

First Christian Reformed Church of Oskaloosa

Bulletin Supplement for 4/24/22

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.

May Offering Schedule:

Date	AM	P.M.
5/1	Good News Chapel VBS	ReFrame Ministries
5/8	Child Evangelism Fellowship	Benevolence
5/15	Christian Education Fund	PC Special Education Fund
5/22	Samaritan's Purse – Ukrainian Relief	GEMS International
5/29	World Renew	Christian Education Fund

SUNDAY SCHOOL YEAR-END SCHEDULE:

- April 24 – Sunday School
- May 1 – Sunday School recognition during the worship service, last regular class meetings (this is a corrected change from last week's info) and Year-End Potluck. Care Groups #9 & #10 are asked to help in the kitchen.

LADIES:

- Don't forget to sign-up for the Mother's Day Brunch to be held on Saturday, May 7, from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. There's a sign-up sheet on the Information Table. Please invite your daughters, nieces, neighbors, friends, etc. to join you. You can host a table or just sign-up to attend. There will also be a photo opportunity available for \$10, with the proceeds going to The Growing Place, a ministry of Love, INC. You may also sign-up by calling Kristi Jabaay at 1-319-899-8342 or Linda Van Donselaar at 641-295-4848.

CEF UPDATE:

- The school year is nearing the end and we still owe our Christian schools \$40,000 over the next two months. Please continue to fulfill your pledges and thank you to those who have given!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:

- Staffing:** Following are the opportunities for helping at Bible School, June 6-10, 2022.
 - ~ Craft Teachers – 5th & 6th Grade (Friday only)
 - ~ Helpers (those who have finished 7th Grade) – 1st Grade (1), 2nd Grade (1), 3rd Grade (1), 4th Grade (1)
 - ~ Kitchen Help at 1st CRC: We are in need of a couple of ladies to organize the refreshments at 1st CRC.
 - ~ Those willing to help please email Pastor Boets at agboets@mahaska.org.
- Craft Help:** Are you a crafty person? I am in need of some people to help with crafts. This means coming up with the craft for the story and collecting the items for the craft. This is starting now, not the week of VBS. Questions? Call Belinda 641-660-5986.
- Staff Meeting:** The Staff Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 11, at 7:00 P.M.

LOST & FOUND:

- There is a table of unclaimed Lost & Found items by the Men's Restroom. Please look it over and claim anything that is yours. Unclaimed items will be donated to the Love, INC Thrift Shoppe.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES:

- April 24 = Betty Huyser, Shirley Van Donselaar
Brandon & Melanie (Plate) Davisson
- 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

INFORMATION CENTER REPORTS:

- 1) Huyser Prayer Letter
- 2) De Young Prayer Letter
- 3) Pella Christian *Link*

OFFICE NEWS:

- **Summer Hours:** Beginning May 2, I will be starting my summer hours of working Tuesday – Friday, with the office being closed on Monday.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS:

FROM PELLA CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS:

- **Help Us Soar – PC Giving Day 2022:** Join us on Thursday, April 28, for our *Help Us Soar - PC Giving Day 2022*. Through social media like Facebook and Instagram, you will have the opportunity to get an inside peek at what happens during the school day at Pella Christian Schools. We want PCGS and PCHS to continue to educate and nurture for a life of service in God’s Kingdom and to do so, we need your help! Please consider giving to Pella Christian Schools to help us meet the goal of raising \$150,000 during our *Help Us Soar – PC Giving Day!* Show your support - by donating online at www.pceagles.org/helpussoar or by sending in your gift via mail by April 28, 2022 to 300 Eagle Lane, Pella IA 50219. Donations can be designated for Pella Christian High School, Pella Christian Grade School or simply Pella Christian Schools and will be divided between both campuses.
- **Society Meeting:** The Pella Christian High School Annual Society Meeting will be held Thursday, April 28, at 7:00 p.m. in the gymnasium. A school report plus ratification of the 2022/23 school budget will be on the agenda along with election of new school board members. All terms are three years. All PCHS Society members are invited to attend. Absentee ballots and nominee profiles will be available in the school office and at www.pceagles.org and may be submitted to the school office or to any current board member prior to the meeting. Ballots must be returned in a sealed envelope with your signature on the outside. A short Endowment Foundation/Corporation Society Meeting is scheduled to immediately follow the Society meeting in the gym. Due to the low number of willing candidates all are running unopposed.
 - ~ 2022 PCHS Board Nominees:
 - District I:** Chad Vink
 - At-Large** (Two seats open): Jodi De Vries and Doug Uitermarkt
- **Chamber Choir:** The PCHS Chamber Choir is leading a special music worship service at Connect Church on Saturday, April 30, at 7:00 pm.
- **Tulip Time Volunteers Needed:** The PCHS Eagle Boosters will be having a booth at Tulip Time again this year. This has been an excellent fundraiser for PCHS in the past. All proceeds raised at the Booster concession stands are used to support PC academics, athletics, music, clubs and many other areas! We are in need of 108 parent concession stand workers across the 3 Tulip Time days. *There are a limited number of volunteer spots each shift that can be filled by high school students to earn Student Service Hours.* To volunteer please access the signup genius on the school's website home page under the **Support** drop down menu and then **Eagle Boosters** link.
- **You’re Invited!** The Eagle Boosters of PCHS invite you to stop by their concession stand during Tulip Time located at its usual spot (E. 1st & Franklin) for some great food including Dutch spiced beef, Pella bologna, cotton candy, snow cones, an assortment of drinks, and **introducing our NEW sandwich...Dutch Stack (Dutch spiced beef, Pella bologna, and Gouda cheese)**. We promise to satisfy your appetite and thirst while you support PCHS!

FROM OSKALOOSA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL:

- OSCI is looking to hire a **Custodian** and a **Jr. High Math and Science Teacher** for the 2022-2023 school year. If you are interested or have any questions about either of these positions, please call Mr. Don Mitchell at 641-672-2174 or email mitchelld@oskaloosachristian.net. We are also seeking a **Boys’ Basketball Coach** for the 2022-23 school year. Please call AD Shannon Semini at 641-660-7036 for more information, or email seminis@oskaloosachristian.net.

FROM PEORIA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL:

- **Staff Openings:** PCS is seeking a full-time 1st/2nd grade teacher, a full-time 5th/6th grade teacher and a part-time Spanish teacher for the 2022/2023 school year. Anyone interested in these positions, should contact Jeremy Copenhaver (principal@peoriachr.org) for more details. Please continue to pray for the right individuals to come forward and fill these positions.
- **Now Enrolling:** PCS is now enrolling for the 2022/2023 school year. All students PK-8th grade can enroll at this time. We also want to emphasize our progressive kindergarten that we offer to any child that would turn 5 prior to September 15. Anyone interested in learning more about Peoria Christian, please contact Jeremy Copenhaver (principal@peoriachr.org).

FROM LOVE, INC:

- Love, INC is seeking a Volunteer Coordinator. Please see the job description in the newsletter.

FROM LAKE VIEW 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.

FROM CRC NEWS:

• **ReFrame Ministries:**

- ~ *Your Smallest and Biggest Teachers*: Check out the new kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. The Bible says that everything in nature, no matter how big, small, or even slimy, can teach us something about God. That's because He made everything with a purpose and He made a plan for all things. Listen now at www.kidscorner.net and check out 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.

• **From Calvin University:**

- ~ *Scriptoria – An Interfaith Writing Workshop*: Morning workshops. Afternoon instruction. One-on-ones with editors. Deep faith conversations. Think boot camp for your writing—whether it's fiction, nonfiction, or poetry—on June 20-24, 2022 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Scriptoria: An Interfaith Writing Workshop with Gary Schmidt, Hugh Cook, Patrice Gopo, L. S. Klatt, Robert Hudson, Nikki Grimes, Vinita Hampton Wright, and more. Visit www.scriptoriaworkshop.org.
- ~ *Paul's Missionary Journeys in Greece*: (October 6 - 18, 2022) Travel by motor coach (8 days) and cruise ship (3 days) to sites connected with Paul's second and third missionary journeys, as well as visit other major sites of biblical, archaeological, and cultural interest. Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading Pauline scholar, hosts this inspirational tour. For more information, contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or weimje@calvinseminary.edu.

• **From CRC Communications:**

- ~ *Prayer for Synod*: Synodical delegates, church leaders, and CRCNA members across the continent are praying for Synod 2022. Please join us! Prayer gatherings for synodical delegates are scheduled for April 27, May 11, and May 25. We will post prayer guides on the Network each time so that you can pray with us at a time that works for you as families, individuals, church councils, small groups, and others. Need some prayer points to pray through now? Find the March 30 prayer guide at www.network.crcna.org/prayer/prayer-guide-synod-philippians-44-9.
- ~ *40 Days of Prayer - Sign Up Today!*: As part of the CRCNA's year-long prayer initiative, *Together Seeking God's Face*, you are invited into a 40-day season of intentional, guided prayer leading up to Synod 2022. Learn more and sign up for daily Scripture and prayer prompts to be sent to your email for 40 days: www.network.crcna.org/prayer/seeking-gods-face-forty-days-prayer.

- **Graduate Programs in Counseling**: Northwestern College, IA, has started two online graduate programs that are distinctly Christ-centered to equip school or clinical mental health counselors who are called to serve Christ, people, and society in diverse settings. An M.A. in Clinical Mental Health or School Counseling can prepare you for a rewarding, high-need career as a professional counselor. For more information visit: www.nwciowa.edu/counseling
- **From World Renew**: Together We Can Help Foster Moms of Hope - In many communities around the world, women are denied opportunities to earn income and to thrive. In two weeks, learn how, through our gifts to World Renew's Free A Family® program, we can help share God's love and equip women with the tools and training needed to become Moms of Hope—women who help their families to journey away from hunger and poverty. For more information, go to: www.worldrenew.net/momsofhope.
- **From Resonate Global Mission**: Last Chance to Double Your Gift! You can help join God's mission and spread the gospel in North America by supporting Resonate Global Mission. It's not too late to double your gift by visiting www.resonateglobalmission.org/MatchMyGift! Any amount you give to this special campaign will be matched dollar for dollar by a generous donor! Don't wait—give today while your gift will go twice as far.
- **Faith Practice Reflection Tip**: Reflection and Discussion Starter—the Practice of Celebrating: Read Luke 15:20-24 and ponder or discuss the following questions. How would you feel if a child of yours whom you thought was dead appeared on your doorstep, seeking your forgiveness? If you were the father in this story, what would your celebration look like in today's world? What does this story tell you about God's character? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit bit.ly/FaithPracticesProject)