

# First Christian Reformed Church of Oskaloosa

## Bulletin Supplement for 9/26/21

### 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 COUNCIL:

- We are pleased to announce that Erik Kamp has accepted our call to be our Associate Pastor. Ordination/Installation Sunday will be determined at a later date. Please continue to pray for the Kamp family as we make preparations to receive them into our ministry.

#### FROM THE DEACONS:

- We would like the congregation to know that 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.

#### October Offering Schedule:

Date	AM	P.M.
10/3	Vital Ministries	Youth for Christ
10/10	Christian Education Fund	Gideons
10/17	Therefore Go (Youth Unlimited)	Benevolence
10/24	Love, INC (In the Name of Christ)	Christian Education Fund
10/31	Calvin Theological Seminary	PC Special Education Fund

#### CEF PLEDGES:

- Today is the last day to get your pledge forms in. Thank you to everyone for your support!

#### CADETS:

- Our re-scheduled campout is this weekend, Oct. 1-2. Please be at church by 3:30 on Friday afternoon. We will be back at church by 11:30 a.m. Saturday and you may be picked up then. Questions? Call Gene at 660-3297.

#### IGNITE:

- This Week:** We will be meeting at Brad & Jill McMahan's home (2619 Ford Ave) on Wednesday, Sept. 29. Please text Cassia at 641-799-2717 if you need a ride. We will leave church at 6:45 and return by 8:30.
- Advance Notice:** On Wednesday, Oct. 6, we will be assembling Care Packages for last year's seniors (9 of them). Help us brighten their day and fill their boxes!

#### ADVANCE NOTICE:

- Please reserve Friday, Oct. 22 for Supper and Board Games. Things will start after school and will conclude by 9:00 p.m. Supper will be served at 6:00 (meal TBD). Please bring snacks to enjoy throughout the evening, as well as any Board Games you would like to share.

#### CARE GROUP ACTIVITIES:

- A few weeks ago a green sheet with Care Group Activity suggestions was in your mailboxes. If your Care Group would like to do the Dairy Tour at the Stam's please have your coordinator TEXT Leah rather than call as her voice mails have not been getting through. If you need her number, you may call Sue in the office.

#### TRANSPORTATION RELEASES:

- Just a reminder that Transportation Releases for all groups need to be turned into the office ASAP. Thanks!

#### BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES:

- Sept. 26 = Jill McMahan
- Sept. 28 = Lucas & Bethany De Bruin
- Sept. 29 = Henry & Leona Van Arkel
- Sept. 30 = Mark & Carma Strasser
- Oct. 1 = Marlene Allgood, Evan Wickenkamp  
Byron & Deb Bruxvoort
- Oct. 2 = Cody Boender (Mike), Carma Strasser

#### DIRECTORY UPDATE:

- Brant and Martha Bruxvoort have moved to Homestead. Their new address is: 2102 South Market Street  
Room 150  
Oskaloosa, IA 52577

## INFORMATION CENTER UPDATES:

- 1) Olsen Update
- 2) New Life Prison Update
- 3) Van Zee Prayer Letter
- 4) PCHS *Link*

## **REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

### FROM PEORIA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL:

- **Teacher Needed:** Peoria Christian School is looking for a full-time 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher. Anyone interested in this position, should contact Jeremy Copenhagen ([principal@peoriachr.org](mailto:principal@peoriachr.org)) for more detail. Please pray for the right individual to come forward and fill this position.
- **Value Cards:** The 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders at Peoria Christian School are once again selling value cards. These cards contain discounts and coupons at numerous businesses in the Pella area. Cards are \$10 a piece or 3 for \$25. Contact a 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grader to purchase cards or visit/call the school office (641-625-4131).

### FROM LOVE, INC:

- **Thrift Shoppe:** The Love INC Thrift Shoppe is now accepting donations from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday at 200 High Avenue W. (Penn Central Mall). At this time, they **will not** be accepting TV's or large furniture. The store opening date has not been determined yet. We'd like to fill it first.
- **Shoppe Volunteers Needed:** As we are opening for donations from the public, we are in need of Warehouse volunteers to sort, hang, and tag the merchandise. We are hoping to have 6-8 volunteers during each shift. The morning shift is from 8:30 – noon and the afternoon shift is from 1:00-4:30 Monday - Friday as we continue to stock the store. Once the store is open in the month of October, we will also be needing volunteers on Saturday.
- **Mahaska Connect:** We are currently seeking volunteers for our Mahaska Connect event that will be held on Saturday, October 23, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Volunteer training will again be at 6:30 a.m. Please sign up on our website ([loveincmahaska.org](http://loveincmahaska.org)) or email [loveincmahaskacounty@gmail.com](mailto:loveincmahaskacounty@gmail.com). We need guides, prayer team, intake team, runners, sanitation team, security team, drivers, etc. We are looking forward to what God will do through the Church and with our community partners this year at Mahaska Connect. To God be the glory! Please see the flyer attached to last week's supplement.

### FROM PELLA CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL:

- The PC Fall Fest 2021 is a Pella Christian community builder and fundraiser. We invite all students Creation Station through High School, parents, grandparents and friends to join us for an evening of games and activities, food, fundraising and fellowship on Friday, Oct. 1, from 5:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. at the Pella Sports Park. Mark your calendars and learn more here: <https://tinyurl.com/PCfallfest21>

### FROM LAKE VIEW CAMP:

- Middle School and High School Students mark your calendars! Lake View Camp is offering retreats this fall and winter! The Middle School Fall Retreat is Oct. 16-17, 2021. High School Winter Retreat is Jan. 22-23, 2022. Learn more about how following God changes everything and have lots of fun with friends! Please see the posters in the hallway for more information/cost. There are a limited number of registration forms on the Information Center table or you can visit our website ([www.lakeviewconference.com](http://www.lakeviewconference.com)) to register online.

### FROM CRC NEWS:

- **ReFrame Ministries:**
  - ~ *Groundwork: You Shall Not Steal:* Stealing of any kind reveals a lack of trust in God's provision. Join Groundwork as we study Exodus 20:15 and dig into scriptures that help us better understand the damage stealing causes in our relationships and what attitudes of the heart we can cultivate to help curb any temptation to steal something for our own benefit. Listen now at [www.GroundworkOnline.com](http://www.GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.
  - ~ *Spending Time with Jesus:* Check out this week's kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). If you were going to spend time with Jesus, what would you want to do? Would you play with him? Would you ask him questions and talk about stuff? Listen now at [www.kidscorner.net](http://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](http://www.familyfire.com). Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.
  - ~ *Stoking the Spirit in Your Marriage:* Family Fire is proud to share a series of videos on improving your marriage, titled, "Stoking the Spirit in Your Marriage." Based on their long-running series of in-person marriage seminars, Pastors Deb & Steven Koster discuss skills and fundamentals everyone can use in their marriages. Get the series in 13 installments right in your inbox with your free subscription to Family Fire. Visit [www.familyfire.com/stokingmarriage](http://www.familyfire.com/stokingmarriage).

- **From Resonate Global Mission:**
  - ~ *Check Out Go Local:* Are you interested in learning more about connecting with your neighbors and living your faith outside of the four walls of your home or church? Resonate Global Mission's Go Local cohorts equip believers with postures and practices for joining God on mission in our neighborhoods. Want to get a feel for what Go Local is all about? Resonate ministry leaders are offering two Go Local: Preview experiences on Wednesday, September 29 from 1-2:30 PM ET and 8-9:30 PM ET. Learn more and register at [www.resonateglobalmission.org/preview](http://www.resonateglobalmission.org/preview).
  - ~ *Join a Go Local Cohort!* Resonate Global Mission ministry leaders are starting new Go Local: Essentials cohorts at the end of September and beginning of October. Go Local cohorts equip believers with postures and practices for joining God at work outside of the four walls of a church building. Go Local cohorts are available for individuals, churches, and pastors and church staff. Learn more and find a cohort that works with your schedule at [www.resonateglobalmission.org/essentials](http://www.resonateglobalmission.org/essentials).
- **Faith Practice Reflection Tip:** Reflection and Discussion Starter—the Practice of Sabbath: Read Psalm 23 and ponder or discuss the following questions: Reflect on the words “I shall not want” (or, as The Message puts it, “I don’t need a thing.” How often do those words describe you? How have you experienced God’s “goodness and mercy”? How might you be an agent of goodness and mercy to your neighbor or to your “enemies”? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit [bit.ly/FaithPracticesProject](http://bit.ly/FaithPracticesProject))
- **Disability Concerns October Learning Series:** Disability Concerns Ministry is excited to share our newest resource with you: Everybody Belongs, Serving Together ([www.faithward.org/everybody-belongs-serving-together/](http://www.faithward.org/everybody-belongs-serving-together/)). Join us this October, every Thursday evening at 8:00 p.m. (EST) as we dive into this resource, inviting leaders in our community to speak on topics covered in this handbook. Visit our website to find out more and to register for this series: [bit.ly/dcc2021series](http://bit.ly/dcc2021series) (Hosted by Disability Concerns Canada)
- **Safe Church October Webinar:** Join us on Zoom, Wednesday, Oct. 6,, at 12:00 p.m. Eastern for our October Safe Church webinar: Faith Leaders and a Coordinated Community Response to Domestic Violence. This webinar features a conversation with Rev. Michael Ten Haken (Pease CRC), Judy Pearson (Director of the Pearl Crisis Center), and Glenda Rittenour (Court Advocate), to discuss how they function as a Community Coordinated Response Team in Pease, Minnesota, in response to domestic abuse and with battering intervention programs. <https://bit.ly/SCOctoberwebinar>.

\*\*\*\*\*

