

First Christian Reformed Church of Oskaloosa

Bulletin Supplement for 7/24/22

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.

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

- Offering Explanation:** We just wanted to let you know that when we have an offering for "Mission Fund" this is to help fund local mission projects. It helps our young people go to TEC (Teens Encounter Christ) weekends and other similar programs. If you have a question regarding it, please contact one of the Deacons. Thank you.

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.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES:

- July 24 = Heather Groenenboom
- July 25 = Amelia Boender (Mark), Arlene Meinders
Layton & Deann De Groot
- July 27 = Gene Van Gorp
- July 28 = Wayne De Jong, Mitchel Veenstra
- July 29 = Jenna (Fynaardt) Morrison
- July 30 = Max Collins (Matt), Preston Van Engelenhoven (Kevin)
Gene & Luana Van Gorp

INFORMATION CENTER REPORTS:

- 1) Faber's *Days of the Harvest* 2) Olsen's Update 3) Helpers' Prayer Letter

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 in the hallway for more information.

FROM PELLA CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL:

- The Little Eagle and PCHS Football team will again be selling sweet corn. We expect the crop to be ready August 5th for delivery. New this year, you can also pre-order bags of frozen, off the cob, sweet corn! Let the team do all the work and just enjoy the great taste. Follow Little Eagle on Facebook for up-to-date info. Corn will be on the wagon at PCGS the weekend of August 5th and frozen will be available August 8th. Thank you for supporting PCHS football. If you have questions, please contact Jake Fancher at sjfancher@yahoo.com or 641-230-3620.

FROM THE LUKE SOCIETY:

- The warmth of summer is fully upon us, but beyond the physical warmth, we feel a spiritual warmth as we work alongside you in the Luke Society. In a cold world filled with sin, your church is helping to bring the warmth of

Christ's love to nearly 30 countries through physical health and spiritual care. We thank the Lord for **First Christian Reformed Church** and pray that He may bless your gifts for His Kingdom.

FROM CRC NEWS:

• **From ReFrame Ministries:**

~ *Be a Disciple of Jesus Christ*: Many Christians have questions about following Jesus. Join Groundwork as we study 1 Timothy 4:7-8, 1 Peter 2:2-5, and 1 Timothy 2:1-3 to help us define discipleship, understand what this means for the lives of his disciples today, and discover the importance of community on our journey. Listen now at www.GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

~ *God's Love is Already There*: Check out the kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Naomi felt like there was no hope. But even through all of Naomi's sadness, Ruth was faithful to her and stayed by her side to comfort and encourage her. God's love never changes, and we can seek His comfort through the people He's placed in our lives. 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 CRC Communications:** *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>.

• **At-home Faith Practice Reflection Tip:** Reflection and Discussion Starter—the Practice of Remembering: Read Luke 22:14-20 and ponder or discuss the following questions. What do you think the disciples would have remembered most about that Passover meal? What might help you remember the great depths of Jesus' sacrifice when you come to the Lord's Table? What might also help you remember the great joy of the resurrection? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit bit.ly/FaithPracticesProject)

Sometimes the smallest words in the Bible hold the greatest truths.

Psalm 67:1 declares, *"May God be gracious to us and make his face shine on us."*

Why? Why does God shower us with grace? Why does he bless us with his love?

The answer may be counter-intuitive.

Verse 2 explains, *"that your way may be known on earth, your saving power in all nations."*

That.

It's a small word.

But it reveals a massive lesson: God blesses His people for the sake of His own global glory.

He loves us, in order that the nations would come to love Him.

This in no way diminishes the reality of God's love for us.

To the contrary, God's commitment to His own glory makes His love for us ever more bright, strong, and sure.

Since God purposes to make His name known among all nations,

He loves us in the greatest way possible: by giving us Himself.

As David Platt explains, "God's love for us and his zeal for his glory do not contradict one another."

God glorifies Himself by offering His own Son as a substitute sacrifice for us.

This is a love that beckons the nations to praise Him.

This is a love that calls forth a life of worship and devotion.

This a love worth singing about: *"Let the nations be glad and sing for joy"* (Psalm 67:4).

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