

First Christian Reformed Church of Oskaloosa

Bulletin Supplement for 1/8/23

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 ELDERS:

- At their request, the professing memberships of **Pastor Dale & Renee Visser** have been transferred to Crossroads CRC of San Marcos, CA. May God bless them richly in their new church home.

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)

- November Special Offerings:**

[includes Budget Envelopes, Thanksgiving Envelopes (\$68,186.90) and Regular Offerings]

Therefore Go Ministries	\$ 1,987.00	Many Hands for Haiti	\$ 1,610.00
Resonate Global Mission	\$ 2,000.00	Cadets	\$ 156.00
GEMS (Local)	\$ 350.00	Lake View Bible Camp	\$ 10,540.64
Developing Great Relationships	\$ 1,000.00	818 Forward with Faith	\$ 5,944.49
World Renew	\$ 16,220.49	Oskaloosa Christian School	\$ 1,025.00
Youth for Christ	\$ 6,714.49	Vital Men's Ministries	\$ 150.00
ReFrame Ministries	\$ 3,898.49	Child Evangelism Fellowship	\$ 4,793.49
Love, INC (In the Name of Christ)	\$ 6,043.49	Bible League	\$ 3,618.49
Luke Society	\$ 6,393.49	The Growing Place	\$ 75.00
Rehoboth	\$ 500.00	Crossroad Prison Ministry	\$ 500.00
Ecumenical Food Cupboard	\$ 100.00	Hope Ministries	\$ 150.00
IGNITE Youth Group	\$ 50.00		

- Budget Boxes:** Due to unexpected delays in the manufacturing the company is behind schedule. They will send them out as soon as possible and we will get them to you when they arrive.

MAILBOXES:

- Mailboxes were updated alphabetically this past week. Please look VERY CAREFULLY today before you reach for your mail as there are no guarantees that you will be in the same spot you were in last week. ☺

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

- K-8th:** Today the K-8th Grade Sunday School classes will be going to Homestead during the Sunday School hour.
- Adult SS:** There will be NO Adult Sunday School today. Classes will resume next week, Jan. 15.

WINTER WORSHIP FOR 2023:

- Schedule:** We will be starting 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.

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

Jan. 8 – Groups 1 & 2	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 begin 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!

YEARBOOK:

- If you are interested in ordering a 2023 Yearbook of the CRC, please let Sue know by today. They are \$11 for regular and \$13 for spiral bound.

TUESDAY EVENING COFFEE BREAK:

- Tuesday evening Coffee Break starts this week, Jan. 10. We would love to have you join us for a 7-week study called *A Woman and Her World*. See what God says about your work, your family, your friends, your money, your priorities, and most importantly your relationship with God. God cares deeply about how we live our lives. Let's learn how our lives can glorify God as we live in a way that conforms to His will. Join us Tuesday. We eat at 5:40 with the lesson from 6:15 to 7:15. There is Story Hour provided for the littles. Bring a friend. Questions? Contact Deb B, Dena VE, Ruth DB, Linda DR or Tracy DG.

IGNITE:

- On Wednesday, Jan. 11, we will be playing board games with the Elders. Please bring a snack to share and your favorite game! We will see you at 7.

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!

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. 8 = Rose Van Woerkom, Ruth Vos
- Jan. 9 = Rog Fynaardt
- Jan. 10 = Kohen De Bruin (Joel), Arvin Van Engelenhoven, Jeannene Veenstra
Kyle & Meredith De Ronde
- Jan. 12 = Brinley Lobberecht (Adam)

INFORMATION CENTER REPORTS:

- 1) Eric & Penny Schering Update
- 2) Love, INC *Love Notes*
- 3) Dan & Tammie Olsen Update
- 4) Areopagus Campus Ministry Update
- 5) Pella Christian *Link*

LOST & FOUND:

- **Devotionals:** Four copies of the “*Our Daily Bread*” devotional have been turned into the office. If they are yours, they are on the table under the office window.
- **Magic of Science Kit:** A Green Box labeled “Kiwi Science of Magic” has been on the shelf across from the office for quite some time. If it is yours, please feel free to take it home.
- **Tray:** There has also been a plastic divided tray in a white trash bag on the shelf across from the office for quite a while. Please feel free to take it home if it is yours.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS:

FAITH, SEXUALITY AND GENDER CONFERENCE:

- Third Church in Pella (708 East 13th St.) invites you to attend a Faith, Sexuality and Gender Conference to be held on Jan. 11-12, 2023. This interactive teaching will be led by Dr. Preston Sprinkle, President of The Center for Faith, Sexuality and Gender and cover some of the most pressing questions in the church today. On Wednesday, Jan. 11, from 6:30-9:00 p.m. Dr. Sprinkle will lay a relational and theological foundation for how Christians should

engage the LGBTQ conversation. The cost for this session is \$20 In-Person or \$10 Stream Live + On Demand. On Thursday, Jan. 12, from 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Dr. Sprinkle will dive deep into the theological, relational and ministry-related questions that come up in the LGBTQ conversation. The cost for this session is \$85 In-Person (includes lunch and Intro Event) or \$50 Stream Live (includes Intro Event). Register online at www.centerforfaith.com/events. See the poster in the hallway for more information.

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 PELLA CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL:

- The PCHS Board is grateful for the donations received for the Annual Fall Drive and thank all who supported this fundraising effort. Our goal was met due to God's faithful provision and the gracious giving of our constituency! This drive is instrumental in providing financial assistance to families so all parents who desire Christian education for their children can afford to do so.

FROM CRC NEWS:

- **From ReFrame Ministries:**
 - ~ God Is Still Working: Life is messy. Sometimes that mess is our own doing and sometimes it is not. Join Our Groundwork conversation as we study the story of Rahab and the spies in Joshua 2 and see how God remains active, even in the messiness of our lives. We'll discuss his providence and learn to look for it in the most unlikely circumstances of our lives. Listen now at www.Groundworkonline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.
 - ~ God is Calling You: Check out the kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. You have a role to play in God's big story--and God is calling you to submit your gifts, talents, and work to Him right now. 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.
- **At-home Faith Formation Tip:** Faith5 is a simple five-step faith formation practice that your family or household can do together. First, share your highs and lows of the day. Then read a Bible verse or story together. Talk about how the Bible reading might relate to your highs and lows, pray for one another's highs and lows, and bless one another. Faith5 is great for people of all ages! Check out www.Faith5.org for more. (Tip from Faith Formation; bit.ly/CRCFaithFormation)

You Call That Adultery?

As children's pastor, I listened as a fourth-grade Sunday school teacher shared a concern. Completing a quarter's lessons on the Ten Commandments, he had asked the kids, "What is the hardest Commandment for you to keep?" to which most of them responded, "Thou shalt not commit adultery."

We couldn't understand why fourth graders would find that command a problem until a mother quizzed her son on what he thought committing adultery meant. Without blinking, the boy replied, "Thou shalt not sass back to adults."

—Sheryl Tedder, Omaha, Nebraska. *Christian Reader*, "Kids of the Kingdom."

First Christian Reformed Church of Oskaloosa, IA
Notes of Council Meeting held Tuesday, January 3, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

All members present.

- Chairman Paul Van Donselaar called the meeting to order.
- Pastor Jon reads from Matthew 2:10-11 and opens with devotions and prayer.
- Church Order Review.
- Council Minutes of November 28, 2022 – *approved*.
- Old Business: None
- Correspondence: Thank you received
- Items Added to the Agenda:
 - A. Future of the Good News Chapel VBS Program
 - 1. *Approved* a Motion to put an announcement in the supplement seeking someone to help lead it.
- November Deacon Reports:
 - A. Deacon Marty Roberts reports for the General Fund:
 - 1. Budget envelopes \$ 27,735.00
 - 2. Balance \$ 5,665.55
 - B. Deacon Josh Van Donselaar reports for Benevolent and Enduring Gifts:
 - 1. Benevolent Fund \$ 11,072.92
 - 2. Enduring Gifts \$ 12,996.83
 - 3. Missions Fund \$ 1,826.93
 - 4. Associate Pastor Fund \$ 8,742.57
 - C. Deacon Brennan Plate reports for the Building Fund: \$ 5,828.32
 - D. Deacon Trent Meyer reports for Special Offerings: \$ 30,614.61
 - E. Deacon Mitchel Veenstra reports for Christian Education Fund:
 - 1. Balance on hand 12/31/22 \$ 887.06
 - 2. Tuition owed to schools \$ 88,155.50
 - F. All financial reports were given and *approved* by adopted motion.
 - G. Deacon Kyle De Ronde submitted the Deacon's minutes for November 28, 2022.
 - H. Motion made by the Deacons to close or eliminate the Mission Fund and add a line item in budget under Evangelism – *approved*.
- February Deacon Report (given for information only):
 - A. Deacon Trent Meyer reports for the February offering schedule:

	<u>AM</u>	<u>PM</u>
2/5	Dan & Tammie Olsen	PC Special Education Fund
2/12	Love, INC (In the Name of Christ)	Benevolence
2/19	World Renew	Christian Education Fund
2/26	Christian Education Fund	Mobility Worldwide
- Committee Reports:
 - A. Building & Grounds Report:
 - 1. Motion made to put the Acoustical Panels on the ceiling in the Fellowship Hall instead of the walls for a cost of \$ 7,984.55 – *approved*.
 - 2. The money would come out of Echo Control – part of the Enduring Gifts Fund.
 - B. Fellowship Committee Report:
 - 1. *Approved* names for being on the Committee
 - C. Worship:
 - 1. Winter Worship Schedule starts on Sunday, January 8.
- Mutual Censure was taken.
- Joys and Concerns were shared.
- Next Meeting: Monday, January 30, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.
- Motion to adjourn prevails.
- Elder Doug Boender closed in prayer.