God Ministries International:**
  - ~ *Jesus Christ Restores:* Have you ever wondered if you're too broken or if you've sinned too much for Jesus to love you? Study John 21 with Groundwork and witness an interaction between Jesus and Peter that gives us the hope and courage to love Jesus despite our failings. Listen now at [www.GroundworkOnline.com](http://www.GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.
  - ~ *Kids Showing Thankfulness:* Check out our new kids' programs at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Have you read "Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day?" Picture your worst day ever and ask yourself, "Could I be thankful to God even during a day as bad as that?" Read this week's devotions on thankfulness. Listen now at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net) and subscribe to KC's weekly emails for all the new content.
  - ~ *Dive into Kids Corner's new website:* Kids Corner has a brand new look! And we've got loads of new faith-building resources to help your child discover their part in God's big story. Begin each week with a KC devotion for kids, with Bible readings, reflections, and prayer. And you'll meet fun new characters in the Casey's Day comic strip. You'll also receive a weekly encouragement just for parents. Be sure to watch the encouraging Kids in Action videos, and of course, join the fun with Liz and Friends. Don't miss any of it! Subscribe to Kids Corner at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net).
  - ~ *Advent Devotional Series From Today:* It's been a rough year. Let Advent help you see God's story in Christmas. This special devotional series takes you deeper into the true meaning of Christmas, the coming Savior. Subscribe at [www.todaydevotional.com/advent](http://www.todaydevotional.com/advent). It's free!
- **At-home Faith Formation Tip:** The Practice of Generosity – We often associate generosity with financial giving, but we can also cultivate a generous spirit in our relationships. Ponder how you might practice this in daily life, perhaps by focusing on refraining from mental criticism, attributing the best motives to people's actions, being "present" and attentive when spending time with others (especially children), or doing acts of random kindness. (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit [www.crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices](http://www.crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices).)
- **16 Days of Activism:** A group of CRCNA agencies is collaborating to expose the Hidden Crisis of gender-based violence (GBV), this horror and pain inflicted on women and girls around the world for the "crime" of being female. Together, we have joined in the UN Women's initiative, 16 Days of Activism (November 25–December 10), to raise awareness of the causes and impacts of GBV and how Christians can make an impact on families' lives and bring hope for the future. Join us for a specialized podcast, webinars, advocacy opportunities, Bible study material, educational video, and more. Find out more details in this CRCNA Network article: <https://bit.ly/gbv2020>