

First Christian Reformed Church of Oskaloosa

Bulletin Supplement for 5/15/22

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 COUNCIL:

- Classis Meetings:** Classis Central Plains will be meeting this Thursday, May 19, at Bethel CRC in Oskaloosa. Our delegates are Pastor Erik, Elder Kurtis De Bruin & Deacon Karl Boender. The alternates are Elder Rich De Bruin & Deacon Matt Collins. Please keep all the delegates in your prayers for safety in travel and wisdom in the decisions that need to be made.

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:

<u>Date</u>	<u>AM</u>	<u>P.M.</u>
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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:

- Staffing:** Following are the opportunities for helping at Bible School, June 6-10, 2022.
 - ~ Craft Teachers – 1st Grade, 5th & 6th Grade (Friday only)
 - ~ Helpers (those who have finished 7th Grade) – 1st 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.

CEF UPDATE:

- As of May 1, we owe the schools approximately \$7,000 to finish our tuition payments for this school year. Thank you to everyone for your contributions and fulfilled pledges to the CEF program - we are so thankful for a church family who supports Christian education!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST:

- The IGNITE Youth Group will be hosting their Annual Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast on Monday, May 30, from 7:00 to 10:00 a.m. They will be serving Pancakes (also gluten-free pancakes), cinnamon rolls, sausage, fresh fruit cups and drinks. The freewill offering will be used for the IGNITE Serve Project in Princeton, Kentucky the week of June 5 to 11. See you there!!

LOST & FOUND:

- Misc.:** There is a table of unclaimed Lost & Found items by the Men's Restroom. Please look it over and claim anything that is yours.
- Coats:** There are a few coats that have been hanging around for a while. Please check the rack across from the office and see if you find anything familiar.
- Donated:** Anything unclaimed by the end of May will be donated to the Love, INC Thrift Shoppe.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES:

- May 15 = Blake De Jong (Laura), Nick Spronk (Pastor Jon)
- May 17 = Brakken De Bruin (Brett)
- May 18 = Chris Pierson
- May 19 = Lucas De Bruin, Dan Fynaardt, Joleen Louwsma
- May 20 = Bethany De Bruin (L), Rich De Bruin, Bexley Pierson (Chris), Everly Pierson (Chris)
- May 21 = Hattie Shelquist (Tyler), Justun Walker

INFORMATION CENTER REPORTS:

- Justin Van Zee Prayer Letter

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS:

FROM PELLA CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS:

- **Band Pops Concert:** The annual instrumental Pops Concert will be held on Tuesday, May 17, at 7:00 p.m. in the gymnasium. You will need to reserve a table in advance by calling 628-4440 or you may sit on the bleachers with no reservation. **Reservation deadline is Friday, May 13, at 9:00 a.m.** The band will be performing songs with a summer theme, including, "A Bug's Life," "Firework," "Fireflies," and "Summertime." This is a great event for multiple generations and the whole family. Free popcorn and ice cream sundaes served!!
- **Commencement:** The 82nd annual commencement exercises for the PCHS seniors will be held Saturday evening, May 21, at 7:00 p.m. The commencement ceremony will take place in the PCHS gymnasium. Dr. Matthew Gritters will deliver the commencement address and Caleb Belzer is the senior class representative.

FROM PEORIA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL:

- Peoria Christian 8th Grade Graduation: Join us on Thursday, May 19, as we celebrate our graduating 8th grade students. Our guest speaker will be Pastor Bob Johnson. The ceremony will be held at Peoria CRC at 7PM. Everyone is invited as we celebrate what God has done through the lives of these students!

FROM SONSHINE PRESCHOOL:

- SONshine Preschool is seeking applicants for a part-time Teacher's Assistant position for the 2022-2023 school year. Please contact our Director at directorsonshineps@gmail.com or visit our website for further information: sonshinepreschool.org

FROM CRC NEWS:

- **From ReFrame Ministries:**
 - ~ *Follow – Jesus on the Shore:* The disciples' story of meeting Jesus on the shore helps us recognize that Jesus is in the ordinary and that he's willing to fellowship with us right where we're at. Join Groundwork as we study John 21 to learn how keeping our focus on the resurrected Jesus and his simple command for us to follow him cultivates our faith. Listen now at www.GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.
 - ~ *My Weakness. God's Strength.:* Check out the new kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Is there something you're so proud of that you love to tell people about it? In his letter to the Corinthians, Paul didn't boast about some great thing he did, but about his weakness. Some translations of the Bible refer to Paul's problem as "a thorn in [his] flesh." Listen now at www.kidscorner.net and check out all the new content.
- **Thank You from World Renew:** Thank you for your compassion and generosity. Your gift to World Renew's Free A Family® program is helping to equip women around the world with the training and tools needed to support their families on the journey towards flourishing. Thank you for supporting Moms of Hope as they support their families. To learn more about the Free A Family program, go to: www.worldrenew.net/free-a-family.
- **Faith Practice Reflection Tip:** Reflection and Discussion Starter—the Practice of Prayer: Read Psalm 130 and ponder or discuss the following questions. At what times in your life have you felt that you were in "the depths"? Were you able to pray during those times? Why or why not? The psalmist seems to experience despair and hope simultaneously. What role does hope play in our prayers—and in other parts of our faith formation? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit bit.ly/FaithPracticesProject)

When Someone is Hurting: C.A.R.E.

Connect - When someone is hurting, we often don't know what to say or do. But even simply expressing, "I'm sorry and I care about you," can make a tremendous difference.

Accept - When we try to help someone, it's easy to direct their emotions or give advice. But emotions need to be shared openly. You'll be a blessing by providing a safe place to grieve.

Respond - While it is important to take action. What you do can be practical (like providing a meal) or symbolic (like sharing a thoughtful gift).

Extend - People are flooded with attention when a loss first occurs, but support usually decreases over time. By remembering and continuing to reach out, you can bring comfort and healing.

This excerpt is from
Comfort & Encouragement:
A One-Year Ministry Guide for Helping Those Who Are Hurting
by Holley Gerth.