

First Christian Reformed Church of Oskaloosa

Bulletin Supplement for 5/2/21

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 this 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 today 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.

VBS STAFF NEEDS:

- Staff Meeting:** Our Staff Meeting will be held this Tuesday (note the change of day), May 4, at 7:00 p.m. This will be the only meeting that we have and materials will be handed out, so please make every effort to attend.
- Staff Needs:** Following are the opportunities for helping at Bible School, June 7-11:
 - ~ Bible teachers – 1 for Kindergarten for Thursday & Friday
 - ~ Helpers – need 3; can be those finished with 7th grade.

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.

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.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL:

- 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.

CEF UPDATE:

- There are less than two months remaining in the school year and we still owe over \$37,000 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.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES:

- May 2 = Dillon Branderhorst, Garisin Hynick
- May 3 = Leah Van Donselaar (Jeremy)
- May 4 = Maverick Shrader (Megan R), Brenda Sytsma
- May 6 = Lavonne Brink, Leah Lorentzen (Jeff), Dorothy Vos, Mark Vos
- May 7 = Brian Meinders, Harper Wickenkamp (Evan)

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.

INFORMATION CENTER UPDATES:

- 1) Justin Van Zee Prayer Letter
- 2) Barnabas Foundation *Generosity Today*

DIRECTORY UPDATE:

- Bert & Elaine Bandstra no longer have a land-line. Please use one of the cell numbers listed in the directory to contact them. Thanks!

OFFICE NEWS:

- **Summer Hours:** Beginning tomorrow, the office will start summer hours of Tuesday – Friday, being closed on Monday.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS:

FROM PELLA CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL:

- **Tulip Time Concessions:** The Eagle Booster Club of PCHS invites you to stop by their concession stand during Tulip Time, May 6-8. The stand will again be located at E.1st and Franklin. Please come and enjoy some Dutch spiced beef, Pella bologna, walking tacos, cotton candy, snow cones and an assortment of drinks. Thank you for supporting PCHS!
- **PCHS Spring Choir Concert:** The annual PCHS Spring Choir Concert will be held on Wednesday, May 12, at 7:00 p.m. in the PCHS Vermeer Auditorium.
- **PCHS Band Pops Concert:** The annual instrumental Pops Concert will be held on Monday, May 17, (**note date change**) at 7:00 p.m. in the gymnasium. You will need to reserve a table in advance by calling 641-628-4440, emailing foxp@pceagles.org or you are welcome to sit on the bleachers with no reservation. Reservation deadline is Friday, May 14, at 9:00 a.m. This year, the band will be performing several favorites including music from the "Beach Boys," "Phantom of the Opera," "O Brother, Where Art Thou" and many more. This is a great event for multiple generations and the whole family. Free popcorn and ice cream sundaes!!
- **Graduation 2021:** The 81st Annual Commencement Exercises will take place on Saturday, May 22, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the PCHS gymnasium. Nolan Wiersma will give the address, Carson Breon is the 2021 class representative, and Adrienne Vander Molen will give the parent address. The public is invited to attend the ceremony live in the gymnasium where masks are optional. Graduation will be livestreamed on our YouTube channel AND live in our auditorium for those who prefer to watch where social distancing is more available.

FROM PEORIA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL:

- **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!
- **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.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER:

- The Fellowship of Evangelical Ministers (which includes Pastor Jon) and the Oskaloosa Community Evangelism Committee invite you to join them as they celebrate 70 Years of Prayer for America on Thursday, May 6, at 7:00

p.m. If you are comfortable with In-Person gatherings, please join us at the Gateway Church of the Nazarene in Oskaloosa. If you would prefer to join from a distance, please use the following Livestream Link: [m.YouTube.com](https://www.youtube.com) and search for “gatewaychurchoskaloosaiowa”. We look forward to seeing you there.

FROM OSKALOOSA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL:

- 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 PELLA CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS:

- Please join Pella Christian Schools in recognizing this year’s retiring staff of:

~ Brenda Nugteren (32 years in Christian education, 31 at PCGS)

~ Pete Lyon (40 years in Christian education, 6 at PCGS)

Also, as we say farewell to the following PC leaders as they pursue new opportunities:

~ David Te Grotenhuis (13 years at PCGS) & Greg Wojczynski (3 years at PCHS)

Help us bless them by sending cards to Pella Christian Grade (216 Liberty Street, Pella) or Pella Christian High (300 Eagle Lane, Pella) by May 26. Thank you! *“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’”* Matthew 25:21

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. 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 – Lean Into God’s Grace:* When the challenges feel insurmountable, the loneliness and temptation to give up creep in. Join Groundwork as we study what Ezra and Nehemiah do in Nehemiah 8-9 and Nehemiah 13:22, 31 and discover how leaning into God’s grace and love is the antidote we need to carry us through.

Listen now at www.GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork’s weekly emails for future episodes.

~ *Do Not Be Afraid:* Check out this week’s kids’ devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Whenever we’re afraid or worried, it’s so important for us to remember that God is with us all the time. He promises to love us and never leave us. Listen now at www.kidscorner.net and subscribe to KC’s weekly emails for all the new content.

~ *Kids’ Video Bible Study:* Learning the Bible can be fun. Keep your kids engaged with “God’s Big Story,” a 7-part introductory Bible study from Kids Corner that takes your child on a trip through the Bible and God’s rescue plan for his people. Check it out at www.kidscorner.net/gods-big-story.

- **From The Banner:** Get the Denomination’s Award-Winning Magazine for FREE - The Banner, the magazine of the Christian Reformed Church, is free! Sign up for free print delivery and a weekly e-newsletter by visiting www.thebanner.org/signup. Given the Award of Merit (2018) for best denominational magazine by the Evangelical Press Association, The Banner offers CRC news; thoughtful articles; and reviews of books, movies, and music.
- **What Happens When Infrastructure Crumbles:** Join CRC campus ministers Rick Mast (University of Alberta) and Mike Wagenman (Western University) for our next virtual book club. We will be discussing Octavia Butler’s novel, *Parable of the Sower*, a powerful story of hope and faith when infrastructure crumbles. We will meet on Zoom on Sunday, May 30 at 8pm ET (7pm CT, 6pm MT, 5pm PT). Register at www.WesternCampusMinistry.ca.
- **From Resonate Global Mission – Glocal Mission Summit:** Imagine a conference where pastors, lay leaders, and attendees of CRC churches re-imagine all things Mission! Now imagine it is free, and happening May 13-15, and you and your church are invited! Join us for the Glocal Mission Summit 2021 - an interactive virtual conference designed to break ZOOM fatigue and empower lay leaders, students, scholars, pastors, and parishioners to engage mission. Find out more and register today: www.resonateglobalmission.org/glocal-mission-summit.