

First Christian Reformed Church of Oskaloosa

Bulletin Supplement for 4/18/21

CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

A TIME FOR PRAYER:

- You are invited to a time of prayer before our worship service every Sunday morning from 9:00-9:10 a.m. in the Conference Room. Everyone is welcome to join us.

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.

April Offering Schedule:

Date	AM	P.M.
4/2 (Good Friday)		KCWN (Crown Broadcasting)
4/4 (Easter)	Resonate Global Mission & Benevolence	
4/11	Christian Education Fund	Trinity Christian College
4/18	Crossroad Prison Ministry	Christian Opportunity Center
4/25	Pella Pro-Life	Christian Education Fund

SUNDAY SCHOOL YEAR-END SCHEDULE:

- April 18 & 25 – Regular Class Schedule
- May 2 – Sunday School recognition and Mission Emphasis Sunday. During the Sunday School time we will Zoom with the Sytsma's, missionaries with Resonate Global Mission in Uganda.

SUBS:

- If you haven't paid for your SUBS, please give your payment to Sue in the office or put your payment in either the Cadet or Gene's mailbox.

CEF UPDATE:

- There are three months remaining in the school year and we still owe over \$60,000 to our Christian schools for tuition. Please continue to fulfill your pledges and prayerfully consider giving to this fund. Thank you to those who have given so generously already!

NURSERY:

- Thanks to all those who have signed up to help in the nursery. We would love it if we could get enough so that adults are helping about once a quarter. Please be praying about if you could help in this way. The sign-up sheet is on the Information Center Table.

HELP NEEDED:

- The Building Committee is in need of help on Friday, April 23, at 1:00 p.m. to rip up the carpet in the basement of the parsonage. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the hallway or you may text Kurtis at 660-6681.

CARD SHOWER:

- Betty Huyser is turning 90 on Saturday, April 24, and her family would like to surprise her with a Card Shower. (Her supplement does not have this announcement in it ☺). Please mail your cards to her at the following address:

Betty Huyser
1203 Oakview Drive
Oskaloosa, IA 52577 Thank you!

1st ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH:

- Please make plans to join us at the Ladies Spring Brunch to be held on Saturday, May 1, at 10:00. Please feel free to invite family and friends. If you would like to host a table or have other questions, please call Kristi at (319) 899-8342 or Linda at (641)295-4848.

VBS STAFF NEEDS:

- Following are the opportunities for helping at Bible School, June 7-11:
 - ~ Bible teachers (2) – 1 for 1st Grade; 1 for Kindergarten for Thursday & Friday
 - ~ Craft teachers (2) – 1 for Age 3; 1 for Kindergarten
 - ~ Helpers – several – they can be those who finished 7th grade.
 - ~ Kitchen Help – we are in need of a couple of ladies to prepare snack time at 1st CRC.
- If you are willing to help, please email Pastor Boetsma at agboets@mahaska.org.

COOKIES NEEDED:

- We have been asked to help provide cookies for VBS again for the classes that will be meeting in our church. They figure we need about 7 dozen per day or 35 dozen total. There is a sign-up sheet on the Information Center table if you are willing to serve in this way. Please **do not** use nuts or peanut butter. Thanks!

HOMESTEAD:

- **We Are Open:** Homestead is now open for visitors. There is a small screening process before you are allowed to enter the facility. Mornings and afternoons only, no evening visits allowed.
- **Services:** Starting on June 13, our church will once again be doing monthly worship services at Homestead at 3:00 p.m. In addition, the group assigned for that month will also do a small service in their Memory Care Unit following the regular service. Copies of the schedule will be in your mailboxes in the next couple of weeks.

ADVANCE NOTICE:

- Coffee Break will be hosting their Ice Cream Social on June 15. More information and sign-up sheets will be available in the next couple of weeks.

DIRECTORY UPDATE:

- Anna Vande Wall has moved rooms within Homestead. Her new room number is in the Memory Care Unit #206.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES:

- Apr. 18 = Gideon Boender (BJ), Pastor Jon
Doug & Ginger Boender
- Apr. 20 = Amy Fynaardt
- Apr. 21 = Lucas De Groot
- Apr. 22 = Ashley Brink
- Apr. 23 = Tiffany Roozeboom
- Apr. 24 = Betty Huyser, Shirley Van Donselaar

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS:

THE LOVE, INC DESSERT CAFÉ FUNDRAISER:

- Please join us at the following location for a Dessert Café Fundraiser that supports Love, INC of Mahaska County! Come celebrate the success of their ministries and learn about a new opportunity, the Love, INC Thrift Shoppe! Event Dates and Details:
~ April 20, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Central Church
RSVP by calling 641-676-3750 or by emailing loveincofmahaskacounty@gmail.com.

FROM PELLA CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL:

- **Society Meeting:** The PCHS Annual Society Meeting will be held Thursday, April 22, at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium. A school report plus ratification of the 2021/22 school budget will also be on the agenda along with election of new school board members. All PCHS Society members are invited to attend. One nominee is to be elected from each of the following pairs. All terms are three years. Absentee ballots and nominee profiles will be available in the school office and at www.pceagles.org and may be submitted to the school office or to any current board member prior to the meeting. Ballots must be returned in a sealed envelope with your signature on the outside. A short Endowment Foundation/Corporation Society Meeting is scheduled to immediately follow the Society meeting in the auditorium.
2021 PCHS Board Nominees:
 - ~ District I: (One to be elected from each duo)
Brad Meinders (Connect Church) and Dan Sytsma (Calvary CRC)
Hollie Kelderman (Calvary CRC) and Lisa Vos (Pella II CRC/Cornerstone)
 - ~ District II: (One to be elected from each duo)
Joe Ritzert and Matt Vander Linden-incumbent (both attend Third Reformed)
Jayme Veenstra and Mark Van Wyngarden (both attend Peoria CRC)
 - ~ District IV: (One to be elected)
Kristin Boender and Layton De Groot (both attend Oskaloosa I CRC)
- **Virtual Fundraiser:** Join us on April 22 for our Help Us Soar - PCHS Giving Day 2021. Through social media like Facebook and Instagram, you will have the opportunity to get an inside peek at what happens during the school day at PCHS. These posts may seem like a lot of fun and excitement, but they hold a greater purpose – to continue the mission of PCHS. We want PCHS to continue to educate and nurture young people for a life of service in God’s world and to do so, we need your help! We pray you consider supporting PCHS financially through this event and enjoy the fun we will share online as a replacement for our annual Spring Gala event. Please consider giving to Pella Christian High to help us meet the goal of raising \$75,000 during our Help

Us Soar – PCHS Giving Day! Show your support - by donating online at www.pceagles.org/helpussoar or by sending in your gift via mail by April 22, 2021 to 300 Eagle Lane, Pella IA 50219.

- **Financial Aid Applications Due:** A reminder to parents of students attending Pella Christian High School in the fall of 2021 that applications for financial assistance through both the STO and Tuition Assistance Fund are due April 30, 2021.

~ LOG/STO: Online applications only will be accepted. Go to www.pceagles.org home page, scroll down to the 'Announcements' section and 'Financial Assistance Programs' to follow the links to find the LOGSTO Application option.

~ Tuition Assistance: This is an additional form of assistance available to those who qualify. All tuition assistance applications will be made through a 3rd party (FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment). To apply, go to www.pceagles.org home page, scroll down to the 'Announcements' section and 'Financial Assistance Programs' and follow the links to the tuition assistance link. Applications will be accepted after April 30, but funds in the tuition assistance budget will be limited for those that apply later than April 30.

LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE SEMINAR:

- The Vermeer Charitable Foundation is sponsoring *Shepherds After My Own Heart – Finding the Ancient Path to Biblical Leadership* featuring Dr. Tim Laniak, on Tuesday, April 27. This will be a virtual conference held via Zoom; the cost is \$25.00 and the registration deadline is Tuesday, April 20. CEU's are available. Please contact your church office for a registration form.

FROM OSKALOOSA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL:

- **Teaching Position Available:** Oskaloosa Christian School is seeking a middle school English / Language Arts teacher for the 2021-2022 school year. Interested applicants should download an application from our website, www.oskaloosachristian.net, and either return it to the school office, fax it to 641-672-1451, or scan it to mitchelld@oskaloosachristian.net. If you have further questions, please call Don Mitchell, principal, at 641-672-2174, or email him at mitchelld@oskaloosachristian.net.

FROM PEORIA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL:

- **Teaching Positions Available:**
 - ~ Part-Time PLS Teacher: PCS is looking for a part-time teacher for next school year. This teacher would ideally work all 5 days of the week, work mostly during the mornings, and his or her contract time will total 40%. This part-time position is specifically to focus on personalized learning for our students. Anyone that is interested in this position, please contact Jeremy Copenhaver (principal@peoriachr.org) for more details. Thank you for your prayers as we seek to fill this position.
 - ~ 1st/2nd Grade Teacher: PCS is looking for a 1st/2nd Grade teacher for the 2021-2022 school year. Please be praying that we fill this position. Anyone interested in this position, should contact Jeremy Copenhaver (principal@peoriachr.org) for more details.
- **Presentation from *Answers in Genesis*:** On Thursday, May 6, at noon, Peoria Christian School is hosting Dr. Jason Lisle from Answers in Genesis. He will be speaking on the subject of dinosaurs. We invite the community to join us for this presentation and coffeetime in the school gym. Dr. Jason Lisle is a Christian astrophysicist who researches issues pertaining to science and the Christian faith. Lisle earned a PhD in astrophysics at the University of Colorado in Boulder. Dr. Lisle has worked at Answers in Genesis, the Institute for Creation Research, and is the Founder of the Biblical Science Institute. Everyone is welcome!

FROM LAKEVIEW CAMP:

- Making summer plans? Don't forget about summer camp! Registration is open - save your spot now! Lake View Camp offers day camps, overnight camps, service opportunities, and grandparent/grandchild camps. More information and registration is available on the Information Center table or at www.lakeviewconference.com. Fun, faith, friends - it's all waiting for you at camp this summer!

FROM CRC NEWS:

- **ReFrame Ministries:**
 - ~ Groundwork – Making Sense of Setbacks: Just like most building and construction projects, we can expect to encounter setbacks in our lives. Join Groundwork as we study the setbacks Ezra and Nehemiah faced in Ezra 3-4 and Ezra 7:8-28 to gain a greater understanding and biblical perspective for enduring our own trials and setbacks. Listen now at www.GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.
 - ~ What's Ahead? Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Do you believe your future looks bright? Have you prayed to God about what's ahead? God proclaims that when you call on him, he will listen (Jeremiah 11:12-13). Listen now at www.kidscorner.net and subscribe to KC's weekly emails for all the new content.

- **Easter Victory from Shameful Defeat?:** Join CRC campus ministers Rick Mast (University of Alberta) and Mike Wagenman (Western University) for a timely discussion for the post-Easter season: what can we as Western Christians learn from the long history of theological reflection in the East? There are not only racial and economic divisions in our world that we're addressing in this year's online book club - but also our divisions as Christians. Join us on Sunday, April 25 (8pm ET | 7pm CT | 6pm MT | 5pm PT) as we engage Dr. James Payton's new book, *The Victory of the Cross: Salvation in Eastern Orthodoxy*. Payton taught church history for many years at Redeemer University (Ontario) and will share some of the insights he's drawn from a long study of Eastern Christianity. Register at www.WesternCampusMinistry.ca!
- **"Partnering Well Beyond the Pandemic" Webinar:** Start or strengthen your church's global connection! Join World Renew for a free webinar on Thursday, April 22, at 7 PM EDT to discover how international church partnerships in East Africa and Latin America have not only survived but thrived despite travel restrictions. Connect with World Renew staff and others who have been on the frontlines of cultivating partnership during these unprecedented times. Register for this webinar at: bit.ly/partneringwell
- **At-home Faith Formation Tip - The Practice of Celebrating:** Practicing celebration early in the day can help adjust our mindset and focus us on God's goodness. Consider beginning each morning by praying a Scripture passage of celebration, such as Psalm 103:1-5. (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit www.crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices.)

3 THINGS

Three things in life that, once gone, never come back -
Time - Words – Opportunity

Three things in life that may never be lost -
Peace - Hope – Honesty

Three things in life that are most valuable -
Love - Self-confidence – Friends

Three things in life that are never certain -
Dreams - Success – Fortune

Three things that make a person -
Hard work - Sincerity – Commitment

Three things in life that can destroy a person -
Alcohol / Drugs - Pride – Anger

Three things that are truly constant -
Father - Son - Holy Ghost