

# First Christian Reformed Church of Oskaloosa

## Bulletin Supplement for 3/12/23

### 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.

#### March Offering Schedule:

| Date | AM                       | P.M.                            |
|------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 3/5  | GEMS (Local)             | Benevolence                     |
| 3/8  |                          | Prayer Day - ReFrame Ministries |
| 3/12 | Missionary Support       | Christian Education Fund        |
| 3/19 | Christian Education Fund | New Life Prison Church          |
| 3/26 | Cadets (Local)           | Child Evangelism Fellowship     |

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL:

- There will be no Adult Sunday School today due to Pastor Jon being on vacation.

#### NCAA BRACKET:

- You are invited to join in a church NCAA Bracket challenge. Go to [www.espn.com](http://www.espn.com), select "Men's Tournament Challenge", log in (your personal info), and join the "First CRC Osky 2023" group, password "hoops." You may also see the link on our church Facebook page. Starting this evening until Thursday, March 16, at 11:00 a.m., choose your bracket. If you can, make your bracket name easily identifiable to the others in the group so we know who we are playing with/against. Also, one entry per person (multiple entries are allowed per username so that spouses and kids can play).

#### SUB SANDWICHES:

- Last Chance – If you haven't been called, please call Gene at 641-660-3297 by tomorrow noon. Sandwiches are \$3.00 each or 12 for \$36.00. They can be picked up on Wed., March 29, between 4:00 & 7:00 p.m.

#### TUESDAY EVENING COFFEE BREAK:

- Tuesday Coffee Break began a 6-week series last week called *Jesus: His Triumph Over Death*. This series covers the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Based on the gospel of Mark where we see many deeds of Jesus and less teachings of Jesus, Mark includes little commentary and much action. We'll see how various people reacted to Jesus during these last days--some with misunderstanding, some welcoming, some with devotion and others with hatred. We'll follow the amazement of the resurrection as well. Please join us any time--Tuesdays 5:40-7:15 p.m.

#### CAR RACES:

- Races:** Our church's Cadets/GEMS car races will be held on Wednesday, March 22. The format will be a little different this year in the interest of keeping things moving.
  - ~ Girls Weigh-In will start at 6:00 p.m.
  - ~ Girls races will begin at 6:30 p.m.
  - ~ Boys Weigh-In will start at 6:30 p.m.
  - ~ There will be a time of fellowship between the boys and girls races.
  - ~ Boys races will begin after the girls' are finished/fellowship time.

The races will be held at the OSCI gym. The congregation is invited to join us for this fun evening.

- Lead for Cars:** Just a reminder that while we will be able to remove lead that night if your car is too heavy, we WILL NOT be able to put lead in your cars that night. Please contact Gene (641-660-3297) before the races if you need help putting lead in your car.

#### IGNITE:

- Weekly Meetings:** Just a reminder we will not be meeting this week Wednesday, March 15. On March 22 we will meet in the youth room at 7:00 p.m. Kevin DeRonde (CEO of Mahaska Health) will be our guest speaker.
- Parents Needed:** We are needing senior parents to assist with our Senior Night activity on Wednesday, March 29. You should have received an email from Vicki VD. If you are interested and able to help, please let her or another IGNITE leader know. Thank you to those who have already committed to helping us out!

### ADVANCE NOTICE:

- Cadet-O-Rama will be held at the Vermeer Pavilion on Saturday, March 25. Details coming soon.
- Cadet Sunday will be held on Sunday, March 26.

### FROM THE FLOWER COMMITTEE:

- If you would like to purchase an Easter Lily in memory of a loved one, please contact Marilyn Vos at 626-3702 or 641-780-4543. Plants will be \$10.00 this year. The deadline for ordering is Friday, March 31. If you just put your money in an envelope in Marilyn's box, please be sure to include a note saying who is ordering and who the plant is in memory of. Thanks.

### INFORMATION CENTER REPORTS:

- Pella Christian High School *Link*

### DIRECTORY UPDATE:

- Ken & Linda Van Donselaar have a new email address: [lkvand48@gmail.com](mailto:lkvand48@gmail.com). Please update your directories.

### BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES:

- March 12 = Avery Kaisand (Steve), Brennan Plate  
Dan & Karen Fynaardt
- March 13 = Kyle Branderhorst (Dan)
- March 15 = Samantha De Bruin, Eveline Franje  
Don & Pat De Bruin
- March 17 = Jill De Bruin, Kahrey Chamberlin (Joel DB), Addison De Jong (Laura)
- March 18 = John & Kandi Henry

## **REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

### FROM PEORIA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL:

- It is Dutch Letter season! These unbaked delights are perfect for your freezer for you to bake and enjoy them whenever you want. Orders can be placed by contacting a school family, filling out an order form at school, or by contacting Davona Fynaardt at [ddfynaardt@gmail.com](mailto:ddfynaardt@gmail.com). Each letter is \$4.25, 6 for \$25, or 12 for \$50. Orders are accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis, and will be accepted until March 12. Letters will be made on Saturday, March 18, and need to be picked up that afternoon at school or at Chris & Lisa Ver Meer's in Pella. Willing hands are needed ahead of time to make dough and on March 18 as we roll out and roll up these tasty desserts! Questions can be directed to Davona Fynaardt (641-780-1764) & Nella Veenstra (641-295-1586).

### FROM SONSHINE PRESCHOOL:

- **Open House:** SONshine Preschool will host an Open House on Tuesday, March 21, 2023, from 4:30-5:15 or 5:30-6:15 p.m. for the 2023-2024 school year. Parents and children are invited for a casual come and go visit to the classroom, meet the teachers and learn about the Christ-centered learning at SONshine. We can also explain the process of online sign up at this time. SONshine Preschool is located within the Oskaloosa Christian School at 726 North "E" Street, Oskaloosa, IA.
- **Sign-Up:** Online sign-up opens on Thursday, March 23, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. Visit our website at [www.sonshinepreschool.org](http://www.sonshinepreschool.org) for more "Admissions and Registration" information. SONshine Preschool is limited to the first 40 students through on-line sign-up. After 40 seats are filled, students will be placed on a waiting list.
- **Other information:**
  - ~ Class options are Mon/Wed or Tues/Thurs sessions from 8:00-2:00; 20 seats per session.
  - ~ Students must be 4 years of age by September 15, 2023 to qualify for free tuition.
  - ~ Info about Final Registration will be presented after Online sign-up.
- **Questions:** If you have further questions about SONshine Preschool, please call 641-673-9472 or go to [www.sonshinepreschool.org](http://www.sonshinepreschool.org).

### FROM PELLA CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL:

- **Drive-Up Dinner:** The PCHS Track & Field Team will be sponsoring a Drive-Up Dinner Fundraiser for the upcoming season on Tuesday, March 21, from 5:00-6:30 p.m. A pulled-pork sandwich, cheesy potatoes, Oreo fluff and a Bonnie cookie will be available to Grab-N-Go on the east side of the school. There is **no** Dine-In available and a freewill donation will be received.
- **PCHS Spring Drama:** PCHS will conclude their successful theatre season this spring with the hilarious 'farce-meets-murder' mystery comedy. *Clue: On Stage*. Each of the dinner guests has an alias, the butler offers a variety of weapons, and the host is, well...dead. So whodunnit? Join the iconic oddballs known as Scarlet, Plum, White, Green, Peacock, and Mustard in a slapstick evening full of murder, mystery, and laughs as they seek to puzzle out the culprit. Based on the 1985 Paramount movie and inspired by the classic Hasbro board game, *Clue: On Stage* is

the ultimate whodunnit that will keep you guessing until the final twist. Under the direction of Marlo Van Peursem, *Clue: On Stage* will be presented Friday and Saturday, March 24-25, at 7:00 p.m. with reserved tickets available for purchase on-line beginning March 6 at [www.pceagles.org](http://www.pceagles.org).

- **PCHS FFA Banquet:** The PCHS annual FFA Banquet will be held on Friday, March 31, at 6:00 p.m. at Federated Church. Please RSVP by March 21 to [ffa@pceagels.org](mailto:ffa@pceagels.org) (Note: This Banquet is for FFA and Ag student families (including grandparents) and supporters of our program.

#### BIBLE LEAGUE SPRING LUNCHEON:

- All are invited to the Spring Salad Luncheon sponsored by the area Bible League International Ambassadors to be held on Monday, March 27, at 11:45 in the Covenant United Reformed Church fellowship hall at 2805 Fifield Road, Pella, IA. Lunchtime entertainment will include a short style show featuring outfits selected from the clothing offered at the Pella Bible's For Missions store by the students of the first-year Creative Living Class of Pella Christian High. Other afternoon events will include hearing our key-note speaker, Brian McLemore who, as Bible League International's Executive Director of Translation, oversees the development of the Easy-To-Read Bible into the world's most needed languages. A freewill offering will be taken for this important work of the Bible League and the afternoon will finish with a short time of praise and worship. Plan to attend!

#### CHOIR CONCERT:

- Rehoboth Christian School Choir will be giving a concert on Thursday, March 30, at 6:30 p.m. at Calvary Church (408 Maple St). If you would like to host students overnight, please email Cindy Gritters at [worship@calvarypella.org](mailto:worship@calvarypella.org). For additional concerts in the area on March 30-31, please see the poster in the hallway.

#### LOVE, INC GALA:

- Love, INC of Mahaska County invites you to a Dinner/Dessert/Auction to celebrate their 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Please join us on Friday, March 31, at the Gateway Nazarene Church (140 Gateway Drive, Oskaloosa). A social time will begin at 6:00 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. A dessert auction will follow dinner. Please RSVP by March 24 to 641-676-3750 or [loveincofmahaskacounty@gmail.com](mailto:loveincofmahaskacounty@gmail.com). If you are unable to attend, please consider making a donation. For more information, please visit our website at [www.loveincmahaska.org](http://www.loveincmahaska.org).

#### FROM OSKALOOSA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL:

- OSCI has the following job openings for the 2023-2024 school year:
  - ~ Full-time instrumental and choral music teacher for 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grades
  - ~ Part-time art teacher for K-8<sup>th</sup> grades

For more information, please contact Principal Don Mitchell at 641-672-2174 or by email at [mitchelld@oskaloochristian.net](mailto:mitchelld@oskaloochristian.net).

#### FROM PEORIA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL:

- PCS is looking for a full-time 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher and a full-time 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher for the 2023-2024 school year. Anyone interested in either of these positions, should contact Jeremy Copenhaver ([principal@peopriachr.org](mailto:principal@peopriachr.org)) for more details. Please pray as we look to fill these positions.

#### LAKE VIEW CAMP WORK TRIP:

- Lake View Camp is excited to announce that summer camp registration is OPEN! Send your child on a great summer adventure where they will swim, fish, canoe, hike, and play crazy games - all while growing deeper in their faith. Jesus is our LIGHT and we will discover more about walking in the LIGHT this summer! Lake View Camp offers day camps, overnight camps, service camps, and grand camps. More information and online registration available at [www.lakeviewconference.com](http://www.lakeviewconference.com). Registration packets are also available from the Information Center.

#### FROM CRC NEWS:

- **From ReFrame Ministries:**

~ *A Look at the New Heaven and Earth:* In this life, we often find hope and encouragement to endure by thinking about what we have to look forward to. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study John's visions of the new heaven and earth in Revelation 21. We'll discuss the meaning of his visions and the comfort these images continue to provide us today. Listen now at [www.Groundworkonline.com](http://www.Groundworkonline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

~ *I'm Worried!:* Check out this week's kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). It's natural to feel worried now and then, but God helps us turn worry into excitement for the awesome things He has planned for us. Check out all the great content at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net) like the Preparing for Easter: A Family Lenten Devotional eBook.

- **Lent At-home Faith Formation Tip:** During Lent, many Christians try to become more aware of the suffering of others as we remember Jesus' suffering and sacrifice. How might you do this? Consider volunteering as a family, with friends, or on your own at a ministry of mercy, or visiting members of your congregation who can't physically join you in worship on Sundays. (Tip from Faith Formation; [bit.ly/CRCFaithFormation](https://bit.ly/CRCFaithFormation))