

First Christian Reformed Church of Oskaloosa

Bulletin Supplement for 1/15/23

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.

January Offering Schedule:

Date	AM	P.M.
1/1	Love, INC (In the Name of Christ)	Joshua Christian Academy
1/8	Ryan Faber (Missionary)	Christian Education Fund
1/15	Focus on the Family	Benevolence
1/22	Christian Education Fund	Cary Christian Center
1/29	Forward with Faith 818	HR Ministries (Kentucky)

- 2022 Monthly Budget Report** (Local & Classical Church Budget)

	2022 Budget	Monthly Giving	Difference	Total Difference
January	\$ 25,500.93	\$ 29,803.47	\$ 4,302.54	\$ 4,302.54
February	\$ 25,500.93	\$ 19,775.00	- \$ 5,725.93	- \$ 1,423.40
March	\$ 25,500.93	\$ 13,140.00	- \$ 12,360.93	- \$ 13,784.33
April	\$ 25,500.93	\$ 18,677.71	- \$ 6,823.22	- \$ 20,607.55
May	\$ 25,500.93	\$ 32,195.00	\$ 6,694.07	- \$ 13,913.49
June	\$ 25,500.93	\$ 19,478.90	- \$ 6,022.03	- \$ 19,935.52
July	\$ 25,500.93	\$ 22,425.00	- \$ 3,075.93	- \$ 23,011.45
August	\$ 25,500.93	\$ 21,347.90	- \$ 4,153.03	- \$ 27,164.49
September	\$ 25,500.93	\$ 23,631.23	- \$ 1,869.70	- \$ 29,034.19
October	\$ 25,500.93	\$ 20,882.98	- \$ 4,617.95	- \$ 33,652.14
November	\$ 25,500.93	\$ 27,735.00	\$ 2,234.07	- \$ 31,418.08
December	\$ 25,500.97	\$ 40,694.58	\$ 15,193.65	- \$ 16,224.43
Total for Year	\$ 306,011.20	\$ 289,786.77		- \$ 16,224.43

MAILBOXES:

- Mailboxes have been updated alphabetically. Please look VERY CAREFULLY before you reach for your mail as there are no guarantees that you will be in the same spot you have been in. ☺

WINTER WORSHIP FOR 2023:

- Schedule:** We will continue our Winter Worship schedule today.
 - ~ Morning service – 9:30 a.m.
 - ~ Sunday School
 - ~ Potluck Lunch
 - ~ Afternoon Service – 12:45 p.m.
- Morning worship and Sunday School** will continue as usual. We will then have a potluck lunch followed by the second service at 12:45 p.m. Single people of any age are encouraged to stay without commitment to bring food.
- Paper Products:** The church will provide paper goods. Care Groups will take turns with set up, drinks (water and coffee), and clean up. A list of instructions is in the kitchen and is also in your mailbox the week before your turn.
- Care Group Set-Up & Clean-Up Schedule:**

Jan. 15 – Groups 3 & 4	Jan. 22 – Groups 5 & 6	Jan. 29 – Groups 7 & 8
Feb. 5 – Groups 9 & 1	Feb. 12 – Groups 2 & 3	Feb. 19 – Groups 4 & 5
Feb. 26 – Groups 6 & 7	March 5 – Groups 8 & 9	
- Oversight:** As we continue our Winter Worship format we ask that you, as parents, please
 - (1) keep your children from playing in the sanctuary between the services and
 - (2) provide some supervision in the basement. We do not want anyone getting hurt or things getting broken. There are plenty of games downstairs for them to play. Thank you!

IGNITE:

- We will be meeting in the IGNITE room at 7:00 p.m. this Wednesday, Jan. 18, and starting a new lesson series.

BLOOD DRIVE:

- Our next Blood Drive will be held on Monday, Jan. 23, from 2:00 – 7:00 p.m. If you would like to donate and have not been contacted, please contact Gene & Sue De Bruin. Masks are NO LONGER required; and while you encouraged to make an appointment, they will allow a few walk-in's. Just know that you may need to wait if the schedule is full. Please eat before donating and bring your photo ID. Thanks!

STAR GIFT WORDS:

- If you missed Epiphany Sunday and would like a Star Gift Word for 2023, there is a basket on the Information Table in the foyer. Please feel free to draw one out and apply your word for the new year! The basket will be available until the end of January.

VBS:

- With Pastor Boetsma's retirement, the Good News Chapel is looking for help in coordinating and leading the VBS program for this coming summer. The First CRC Council is asking that our congregation would prayerfully consider this request. If there is someone who is interested in helping the Chapel in coordinating VBS, please talk with Pastor Jon and we will connect you to the leadership at GNC.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES:

- Jan. 15 = Bert Bandstra, Keith Brink, Luke Van Donselaar
- Jan. 18 = Lisa De Bruin, Dylan Roozeboom (Luke)
- Jan. 20 = Olivia (Boender) Kuiper
- Jan. 21 = BJ Boender, Jim Brummel, Laura De Jong, Courtney Van Donselaar (Jeremy)
Marion & Dorothy Vos

INFORMATION CENTER REPORTS:

- 1) Dan & Tammie Olsen Update
- 2) Areopagus Campus Ministry Update
- 3) Pella Christian *Link*
- 4) Jared & Anna De Young Update

CHURCH USE:

- Just a friendly reminder that if you want to use areas of the church that you don't normally use, at a time you don't normally use them (i.e. Cadets needing the kitchen on a Wednesday evening), you need to talk to Sue to reserve the space. Space is reserved on a "first come, first serve" basis.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS:

FROM PELLA CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS:

- **Homecoming:** PCHS invites you to attend their Homecoming activities on Friday, Jan. 27. The afternoon activities begin at 12:30 in the Vermeer Auditorium with chapel followed by competitions in the gymnasium that will conclude with the presentation of the Homecoming Court. The public is invited to the afternoon activities. The boys and girls basketball teams will be hosting Grinnell that evening. The JV Girls game will start at 4:45 p.m. followed by the Varsity Girls at 6:15 p.m. and the Varsity Boys game to follow at 7:45 p.m. JV Boys (4:45 p.m.) and 9th grade boys (6:00 p.m.) will also compete at the Pella Christian GRADE School Eagle Gym.
- **Job Openings:**
 - ~ Pella Christian Grade School is prayerfully seeking applications for a full-time Custodian/Maintenance Worker for the 2023-2024 school year. Please contact Ben Dirksen at dirksenb@pceagles.org or at 641-628-2414 if interested. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Position start date would be in May 2023.
 - ~ Pella Christian High School is prayerfully seeking a full-time evening custodian. The individual in this position would need to be available from 2:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. while school is in session and 6:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. throughout the summer. For more information or to apply, please contact our head custodian, Doug Van Wyk at 641-780-5440 or vanwykd@pceagles.org or email our principal, [Kevin Herdegen](mailto:Kevin.Herdegen@pceagles.org) at hsprincipal@pceagles.org.

DESSERT DASH:

- 818 Forward With Faith would like to invite you to their annual Dessert Dash on Friday, Feb. 10. This event will be held at Pella Christian High School and doors will open at 6:00 p.m. with punch and appetizers served. Dinner will begin at 6:30 followed by our speaker and the Dessert Dash. This year we are excited to have Julie Hornock with us. Her non-profit, Labeled and Loved, is located in Plano, Texas. Julie was recently interviewed on Focus on the Family and will share her story of God's mercy and how all of us are living out our calling in this world as God's Masterpieces. Please RSVP to this event at www.forwardwithfaith.org/upcoming-events or email us at promotion@forwardwithfaith.org with names and how many will attend. We look forward to seeing you there! Thanks for your support!

FROM THE LUKE SOCIETY:

- 2 Corinthians 9:7 says. "God loves a cheerful giver". It's within that context that the Luke Society expresses our gratitude to **First Christian Reformed Church** for your recent gift to our ministry. Your cheerful gifts are helping to build Christ's kingdom across the world by supporting important medical work and even more important evangelistic efforts. May your gifts be multiplied as we witness the spread of the Gospel to all peoples on earth.

FROM NEW LIFE PRISON CHURCH:

- Church Family, thank you for all your prayers and financial support over this past year! Even though the end of the year looked a little bleak, our supporters came out strong to finish the year in the black. We are blessed!
-- Pastor Rick & Rose, New Life Prison Church

FROM CRC NEWS:

- **From ReFrame Ministries:**
 - ~ Look At What God Has Done: We all experience transitions and seasons in life. Join Groundwork as we study Joshua 3-4 to let stories of God's faithfulness and deliverance of the past assure us that He is still delivering us through the transitions of our lives yet today. Listen now at www.Groundworkonline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.
 - ~ Word Power MLK Day: Check out the new kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Did you know words have power? Your words. Your neighbor's words. Everybody's! Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. knew that. He used his word power to help people see each other as equals, no matter their skin color. Check out all the great content at www.kidscorner.net like the The Bible in One Year Plan.
- **From World Renew – Are Your Records up to Date?:** World Renew moved to new offices last year! Please help us save forwarding costs, staff time, and postal fees so more of your support can be directed to ministry. Update your mailing records now to reach us at our new home: World Renew, 8970 Byron Commerce Dr. SW, Byron Center, MI 49315-7400. Thank you!

Exactly!

A preacher and the president of a soap manufacturing company went for a walk together.

The president said, "What good is religion? Look at all the trouble and misery of the world! Still there, even after years, thousands of years, of teaching about goodness and truth and love and peace. Still there, after all the sermons and teachings. If religion is good and true, why should this be?"

The preacher said nothing.

They continued walking until he noticed a child playing in the gutter. Then the preacher said, "Look at that child. You say that soap makes people clean, but see the dirt on that youngster. Of what good is soap? With all the soap in the world, over all these years, the child is still filthy. I wonder how effective soap is, after all!"

The president of the soap company protested, "But preacher, soap can't do any good unless it is used!"

"Exactly," replied the preacher. "Exactly."