

First Christian Reformed Church of Oskaloosa

Bulletin Supplement for 7/17/22

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.

July Offering Schedule:

Date	AM	P.M.
7/3	Love, INC (In the Name of Christ)	Vital Men's Ministries
7/10	Christian Education Fund	Joshua Christian Academy
7/17	Youth for Christ	Benevolence
7/24	Mission Fund	Gideons
7/31	Focus on the Family	Christian Education Fund

PRODUCE TABLE:

- Once again, a Produce Table will be available on Sundays for you to share of the bounty of your garden or for you to benefit from the generosity of others.

FAMILY VISITING:

- The Elders are inviting the congregation to engage in the practice of Family Visiting for the purposes of mutual encouragement and spiritual assistance. However, we acknowledge that family visits are getting harder and harder to schedule, and what was previously the set time period of family visits (2nd Mondays) does not work for many in our congregation. Therefore, families and individuals that would like to schedule a family visit are asked to contact their Care Group Elder or one of the Pastors and a family visit will be scheduled.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES:

- July 17 = Gary & Mary Van Engelenhoven
- July 18 = Holly Brink, Dylan Walker (Justun)
- July 19 = Don De Bruin, Henry Vernoooy
- July 20 = Rich De Groot
- July 21 = Karen De Bruin, Taylor Hol (Eric)
Pat & Eveline Franje
- July 22 = Dale De Bruin
- July 23 = Julia Groenenboom

INFORMATION CENTER REPORTS:

- 1) De Young's Prayer Letter 2) Barnabas Foundation *Generosity Today* 3) Faber's *Days of the Harvest*

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS:

GOSPEL NIGHT AT THE FAIR:

- The Oskaloosa Community Evangelism Committee and the Southern Iowa Fair are pleased to present Gospel Night at the Fair on Sunday, July 24, at 7:30. *Heartland Harmony*, from Charles City, IA; and *Renewed Quartet*, from Kirksville, MO, will be performing on the Free Stage (under the cool of shade trees and quiet-running livestock fans) at 7:30. A free-will offering will be taken, but there is no charge for fair admission or parking. See the poster that was in the supplement last week or in the hallway for more information.

FROM CRC NEWS:

- From ReFrame Ministries:**

~ *Your Questions About Spiritual Life*: Engaging the issues and questions challenging our faith as a community benefits us all. Join Groundwork as we study John 11:40-42, 1 John 5:14-15, Jeremiah 29:4-7, Matthew 22:15-22, Psalm 107:43, and more to address your questions about personal faith and daily faith practices, living faithfully in a divided world, and responding biblically when our faith is challenged. Listen now at www.GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

~ *Naaman's Servant Girl – God's Power*: Check out the new kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Naaman's servant girl was brave enough to show God's love to a powerful enemy, and that allowed God to change a heart and a nation. God's power follows different rules. Listen now at www.kidscorner.net and check out all the new content.

• **From CRC Communications:**

~ *Register Today for Inspire 2022*: The deadline for Inspire 2022 has been extended to late July! Sign up today for this three-day gathering of Reformed believers from across the continent, where we'll worship, learn, fellowship, and grow together. Plenary speakers include Bishop David Zac Niringiye, Ken Shigematsu, Sandra Maria Van Opstal, Sandra McCracken, and Steven Argue. Workshops cover topics from relationship building to creation care to restorative justice to perseverance in ministry, and more. Join us and be refreshed! Learn more at www.crcna.org/inspire.

~ *Chief Administrative Officer - CRCNA is Hiring*: The Chief Administrative Officer has the administrative authority and accountability to guide and oversee the leadership, strategy, and performance of the CRCNA administration, ministry agencies, and ministry partners. The Chief Administrative Officer will oversee administrative and support services needed to advance the ministry plan in such areas as governance and compliance, joint ministry plans, finance and budgets, human resources, facilities, and transportation. If you would like to learn more about this opportunity please visit <https://www.crcna.org/chief-administrative-officer-search/overview>.

• **From World Renew**: Join World Renew today by providing access to clean water. Every minute a child under the age of 5 dies from illnesses related to unsafe water and sanitation – causing nearly 300,000 child deaths a year. You have the opportunity to help reduce those preventable deaths by donating to World Renew. Your donation to help provide clean and safe water to the world's most vulnerable communities will help stop the spread of waterborne illnesses, promote health, and demonstrate the love of Jesus. To donate, go to www.worldrenew.net/cleanwater.

• **Worship Leadership Course** - Calling all worship leaders! You're invited to sign up now for the online Certificate in Worship Leadership course. This one-year course through Samford University is available to any CRC worship leader, pastor, planner, or team member who would like to study worship at a deeper level. Applications due July 18. Find details at www.network.crcna.org/worship/online-worship-leadership-certificate-course-2022-2023. Don't miss it!

• **From Faith Formation Ministries:**

~ *At-home Faith Practice Reflection Tip*: Reflection and Discussion Starter—the Practice of Remembering: Read Psalm 103 and ponder or discuss the following questions. What helps you remember the goodness of God? If someone asked you to tell them about “all [God's] benefits” in your life, which benefits would you remember? What stands out in your past and in your family history? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit bit.ly/FaithPracticesProject.)

~ *New Podcast Season on Faith Practices*: We're back for Season 2 of Open to Wonder! And this time we're asking big, small, weird, and hard-to-talk-about-in-church questions about faith practices. Listen at www.anchor.fm/open-to-wonder or on your favorite podcast app.

– Right Now Media Recommendation for July 2022 –

The Bible Project creates interesting and artistic video summaries of Books of the Bible and theological teachings. This month as we are examining 1 Samuel in our evening services, Pastor Jon is recommending the Bible Project's 7-minute video “*How to Read 1 Samuel*” as an imaginative summary of the major characters and themes of 1 Samuel.

Visibility these days seems to somehow equate to success.
Do not be afraid to disappear for a while and see what comes to you in the silence.

Michaela Coel, Screenwriter