

First Christian Reformed Church of Oskaloosa

Bulletin Supplement for 5/8/22

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

PROFESSION OF FAITH CLASS:

- Public Profession of Faith is an especially important milestone in the life of faith by which persons affirm their baptism, express personal trust in Jesus Christ, and indicate their pledge to follow our Lord. This morning after the AM service, there will be an information meeting in Pastor Jon's office for individuals who are interested in making Profession of Faith this summer. We are planning to have a four-week class that reviews the first Q&A of the Heidelberg Catechism, celebrates the work of God in the lives of His children, and gives information about what church membership is all about.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:

- Staff Meeting:** The Staff Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 11, at 7:00 P.M.
- 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.

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!

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!!

IGNITE SERVE PROJECT:

- On June 5, 22 teens, 4 couples and Pastor Erik will leave Oskaloosa for Princeton, KY on their long-awaited Serve Project. As plans are being made, there is a sign-up sheet in between the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall that will have items on it that the group would love to have purchased by you to save on food expenses. If you could deliver them to church after Memorial Day (due to the IGNITE Pancake Breakfast) during office hours and leave them in the upstairs kitchen (saving our steps from the old kitchen 😊) marked KENTUCKY, that would be awesome. Please have everything to church by Friday, June 4, as the trailer will be loaded on Friday evening. Thanks in advance for signing up and helping us this way.

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.

LENDING LIBRARY:

- Pastor Jon recently attended the Together for the Gospel (T4G) conference in Louisville alongside 12,000 pastors and ministry leaders from across the world. Part of the conference is that pastors are given many new Christian books to take back home to their studies and congregations. Pastor Jon is displaying these books on the table next to his office for the congregation to browse through. If you would like to borrow a book to take home to read for a few weeks or a month, go ahead and take it. Just tell or text (641-295-5155) Pastor Jon what book you are borrowing. Here is the list of titles:
 - ~ *Faith Alone: The Doctrine of Justification* by Thomas Schreiner
 - ~ *Gentle and Lowly: The Heart of Christ for Sinners and Sufferers* by Dane Ortlund
 - ~ *How to Build a Healthy Church* by Mark Dever and Paul Alexander
 - ~ *Luke 1-12 For You* by Mike McKinley
 - ~ *More Than a Story* by Sally Michael - (an Old Testament children's story Bible geared to grades 3-5)
 - ~ *NIV Grace and Truth Study Bible*: Albert Mohler General Editor
 - ~ *No Shortcut to Success: A Manifesto for Modern Missions* by Matt Rhodes
 - ~ *On Guard: Preventing and Responding to Child Abuse at Church* by Deepak Reju
 - ~ *Only a Prayer Meeting* by C.H. Spurgeon
 - ~ *Providence* by John Piper
 - ~ *Reformed Dogmatics: A System of Christian Theology* by Geerhardus Vos
 - ~ *Reformed Ethics (volumes 1 & 2)* by Herman Bavinck (Pastor Jon's favorite theologian)
 - ~ *Strange New World: How Thinkers and Activists Redefined Identity and Sparked the Sexual Revolution* by Carl Trueman
 - ~ *Talking About Race: Gospel Hope for Hard Conversations* by Isaac Adams
 - ~ *The New Reformation: Finding Hope in the Fight for Ethnic Unity* by Shai Linne
 - ~ *The Path to Being a Pastor: A Guide for the Aspiring* by Bobby Jamison
 - ~ *Theology for Ministry* by Edwards, Ferguson and Van Dixhoorn

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES:

- May 10 = Elizabeth Boender, Kendall Brink
- May 11 = Heather Collins, Cooper De Bruin (Adam)
- May 12 = Jim & Marilyn Brummel
- May 13 = Marcia Brink

INFORMATION CENTER REPORTS:

- Justin Van Zee Prayer Letter

OFFICE NEWS:

- Just a reminder that summer office hours (Tuesday – Friday) are now in effect.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS:

FROM PELLA CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS:

- **Spring Choir Concert:** The annual PCHS Spring Choir Concert will be held on Wednesday, May 11, at 7:00 p.m. in the PCHS Vermeer Auditorium. This concert will feature a variety of solo, small and large group performances of popular film and stage music from the last 30 years.
- **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 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 LOVE, INC:

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

TUITION ASSISTANCE:

- Did you know there is seminary tuition assistance available from Classis Central Plains for members of our churches who are pursuing ordained ministry in the CRC? If you have a student (or you are a student) pursuing, or planning to pursue, the M.Div. or another approved theological educational program toward ordination in the CRC, and would like more information about classical tuition assistance, please contact Pastor Aaron Gunsaulus, the chair of the Classis Ministerial Leadership Team (CMLT) for Classis Central Plains, at pastor.newtoncrc@gmail.com.

PAUL'S MISSIONARY JOURNEYS IN GREECE (Oct. 6-18, 2022):

- Travel to biblical sites connected with Paul's missionary journeys in Greece: Philippi, Thessalonica, Berea, Athens, Corinth as well as Meteora and Delphi. Included is a fabulous 3-day cruise to Mykenos, Ephesus, Patmos, Crete and Santorini. Contact Dr. Jeff Weima, Professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading biblical scholar at weimje@calvinseminary.edu or 616-328-3110.

FROM CRC NEWS:

- **Join us in Praying for Synod 2022:** 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 May 11 & 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 April 27 prayer guide at <https://network.crcna.org/prayer/prayer-guide-synod-psalm-13>.
- **From ReFrame Ministries:**
 - ~ *Believe – Jesus and the Disciples*: Studying Jesus' first appearance to His disciples and later His appearance to Thomas offers us encouragement for our faith even when believing in Jesus isn't easy. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study John 20:19-31 to learn why belief in Jesus is a lifestyle, not a one-time event, and why Jesus' promises to his disciples give us hope yet today. Listen now at www.GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.
 - ~ *God is Our Protector*: Check out the new kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Psalm 121 tells how God is our ultimate protector. The psalmist reminds us that “*He will not let your foot slip*” (v. 3) and that God “*is your shade at your right hand*” (v. 5). This means that if we reach for help, God will be there. 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 Faith Formation Ministries:**
 - ~ *Faith Practice Reflection Tip*: Reflection and Discussion Starter—the Practice of Prayer: Read Psalm 145 and ponder or discuss the following questions. Of the four components of the ACTS model for prayer (adoration, confession, thanksgiving, supplication), adoration seems to be the part of prayer that is difficult for many people in the Reformed tradition. Is that true for you? If so, why do you think that is? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit bit.ly/FaithPracticesProject)
 - ~ *Everything You Need for An Interactive Series on the Faith Practice*: Want to try something new (and easy) at your church this summer? We've expanded the Faith Practices Project to include everything you need to plan a worship service, series, or gathering on a particular faith practice with people of all ages. Learn more at www.crcna.org/FaithFormation.
- **From World Renew:** Let's Join World Renew in Celebrating Moms of Hope. A Mom of Hope is a woman who knows she is blessed by God with skills and resources to support her family. She looks to the future trusting in God's love and abundance. Your gift to World Renew's Free A Family® program will help equip mothers in vulnerable communities around the world to overcome trauma, multiply their income, and gain access to education and training so they can become Moms of Hope. To donate, call 1-888-WRLD-RNW or go online to: www.worldrenew.net/momsofhope.
- **From Safe Church Ministry:** May 2022 Safe Church Webinar: Step 2 Making and Revising Policy - Join us May 18 at 12:00 p.m. (Eastern) for Webinar 2 of our Safe Church Basics Series. In this webinar, Safe Church Ministry staff will highlight common myths hidden within many abuse prevention policies, share a new model policy, and hear from other leaders about ways they have navigated the tedious task of revising and making policies. Register at: <https://bit.ly/SCwebinarMay22>.