

First Christian Reformed Church of Oskaloosa

Bulletin Supplement for 1/16/22

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.

January 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

WINTER WORSHIP FOR 2022:

- Schedule:** We will continue our Winter Worship schedule through March 6.
 - ~ Morning service – 9:30 a.m.
 - ~ Sunday School
 - ~ Potluck Lunch
 - ~ Afternoon Service – 12:45 p.m.
- Morning worship and Sunday School** will continue as usual. We will then have a potluck lunch followed by the second service at 12:45 p.m. Single people of any age are encouraged to stay without commitment to bring food.
- Paper Products:** The church will provide paper goods. Care Groups will take turns with set up, drinks (water and coffee), and clean up. A list of instructions is in the kitchen.
- Care Group Set-Up & Clean-Up Schedule:**

Jan. 16 – Groups 3 & 4	Jan. 23 – Groups 5 & 6	Jan. 30 – Groups 7 & 8
Feb. 6 – Groups 9 & 10	Feb. 13 – Groups 1 & 2	Feb. 20 – Groups 3 & 4
Feb. 27 – Groups 5 & 6	March 6 – Groups 7 & 8	
- Oversight:** As we continue our Winter Worship format we ask that you, as parents, please
 - (1) keep your children from playing in the sanctuary between the services and
 - (2) provide some supervision in the basement. Things were a little rough this past week and we do not want anyone getting hurt or things getting broken. There are plenty of games downstairs for them to play. Thank you!

BLOOD DRIVE:

- Our next Blood Drive will be held tomorrow from 2:15 – 7:00 p.m. The drive is full and 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!

SEW DAY:

- Sew Day will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 25. We will be laying out quilt tops. We will meet in the fellowship hall from 9 to 3. The committee will furnish snacks along with coffee and tea. We will order in pizza for lunch. Come join us when it works into your schedule. Contact Delores at 641-295-2983 or Ellize at 641-295-6000 with any questions you might have.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:

- 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.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES:

- Jan. 18 = Lisa De Bruin, Dylan Roozeboom (Luke)
- Jan. 20 = Olivia Boender (Doug)
- Jan. 21 = BJ Boender, Jim Brummel, Laura De Jong, Courtney Van Donselaar (Jeremy)
Marion & Dorothy Vos
- Jan. 22 = Deb Bruxvoort
- **A Church-Wide Birthday & Anniversary List** was in your mailbox a few weeks ago. You will notice that there are a few that we do not have dates for. If you are one of those or if we inadvertently missed yours, would you please get the information to Sue and she will update the records accordingly. Thanks!

INFORMATION CENTER UPDATES:

- Barnabas Foundation *Generosity Today*

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS:

THANK YOU'S:

- **From New Life Prison Ministries:** Brothers & Sisters in Christ, Thank you for your financial and prayer support during 2021! Even though we have not been allowed into the prison since March of 2020, we continue to see God's Spirit moving inside and outside of the prison. Please continue to keep us in your prayers as we wait.
-- **Pastor Rick & Rose Admiraal**
- **From Luke Society:** A new year means new beginnings at the Luke Society, and we are excited to see the ways the Holy Spirit will move in 2022. Because of faithful donors and congregations like First Christian Reformed Church we are able to provide support to 37 Christian ministry partners in 29 countries in 2022. Thank you for playing a part in expanding Christ's kingdom through your gifts.

FROM CRC NEWS:

- **ReFrame Ministries:**
 - ~ *Groundwork – You Belong. Be Rooted in Christ's Love:* Keeping up faith can be hard when life's circumstances are difficult. Join Groundwork as we study Ephesians 3 to hear the Apostle Paul's assurance that we belong in God's family, that His promises are, indeed, for us, and be blessed by His prayer for the Holy Spirit to root us in Christ's love. Listen now at www.GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.
 - ~ *Word Power – MLK Day:* Check out the new kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Did you know words have power? Your words. Your neighbor's words. Everybody's! Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. knew that. He used his word power to help people see each other as equals, no matter their skin color. Listen now at www.kidscorner.net and check out all the new content.
- **From Calvin Theological Seminary:** Paul's Missionary Journeys in Turkey & the Seven Churches of Revelation - (May 23 – June 4, 2022) Visit ancient sites connected with Paul's First, Second, and Third Missionary Journeys as well as the seven churches to whom John wrote the Book of Revelation. Join Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading biblical scholar, for this inspirational biblical tour. Contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or weimje@calvinseminary.edu.
- **Faith Practice Reflection Tip:** Reflection and Discussion Starter—the Practice of Engaging Scripture: Read Isaiah 55:10-11 and ponder or discuss the following questions. The verses right before this passage are about forgiveness of sins, and the verses right after are about the joy of having the curse of sin lifted. How does this passage give you hope, both for your own life and for the world? In what ways have you felt God's Word helping you and those around you "bud and flourish"? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit bit.ly/FaithPracticesProject)

When you get to your wit's end, you'll find God lives there.