

# First Christian Reformed Church of Oskaloosa

## Bulletin Supplement for 3/19/23

### 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

#### 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 girls and boys 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:

- Meeting:** On Wednesday, 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!

#### CADET-O-RAMA:

- Cadet-O-Rama will be held on Saturday, March 25, at the Vermeer Pavilion in Pella. The race schedule is approximate and can vary greatly. Please arrive at least 30 minutes early.

- 8:30 ~ Junior Cadets
- 9:00 ~ 4<sup>th</sup> Grade
- 9:30 ~ 5<sup>th</sup> Grade
- 10:00 ~ 6<sup>th</sup> Grade
- 10:30 ~ 7<sup>th</sup> Grade
- 11:00 ~ 8<sup>th</sup> Grade
- 11:30 ~ Adults
- 12:00 ~ Closing Assembly & Final Race

~ Badge Work & Projects will be on display all morning.

~ Miniature Golf will be available to test your skills.

~ Food will be available for a freewill donation throughout the day.

*Cadets must be in uniform to race  
and bring their own car to the  
starting grid when announced.*

#### CLEAN-OUT NEEDED:

- The Cadets are making SUBS on Wednesday, March 29. In view of that, we ask that the fridges and freezer in the upstairs kitchen be cleaned out by then so that we have room to temporarily store SUBS. Thanks!

### CADET SUB MAKING:

- We will pick you up from the Oskaloosa schools on Wednesday, March 29, in order to make SUBS. If you are homeschooled, please be at church by 2:30; if you attend outside the Oskaloosa schools, please get here as soon as you can. Snacks will be provided before we begin, so that you don't eat all the profits. ☺ Gloves will be provided **and** required while you are making the SUBS. When we are finished making SUBS, we will enjoy pizza for supper. We should be done by 5:00 and we ask that you be picked up then. Everyone benefits from this, so everyone is expected to help out.

### SUB PICK-UP:

- If you ordered SUBS from the Cadets they need to be picked up between 4 & 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 29. Pick-up will be on a drive-through basis. **Please stay in your car** & pay attention to the following requests:
  - ~ Drive around so that your driver's window is by the office door and your vehicle is facing East
  - ~ Someone will come out to the car and get your name/order
  - ~ Runners will retrieve your order and bring them to your car
    - \* If you are picking up for more than just yourself, please have all those names ready also – it would be handy for the runners to have that all listed on a piece of paper that you could just hand it to them
    - \* If you need a copy of your son's SUB sheet, we will have those available
  - ~ Payment can be given to the runner; if at all possible, we would appreciate checks (payable to 1<sup>st</sup> CRC Cadets) to speed things along
  - ~ Please be patient, we will get people through as soon as we can
  - ~ Please pray for nice weather!

### 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.

### ADVANCE NOTICE:

- The IGNITE Youth Group will be going on a weekend mission trip from March 31 – April 2 to Des Moines. Please keep them in your prayers as they make their final plans.

### INFORMATION CENTER REPORTS:

- Love, INC Newsletter

### DIRECTORY UPDATES:

- Ryan & Amanda Brink have a new address: 2948 Vernon Avenue  
Fremont, IA 52561
- Byron & Deb Bruxvoort's email is listed wrong in the directory. Please change it to the following:  
[dbbrux77@gmail.com](mailto:dbbrux77@gmail.com) (it currently reads "dbbrux77")

Please update your directories.

### BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES:

- March 19 = Joel Groenenboom
- March 20 = Paul Fynaardt, Pete Fynaardt
- March 21 = Nora De Groot (Lucas)
- March 22 = Belinda De Groot
- March 23 = Olivia Lobberecht  
Dan & Kelli Branderhorst
- March 25 = Jeanine Vandegeest  
Rog & Cyndi Fynaardt

## **REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

### 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 Peurseem, *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@pceagles.org](mailto:ffa@pceagles.org) (Note: This Banquet is for FFA and Ag student families (including grandparents) and supporters of our program.

#### FROM OSKALOOSA HIGH SCHOOL:

- All OHS Seniors are invited to attend a Baccalaureate Planning Meeting to be held on Wednesday, March 22, at 8:15 p.m. in the Youth for Christ building (221 1<sup>st</sup> Ave E). If you have any questions, please contact [mhansen.yfc@gmail.com](mailto:mhansen.yfc@gmail.com).

#### 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 a.m. 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).

#### LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE SEMINAR:

- The Vermeer Charitable Foundation is sponsoring Dr. Leonard Sweet on Wednesday and Thursday, April 12-13. Wednesday evening he will be speaking on “This is Our Story, This is Our Song: Learning the Vernacular of the New Culture” from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. This event is free and open to the public. On Thursday, he will be talking on “The Son of Man as the Human One”. Registration is required for this session and the cost is \$25 with a deadline of April 5. Doors open at 8:30 and the day will wrap up about 2:30. All sessions will be held at the Vermeer Global Pavilion. You may pick up a registration form from your church office or register online at [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com).

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@oskaloosachristian.net](mailto:mitchelld@oskaloosachristian.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 RESONATE GLOBAL MISSION:

- Dear friends at First CRC,

Thank you for partnering with the global church!

Just like here at home, churches in more than 40 countries where your missionaries and church planters serve are asking tough questions. What does the future look like? Who will be our leaders?

But thanks to mission-minded people like you, Resonate ministry leaders are there to help them work toward a sustainable future. Around the world, new Christians, new pastors, and new churches are grateful that you gave to help them. That's the impact your gift has through Resonate: more people in more places living out the gospel.

We couldn't do it without you. The history, tradition, and faithfulness of the Christian Reformed Church here at home are the foundation of our impact worldwide!

Supporting God's mission through Resonate is a vital way you help strengthen and grow churches both at home and overseas—thank you for putting your faith into action through your prayers and gifts.

In Christ, Joel Huyser, Interim Director

FROM CRC NEWS:

- **From ReFrame Ministries:**

~ *Encouragement as We Wait for Christ's Return*: Waiting for Christ's second coming can feel discouraging as we continue to witness the pain and brokenness of this world. Join Groundwork as we study John's vision of a restored heaven in Revelation 22 and discuss the hope and encouragement it provides so that we might persevere and remain faithful in doing the work to which God has called us while we wait. Listen now at [www.Groundworkonline.com](http://www.Groundworkonline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

~ *God Is Our Home Free Zone*: Check out this week's kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). When life gets overwhelming, scary and feels out of control, you need to find safe spaces like that "Home Free" zone. God is the safest place we can seek when life gets hard. Check out all the great content at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net) like the Bible Story Coloring Packet 6: The Miracle of Easter.

- **Position Openings:**

~ *CRCNA US Director of Ministry Operations*: Are you an adaptive leader with experience managing a non-profit organization, business, or church? If so, please prayerfully consider if God is calling you to apply for the U.S. Director of Ministry Operations of the CRCNA in Grand Rapids, MI. This is a great opportunity to be a part of God's work in the church and the world by using your administrative skills to lead in an organization that serves a church that is increasingly ethnically and culturally diverse and has global impact. The ideal candidate would be someone who can calmly lead staff through a time of transition, cast a compelling vision for the future, and foster meaningful collaboration across teams to achieve ministry goals. If these executive leadership qualifications sound like you, visit [www.crcna.org/jobs](http://www.crcna.org/jobs) for more details and to apply.

~ *CRCNA Position Openings*: The Christian Reformed Church in North America has several position openings. For detailed information on open positions, locations, and to apply, please visit [www.crcna.org/jobs](http://www.crcna.org/jobs). The CRCNA exhibits love for the diversity of the human family. As such we welcome & encourage all regardless of race, ethnicity, ability, and culture to apply. Should you require any accommodation throughout the recruitment process please do not hesitate to contact our Human Resources Department.