

First Christian Reformed Church of Oskaloosa

Bulletin Supplement for 1/2/22

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:

- Monthly Offerings:** We would like the congregation to know that you may give at any time 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.

December Offering Schedule:

<u>Date</u>	<u>AM</u>	<u>P.M.</u>
1/2	World Renew	Christian Education Fund
1/9	Therefore Go Ministries (Youth Unlimited)	Benevolence
1/16	Pella Pro-Life	Christian Opportunity Center
1/23	Christian Education Fund	Mobility Worldwide
1/30	Cadets (International)	Resonate Global Mission

- November Special Offerings:**

[includes Budget Envelopes, Thanksgiving Envelopes (\$66,783.49) and Regular Offerings]

Child Evangelism Fellowship	\$ 6,101.25	Crossroad Prison Ministry	\$ 538.00
ReFrame Ministries	\$ 5,197.25	Rehoboth Christian School	\$ 1,649.00
Denominational Min. Shares	\$ 3,486.00	Lake View Bible Camp	\$ 6,941.25
Love, INC (In the Name of Christ)	\$ 8,374.25	Cadets	\$ 130.00
GEMS	\$ 1,800.00	Christian Opportunity Center	\$ 50.00
Friendship Bible Study	\$ 50.00	Coffee Break	\$ 50.00
Library	\$ 50.00	World Renew	\$ 13,944.25
Bible League	\$ 2,939.24	Luke Society	\$ 5,889.25
New Life Prison Ministries	\$ 5,774.25	Youth for Christ	\$ 5,349.25
Samaritan's Purse	\$ 2,500.00	IGNITE Youth Group	\$ 50.00
Ecumenical Food Cupboard	\$ 50.00	Gideons	\$ 125.00
Vital Men's Ministries	\$ 20.00	Pastor Boetsma's Library	\$ 100.00
Missionary Support	\$ 6,050.25		

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

- There will be no Sunday School classes today. Classes will start up again on Jan. 9.

UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES:

- Sunday, Jan. 2: AM Service at 9:30 a.m.; PM Service at 6:00 p.m.
- Winter Worship (Church, SS, Potluck, 12:45 Church) will begin on Jan. 9.

DIRECTORY PICTURES:

- Directory Pictures:** Just a reminder that if you would like to add/change your picture in the directory that you will need to **email** (firstcrcosky@mahaska.org) a copy to me **by tomorrow**. I **cannot** accept hard copies. Thanks ☺
- Directory Pages:** Directory pages are in the hallway. Please look them over carefully and if you need to make changes use the red pens provided. If your information is correct, please put "OK" by your name. The pages will be out through **today**.

CADET CHRISTMAS PARTY:

- The Cadet Christmas Party which was postponed on Dec. 15, will be held this Wednesday, **Jan. 5**, from 2:30 – 7:00 p.m. We will pick the boys up from the Oskaloosa schools, Ron G will pick up the Pella & Eddyville boys. All others are responsible for getting to church by 2:30 or the bowling alley as soon as possible. We will do our bowling, go caroling, and then come back to church for pizza and games. Please pick your son(s) up promptly at 7:00. If you have questions, please call Gene at 660-3297.

IGNITE:

- Please meet at the Stillwater Cabin from 7-8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, **Jan. 5**, for our Christmas Party. Bring your white-elephant gift and a small snack to share.

YEARBOOK:

- If you are interested in ordering a 2022 CRC Yearbook, please let Sue know by Sunday, Jan. 9. They are \$11 for regular and \$13 for spiral bound.

BLOOD DRIVE:

- Our next Blood Drive will be held on Monday, Jan. 17, 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 required; if you don't have one, one will be provided. Please eat before donating and bring your photo ID. Thanks!

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:

- **PowerPoint:** Involves putting together and running the PowerPoint one Sunday per month and the occasional special service. Please talk to Lisa DB or Cyndi F if you are interested or have questions.
- **Adults for Nursery:** We have an excellent group of elementary and high school students willing to work in the nursery, but we are REALLY short on adults. To not burn them out, we would like to have enough adults so that they only work 2-3 times per year. Please sign-up on the sheet on the Information Center Table if you feel led to help out in this way. If you are not sure if you are already on the list, please check with Sue DB. Thanks.

SANCTUARY PROJECT UPDATE FROM THE BUILDING COMMITTEE:

- **Supplies Ordered:** Since the Congregational Meeting we have started to put down money to secure prices and materials. So far we have paid down 50% of the following items: Chairs, Carpet/Flooring, and blinds. When we passed the project we had money on hand from a couple different funds, but we also committed to raising additional funds that would be needed.
- **Funds Update:** To date we have raised \$9,750 of the approximately \$34,115 we need to fully fund the project. That leaves \$24,365 to raise. Please consider in the coming weeks how you can support this upcoming project.

CARD SHOWER:

- A former member of our congregation, Teunis Hol, will celebrate his 103rd birthday on Monday, Jan. 3. If you would like to send him a card he resides at White Oak Estates, 914 N. 12th St., Oskaloosa.

DIRECTORY UPDATE:

- Claire Vander Weide has been moved to Homestead. Please update your directories with the following address:
2102 S. Market Street
Room #164
Oskaloosa, IA 52577

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES:

- Jan. 3 = Tony Kunz, Trinity Roozeboom (Steve)
- Jan. 4 = Pastor Jon & Keri Spronk
- Jan. 5 = Elaine Bandstra, Allison Boender (Mark), John Henry VI
- Jan. 8 = Rose Van Woerkom, Ruth Vos

LOST & FOUND:

- **Lost:** Ken Brink is missing his coat. It is a black XL Columbia and it disappeared following our evening worship service on the 19th from the coat rack by Pastor Erik's office. His name is in it. If you accidentally took it, please return it to church ASAP. Thanks!
- **Found:** A black water bottle has been turned into the office. Please see Sue to claim.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS:

FROM THE LUKE SOCIETY:

- We embrace the joy of this time of year as we think about the coming Savior on Christmas, but many places in our world still haven't heard the Good News of salvation in Jesus Christ. The people of **First Christian Reformed Church** are helping to sow seeds of the Gospel through your recent support of the Luke Society. Besides physical healing, our world needs spiritual healing. We are grateful to have you on our team as we support doctors and nurses committed to proclaiming Jesus to the world.

FROM LAKE VIEW CAMP:

- High School Students mark your calendars! Lake View Camp is offering a retreat this winter on Jan. 22-23, 2022. Learn more about how following God changes everything and have lots of fun with friends! Please see the poster 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) to register online.

FROM CRC NEWS:

• **ReFrame Ministries:**

~ *Groundwork: God's Plan and Spiritual Blessings*: The Apostle Paul reassures the early Christians in Ephesus, and us, that God most definitely has a salvation plan, and he put his in place before creation. Join Groundwork as we study Ephesians 1 and find assurance that we can confidently trust God is in control. Listen now at www.GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

~ *One Day at a Time*: Check out the new kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. A new year has begun. We should begin this year grateful to God for his blessings and look ahead trusting in God's faithfulness. But some days, it's hard not to worry or be afraid of what comes next. In this next year, how do we stop being anxious and put God first like he wants us to? Listen now at www.kidscorner.net and check out all the new content.

• **From Calvin University:**

~ *January Series 2022*: Coming this January for the 35th year, Calvin University presents the January Series 2022 – the award winning free liberal arts education delivered in 15 weekly, lunchtime lectures. This year the series begins on January 10 and continues weekdays through January 28 from 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. Viewing options include attending the live presentations on Calvin's campus, attending simulcast presentations at over 50 remote sites across the continent, or watching digitally on demand each day until midnight on your own device. For all the details visit www.calvin.edu/january.

~ *Calvin Symposium on Worship - (Jan. 31 – Feb. 4, 2022)*: Join this livestream conference, with several in-person sessions, sponsored by the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship and the Center for Excellence in Preaching, located at Calvin University and Calvin Theological Seminary, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Learn more at www.worship.calvin.edu/symposium/

• **Faith Practices Reflection Tip: Reflection and Discussion Starter—the Practice of Engaging Scripture: Read Psalm 1:1-2 and ponder or discuss the following questions. The new year is an excellent time to form new habits of Scripture engagement. How might you organize your day to make room for spending more time with God's Word? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit bit.ly/FaithPracticesProject)**

TWENTY TRUTHS TO REMEMBER THIS YEAR

1. Faith is the ability to not panic.
2. If you worry, you didn't pray. If you pray, don't worry.
3. As a child of God, prayer is kind of like calling home every day.
4. Blessed are the flexible, for they shall not be bent out of shape.
5. When we get tangled up in our problems, be still.
God wants us to be still so He can untangle the knot.
6. Do the math. Count your blessings.
7. God wants spiritual fruit, not religious nuts.
8. Dear God: I have a problem. It's me.
9. Silence is often misinterpreted, but never misquoted.
10. Laugh every day, it's like inner jogging.
11. The most important things in your home are the people.
12. Growing old is inevitable, growing up is optional.
13. There is no key to happiness. The door is always open.
14. A grudge is a heavy thing to carry.
15. He who dies with the most toys is still dead.
16. We do not remember days, but moments.
Life moves too fast, so enjoy your precious moments.
17. Nothing is real to you until you experience it, otherwise it's just hearsay.
18. It's all right to sit on your pity pot every now and again.
Just be sure to flush when you are done.
19. Surviving and living your life successfully requires courage.
The goals and dreams you're seeking require courage and risk-taking.
Learn from the turtle – it only makes progress when it sticks out its neck.
20. Be more concerned with your character than your reputation.
Your character is what you really are while your reputation is merely what others think you are.

Have A Blessed Day!