

First Christian Reformed Church of Oskaloosa

Bulletin Supplement for 1/10/21

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.

January Offering Schedule:

Date	AM	PM
1/3	Bethany Christian Services	Child Evangelism Fellowship
1/10	Therefore Go Ministries (Youth Unlimited)	Pella Christian Special Educ. Fund
1/17	Christian Education Fund	Missionary Support
1/24	Mobility Worldwide	Calvin Seminary
1/31	Youth For Christ	Christian Education Fund

- December Special Offerings:**

Angel Tree	\$ 1,209.00	Trinity College	\$ 776.00
IGNITE Youth Group	\$ 1,019.00	Love, INC (In the Name of Christ)	\$ 1,690.00
World Renew	\$ 2,289.50	Mexican Chr. Children's Aid	\$ 500.00
St. Luke's Children's Hospital	\$ 25.00	Missionary Support	\$ 1,637.00
New Life Prison Ministries	\$ 1,738.00		

- Year-End Report:** The 2020 Year-End Report is attached to the back of this supplement.

WINTER WORSHIP FOR 2020:

- Schedule:** We will continue our Winter Worship schedule today.
 - ~ Morning service – 9:30 a.m.
 - ~ Potluck Lunch
 - ~ Sunday School
 - ~ Afternoon Service – 12:45 p.m.
- Morning worship and Sunday School** will continue as usual. We will then have a potluck lunch followed by the second service at 12:45 p.m. Single people of any age are encouraged to stay without commitment to bring food.
- Paper Products:** The church will provide paper goods. Care Groups will take turns with set up, drinks (water and coffee), and clean up. A list of instructions is in the kitchen.

- Care Group Serving Schedule:**

Jan. 10 – 3 & 4	Jan. 17 – 5 & 6	Jan. 24 – 7 & 8	Jan. 31 – 9 & 10
Feb. 7 – 1 & 2	Feb. 14 – 3 & 4	Feb. 21 – 5 & 6	Feb. 28 – 7 & 8
Mar. 7 – 9 & 10			

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING:

- Since we just had a break, we are asking that the Sunday School offering be brought to class this morning.

YEARBOOK:

- If you are interested in ordering a 2021 Yearbook of the CRC, please let Sue know by today. They are \$11 for regular and \$13 for spiral bound.

LADIES BIBLE HOUR:

- Due to the uncertainty of the Covid-19 situation, the Ladies Bible Hour will not be meeting until the fall of 2021. We are doing this out of precaution for our members and leaders. We pray that we will be able to resume our regular meeting schedule at that time.

BLOOD DRIVE:

- Our next Blood Drive will be held on Monday, Jan. 25, from 2:15 – 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!

VAN DRIVER NEEDED:

- We are in need of a van driver for the Child Evangelism Fellowship's Good News Club that will be meeting at Central Reformed on Monday afternoons starting late Jan. – early Feb through late March. The need is picking up students with our church van at the Oskaloosa Elementary School at 3:20 and transporting them to Central Reformed. Parents will be picking up students at the end of the Club, so no further transportation is needed. If you are willing to help out in this way, contact the church office.

INFORMATION CENTER REPORTS:

- Eric & Penny Schering

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES:

- Jan. 10 = Kohen De Bruin (Joel), Arvin Van Engelenhoven, Jeannene Veenstra
Kyle & Meredith De Ronde
- Jan. 15 = Bert Bandstra, Keith Brink, Luke Van Donselaar (Jeremy)

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS:

FROM PELLA CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL:

- The PCHS Board is grateful for the donations received for the annual Fall Drive and thank all who supported this fundraising effort. Our goal was met due to God's faithful provision and the gracious giving of our constituency! This drive is instrumental in providing financial assistance to families so all parents who desire Christian education for their children can afford to do so.

FROM PEORIA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL:

- Specific Facilitator Request: Peoria Christian School is looking for facilitators to serve in our 5th & 6th Grade classroom. This would be Monday-Friday, specifically from 10:45 until noon. We are looking for individuals who can commit to a regular schedule for any one of those days. If interested, please contact Jeremy Copenhaver at principal@peoriachr.org or 641-625-4131.

FROM LUKE SOCIETY:

- As we venture into a new year, many are excited to put 2020 behind them. But we, at the Luke Society, are looking back with grateful hearts. Because of faithful donors and congregations like **First Christian Reformed Church** we were able to continue our full support of 36 Christian ministry partners in 30 countries. Thank you for helping to be a blessing to these difference-makers for Christ around the world!

FROM CRC NEWS:

- **From Back to God Ministries International:**

~ *Sabbath Rest*: Does Sabbath rest just mean taking a day off? Or is it more than that? Join Groundwork as we study Genesis 2:1-3, Exodus 20:8-11, Deuteronomy 5:12-15, and Hebrews 4:6-11 to better understand what God designed and intended the Sabbath for and how this spiritual discipline can draw us closer to God. Listen now at www.GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

~ *How Do I Pray?*: Prayer doesn't have to be complicated. And there is no single right way to do it. "How Do I Pray?", a free ebook from the ReFrame Ministries Prayer Team shows you six ways to reinvigorate your prayer life. It's yours free at www.reframeministries.org/ways-to-pray.

~ *Trusting God's Plan*: Check out the new kids' devotion this week at www.kidscorner.net. Esther went through some very scary times but still trusted God's plan. Maybe during the pandemic, you've been scared too. Listen now at www.kidscorner.net and subscribe to KC's weekly emails for all the new content.

- **Calvin University January Series:** Each year Calvin University provides a publicly accessible series of speakers on various topics related to the Christian life and worldview. This year the January Series runs from Jan. 6 - 26, 2021 and because of COVID-19 is offered to us in the safety and comfort of our homes. They are offering an impressive lineup of speakers and topics. The series is free of charge, but you need to register to watch it. More information on the content, speakers list, and REGISTRATION details can be found at www.calvin.edu/january.
- **At-home Faith Formation Tip - The Practice of Engaging Scripture:** "Visio divina" is the practice of meditating on Scripture using art or other images. Try it by reading the story of the Prodigal Son in Luke 15 and then meditating on the art in Calvin University's collection based on this story (tinyurl.com/ProdigalArt). (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit www.crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices.)
- **Reading While Black:** Join CRC campus ministers Rick Mast (University of Alberta in Edmonton) and Mike Wagenman (Western University in Ontario) for a discussion of Esau McCauley's new book, *Reading While Black: African-American Biblical Interpretation as an Exercise in Hope*. We will meet on Sunday, January 24 at 8:00 p.m. ET (5:00 p.m. PT) over Zoom. You can register at <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/reading-while-black-book-discussion-tickets-132675860069>.

First Christian Reformed Church of Oskaloosa, IA
Notes of Council Meeting held Monday, January 4, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

All members present.

- Council Chairman Kirk Veenstra calls meeting to order.
- Pastor Jon read from I Timothy 1:1-11 and opened with devotions.
- Reviewed Church Order.
- Minutes of December 7, 2020 Council Meeting – *approved*.
- Old Business: None
- Correspondence:
 - A. CRC Report on Human Sexuality – Discussed.
 - B. Thank You’s received for memorials and gifts.
- Items Added to the Agenda:
 - ~ Discussion was held on church services and to continue to encourage and pray for each other during this time.
- Deacon Reports:
 - A. Deacon Layton De Groot reports for the General Fund:
 - 1. Budget envelopes \$ 30,985.00
 - 2. Balance \$ 45,573.98
 - 3. Year-End Report submitted – *approved*.
 - B. Deacon Tim Jabaay reports for Benevolent and Enduring Gifts:
 - Benevolent Fund \$ 5,926.82
 - Enduring Gifts \$ 12,880.16
 - Missions Fund \$ 2,081.31
 - Padded Pew Fund \$ 26,888.85
 - Associate Pastor Fund \$ 20,018.54
 - C. Deacon Matt Collins reports for the Building Fund: \$ 9,695.13
 - D. Deacon Brad McMahan reports for Special Offerings/Offering Schedule:
 - 1. Special Offerings at \$ 23,047.47.
 - 2. Denominational Ministries for 2020 was paid at 24% of obligation.
 - 3. February offering schedule -- *approved*:

	<u>AM</u>	<u>PM</u>
2/7	Resonate Global Mission	Focus on the Family
2/14	Christian Education Fund	Oskaloosa Evangelism Committee
2/21	Love, INC (In the Name of Christ)	Missionary Support
2/28	Joshua Christian Academy	Christian Education Fund
 - E. Deacon Karl Boender reports for Christian Education Fund:
 - 1. Balance on hand at \$ 420.73
 - 2. Tuition owed to schools:

OSCI	\$ 96,676.00	PCHS	\$ 36,992.00	PCGS	\$ 6,894.48
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 - F. All financial reports -- *approved* by adopted motion.
 - G. Deacon Alex Fynaardt reports the Deacon’s minutes for December 28, 2020.
- Committee Reports:
 - A. Building Committee ~ approved new member.
 - B. Communion Committee ~ January 10 communion was discussed.
 - C. Fellowship Committee:
 - 1. Potluck was discussed.
 - 2. Motion made to move up time for the second service to 12:30 instead of 12:45 – *motion failed*.
 - D. Worship Committee ~ Motion made to have Praise Teams back on the floor by the piano – *approved*.
 - E. Search Committee ~ Discussion was held on when to begin searching for an Assistant Pastor again.
- Mutual Censure was held.
- Joys and Concerns were held.
- Next Meeting: February 8, 2021, 7:00 p.m.
- Motion to adjourn prevails & Deacon Layton De Groot closed in prayer.