

First Christian Reformed Church of Oskaloosa

Bulletin Supplement for 1/22/23

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)

WINTER WORSHIP FOR 2023:

- Care Group Set-Up & Clean-Up Schedule:**

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!

BLOOD DRIVE:

- Our next Blood Drive will be held tomorrow 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 are 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.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES:

- Jan. 22 = Deb Bruxvoort
- Jan. 23 = Joe Caligiuri
Bert & Elaine Bandstra
- Jan. 24 = Joan Kunz
- Jan. 27 = Scott De Bruin
- Jan. 28 = Crystal Roberts

INFORMATION CENTER REPORTS:

- 1) Jared & Anna De Young Update
- 2) Justin Van Zee Prayer Letter

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 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 OSKALOOSA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL:

- Kinder Kamp at Oskaloosa Christian School will be held on Friday, March 3. Kinder Kamp is our readiness assessment for four-year-olds who are interested in attending our school this fall. Any child who will be 5 years old on or before September 15, 2023 is welcome. To sign up, visit our website at www.oskaloosachristian.net and use the 'admissions' tab to register. Morning and afternoon sessions are available.

FROM CRC NEWS:

• **From ReFrame Ministries:**

~ *God's Unconventional Ways*: When we expect God to work in conventional ways, we may often find ourselves disappointed. Join Groundwork as we study the fall of Jericho in Joshua 6-7 and discuss the unconventional ways God works in our lives. Together, we'll discuss what this truth means for our faith and what happens when we begin to depend on ourselves instead of on God. Listen now at www.Groundworkonline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

~ *Wonderful Things, Planned Long Ago*: Check out the new kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. This week's devotion: Just as He did with Abraham, Ruth, David, and the other members of Jesus' family, God carefully oversaw your family tree and lovingly cared for each branch to bring you into this world. Check out all the great content at www.kidscorner.net like the The Bible in One Year Plan.

~ *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.

- **Disability Concerns Get in the Loop Event:** Calling all church audio/visual technicians: Dr. Juliette Sterkens and Dr. David Myers are experts in how churches can support people living with hearing loss through hearing loop technology. Join us on Monday, February 6, at 7:30 pm (Eastern) when Sterkens and Myers explain both the benefits and best practices in utilizing hearing loop technology. There will be time for questions as well. Communication Access Real-time Translation (CART) and ASL interpretation will be provided. Register today! <https://bit.ly/dcloopevent>

- **At-home Faith Formation Tip:** "Marking faith milestones makes us sensitive to the work of the Holy Spirit in our midst and helps us identify and share our stories of faith. As we celebrate milestones, we become a community of seekers as well as believers, always on the lookout for God's hand at work, always expecting to join in God's mission." —from *Celebrating the Milestones of Faith*, available from www.FaithAliveResources.org. How might you mark faith milestones in your family or household this year? (Tip from Faith Formation; bit.ly/CRCFaithFormation)

We don't change the message, the message changes us.