

First Christian Reformed Church of Oskaloosa

Bulletin Supplement for 4/25/21

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.

May Offering Schedule:

Date	AM	P.M.
5/2	Bible League	Love, INC Thrift Store
5/9	Christian Education Fund	Gideon's
5/16	Reframe Ministries	Christian Education Fund
5/23	Geneva Campus Ministries	Benevolence
5/30	Dordt University	Heart Stir Ministries

- Final Sunday School Offering:** With next Sunday morning's offering, members of the congregation will have the opportunity to join the Sunday school students in giving to the Bible League International. The Sunday school offerings for the recent months have been designated for the Light of the World giving project. Children give money so Bibles can be given to children around the world who need them. Please consider what you can give so the Bible League International can meet the increasing demand for Bibles and Bible literacy programs.
- 5/2 PM Offering:** The PM offering for May 2 is for the Love, INC Thrift Store. Of the \$120,000 needed to get the store up and running, they have raised approximately \$85,000. Please prayerfully consider donating to this cause as they would like to get started on the store as soon as possible. If you have questions, please contact Doug Boender at 660-3282.

SUNDAY SCHOOL YEAR-END SCHEDULE:

- Today – Regular Class
- 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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDENTS:

- Don't forget that next Sunday will be the LAST time to bring the money you have been collecting over the past month in your "Light the World" banks.

1st ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH:

- Please make plans to join us at the Ladies Spring Brunch this Saturday, May 1, at 10:00. Please feel free to invite family (all ages – 0-99 – welcome) and friends. You may host a table or just be our guest. Please RSVP by this Tuesday, April 27, to Kristi at (319) 899-8342 or Linda at (641) 295-4848 or sign-up on the sheet in the foyer.

VBS STAFF NEEDS:

- Staff Meeting:** Our Staff Meeting will be held on Tuesday (note the change of day), May 4, at 7:00 p.m. This will be the only meeting that we have, so please make every effort to attend.
- 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.

GAMES DAY:

- We are starting up again! Please join us on Wednesday, May 5, and every-other Wednesday after that to play games in the church Fellowship Hall. Due to COVID, coffeetime WILL NOT be served.

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. Copies of the schedule will be in your mailboxes in the next couple of weeks.

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.

ADVANCE NOTICE:

- Coffee Break will be hosting their Ice Cream Social on June 15. More information will be available in the next couple of weeks and Sign-Up sheets are on the Information Center table.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES:

- April 25 = Adam Brink, Trent Van Gilst (Joel)
Bruce & Jeannene Veenstra
- April 26 = Karl Boender, Ray Meinders
- April 27 = Faye Drost, Grady Shelquist (Tyler)
- April 30 = Timothy De Groot (Roger), Jenessa Kaisand
- May 1 = Sue De Groot, Doug Richards

LOST & FOUND:

- There are a few coats that have been hanging around for a while. Please check the racks and see if you find anything familiar. Anything that has not been claimed by the end of May will be donated to Bibles for Missions.

OFFICE NEWS:

- **Summer Hours:** Beginning May 3, I will be starting my summer hours of working Tuesday – Friday, with the office being closed on Monday.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS:

FROM PELLA CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL:

- **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.

HOMESCHOOLING HIGH SCHOOL?:

- Are you interested in meeting with other homeschoolers for one day of weekly instruction in the core classes? We have a vision and plan, but we need to know of interest level. Come to learn more on Friday, April 30, 1:00 p.m. at Smokey Row in Oskaloosa or contact Ginger Boender (295-1282) or Laura Coniglio (641)569-3518 with questions.

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:

- Have you signed your kids up for camp yet? It's not too late! Lake View Camp offers day camps, overnight camps, service camps, and grandparent/grandchild camps. Send your child on a great summer adventure where they will swim, fish, canoe, hike, and play crazy games - all while growing deeper in their faith. Take advantage of the Early Bird price discount and register before May 1! More information and online registration available at www.lakeviewconference.com.

PROOF-READER NEEDED:

- Bible League International has an opportunity for a Volunteer Mentor to coach Bible League Communication Specialists who know English as their second language (ESL). The ESL Mentor will proofread testimonies and prayer requests written by Communication Specialists searching for spelling and grammar mistakes, explaining needed changes. If you are interested, contact Deanna 866-825-4636 or DVanSwol@bibleleague.org.

FROM CRC NEWS:

• **ReFrame Ministries:**

~ Groundwork – Building Blocks for Biblical Success: How can we deal with opposition when we are trying to rebuild after our life has fallen apart in some way? Study Nehemiah 2:11-18, Nehemiah 4:1-15, and Nehemiah 5:1-12 with Groundwork to discover what we can learn from Ezra and Nehemiah's experience with opposition. Listen now at www.GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

~ Joy in God: Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Where does real joy come from? Joy does not depend on what happens to you. It is about what God is doing inside you. Listen now at www.kidscorner.net and subscribe to KC's weekly emails for all the new content.

~ 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.

- **Faith Formation Ministries, Safe Church Ministry**: BC Safe Church Ministry, in partnership with CRCNA Faith Formation Ministries, is hosting a workshop on Circle of Grace. This event will be hosted online on Tuesday, April 27, at 7:30pm (PST), 10:30 pm (EST). To participate in this event, register through Eventbrite here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/circle-of-grace-workshop-bc-tickets-149171555137>.

- **Career Exploration Opportunity**: Current high school students are invited to get a jump on their careers with Calvin University's Summer Career Explorations! Do a week-long dive into a career field, gain job skills with mock interviews and job site visits, and experience actual college residential life! Visit www.calvin.edu/go/explore-your-career for more information and to register.

- **At-home Faith Formation Tip - The Practice of Celebrating**: Family traditions create unforgettable memories—and they form faith! Choose one night of the week (or one day of the month) to be Family Celebration Night. To see how one family does this, check out the video at tinyurl.com/BewleyVideo. (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit www.crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices.)

Be kinder than necessary because everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle.