

First Christian Reformed Church of Oskaloosa

Bulletin Supplement for 3/5/23

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:

- Membership Transfers:** At their request the following have transferred their memberships:
 - ~ **Joel & Lisa Van Gilst** – professing memberships to Central Church, Oskaloosa
 - ~ **Dillon & Neila Branderhorst** – professing memberships to Central Church, OskaloosaMay God bless them richly in their new church homes.

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

- Weekly Offerings:** Starting today the Deacons will be depositing all the money taken in each week, including the weekly offering and all checks and envelopes, instead of waiting to deposit the envelopes until the end of the month as they have previously done. If you have questions, please see one of the Deacons.

WINTER WORSHIP FOR 2023:

- Care Group Set-Up & Clean-Up Schedule:** March 5 – Groups 8 & 9
- Evening Services:** Today is our last day of Winter Worship. Our 6:00 p.m. evening services will begin again next week, March 12. Remember to “Spring Forward” next Saturday evening. ☺

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

- There will be no Sunday School today due to the GEMS Finale’.

PASTOR JON’S OFFICE HOURS:

- Pastor Jon will be teaching two Jr. High Bible classes at Osky Christian this week, which means he will be in the office a lot less in the mornings during this time. If you need to get a hold of Pastor Jon please text, email or leave a message at the office and he will get back to you when he can.

SUB SANDWICHES:

- The Cadets are currently selling SUB Sandwiches as their annual fund-raiser. Each boy has been given a list of names from our church to call. The deadline for ordering is tomorrow, March 6. Sandwiches consist of Baked Ham, Summer Sausage, American & Swiss Cheese on a Croissant Roll. (If you do not like Summer Sausage, we can make them with double Ham; just let your caller know.) They are \$3.00 each or 12 for \$36.00 and may be picked up on Wed., March 29, between 4 & 7 p.m. If you get a call from an unfamiliar number, please answer or at least listen to the message and call back. Thank you!!

GAMES AND FELLOWSHIP:

- Members of the congregation 60 and older are invited to join students from Oskaloosa Christian in 6th – 8th grades for an afternoon of games and fellowship on Wednesday, March 8, from 12:30-2:00 p.m. Come out and join us for a fun afternoon of games and opportunity of being a blessing to each other!

IGNITE:

- Weekly Meetings:** Just a reminder we will not be meeting for the next two weeks (March 8 & 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!

INFORMATION CENTER REPORTS:

- Pella Christian High School *Link*

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES:

- March 5 = Lucas Roberts (Marty), Larry Van Mersbergen
- March 6 = Jeff Van Donselaar, Jean Van Mersbergen
- March 7 = Gene De Bruin, Dean De Ronde (Brent)
Steve & Jan Boender
- March 8 = Olivia De Groot (Lucas), Leon Van Kooten
- March 9 = Pat Franje
- March 10 = Rachel Fynaardt, Malachi Kamp (Pastor Erik)
- March 11 = Aubrey Kaisand (Steve)

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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. Registration packets are also available from the Information Center.

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. 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 opens on Thursday, March 23, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. Visit our website at www.sonshinepreschool.org for more "Admissions and Registration" information. SONshine Preschool is limited to the first 40 students through on-line signup. 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 of 2023 to qualify for free tuition.
 - ~ Info about Final Registration will be presented after Online signup.
- **Questions:** If you have further questions about SONshine Preschool, please call 641-673-9472 or go to 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.

- **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 (Note: This Banquet is for FFA and Ag student families (including grandparents) and supporters of our program.

SAVE THE DATE:

- **Salad Luncheon:** The Bible League Spring Salad Luncheon will be held on Monday, March 27, at Covenant United Reformed Church (2805 Fifield Road) in Pella, IA.
- **Rehoboth Concert:** Rehoboth Christian School Choir will be giving concerts in the area Thursday & Friday, March 30-31. Please see the poster in the hallway times and places.

HOUSING NEEDED:

- Rehoboth Choir is 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.

LOVE, INC GALA:

- Love, INC of Mahaska County invites you to a Dinner/Dessert/Auction to celebrate their 25th 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 loveincmahaskacounty@gmail.com. If you are unable to attend, please consider making a donation. For more information, please visit our website at www.loveincmahaska.org.

FROM PEORIA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL:

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

FROM CRC NEWS:

- **From ReFrame Ministries:**
 - ~ *Heavenly Visions to Encourage Our Faith:* Seeing heaven's perspective of the cosmic, spiritual battle between God and evil provided John comfort while he was exiled on the island of Patmos. Join Groundwork as we study Revelation 7-14 and discuss the meaning of the images and numbers in John's famous heavenly visions and the comfort we can continue to find in the eternal truths those vision conveyed. Listen now at www.GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.
 - ~ *Sorting Out Our Fears:* Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. This week: Managing fear is a muscle we can strengthen just like we can strengthen our leg muscles to run faster. Learning to run fast and learning to calm fear both take practice, but they are worth it! Check out all the great content at www.kidscorner.net like *Preparing for Easter: A Family Lenten Devotional eBook*.
- **From World Renew:**
 - ~ *Build Communities of Hope with World Renew:* Donations to World Renew Disaster Response Services builds hope in communities across the U.S. and Canada. World Renew DRS helps homeowners like Mrs. Brown who may not be able to recover from a flood or other disaster on her own. You can give online at www.worldrenew.net, call 1-800-552-7972, or email info@worldrenew.net to give or learn more.
 - ~ *Summer Service Trips with World Renew DRS:* Looking for ways to serve with your congregation or youth group this summer? Join World Renew DRS to repair homes after natural disasters all across the US and Canada! We have sites available in Washington, Kentucky, Florida, Michigan, North Carolina, and more! Contact Chris, our Groups Program Manager, at cgibson@worldrenew.net if interested or with questions.
- **The Architecture of Prayer:** The Center Art Gallery at Calvin University presents The Architecture of Prayer, a survey of church architecture exploring a selection of the most thoughtful liturgical projects of the 21st century. On display until April 7, the exhibition showcases drawings and travel photography of historic church buildings in dialogue with new projects built after 1999—contributed by 40+ internationally-recognized practices and local firms. To explore the exhibition virtually, visit: https://bit.ly/arch_pray.
- **Lent At-home Faith Formation Tip** - Many Christians practice giving something up for Lent in order to make more space for God. If you have kids in your household, think together about how you might make more space for God this week. For example, you might take a technology break each day and spend the time reading about Jesus' life and ministry in The Jesus Storybook Bible or Growing in God's Love: A Story Bible and talking about the stories together. (Tip from Faith Formation; <https://bit.ly.CRCFaithFormation>)

First Christian Reformed Church of Oskaloosa, IA
Notes of Council Meeting held Monday, February 27, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

All members present except Keith Brink & Rich De Bruin who were absent with notice.

- Chairman Paul Van Donselaar called the meeting to order.
- Pastor Jon reads from Matthew 25:37-40 and opens with devotions and prayer.
- Don Mitchel, Principal of Oskaloosa Christian Grade School, addresses the Council on the new state ruling (HF68) – an Educational Savings Account.
- Council Minutes of January 30, 2023 – *approved*.
- Old Business: Committee Lists were discussed.
- Correspondence: None
- Items Added to the Agenda: None
- January Deacon Reports:
 - A. Deacon Marty Roberts reports for the General Fund:
 - 1. Budget envelopes \$ 16,051.00
 - 2. Balance \$ 13,724.88
 - B. Deacon Josh Van Donselaar reports for Benevolent and Enduring Gifts:
 - 1. Benevolent Fund \$ 11,184.79
 - 2. Enduring Gifts \$ 12,999.04
 - 3. Missions Fund \$ 3,299.15
 - 4. Associate Pastor Fund \$ 8,745.54
 - C. Deacon Brennan Plate reports for the Building Fund: \$ 7,793.56
 - D. Deacon Trent Meyer reports for Special Offerings: \$ 23,400.32
 - E. Deacon Mitchel Veenstra reports for Christian Education Fund:
 - 1. Balance on hand 1/31/23 \$ 817.55
 - 2. Tuition owed to schools \$ 76,755.50
 - F. All financial reports were given and *approved* by adopted motion.
 - G. Deacon Kyle De Ronde submitted the Deacon's minutes for January 30, 2023.
- April Deacon Report (given for information only):
 - A. Deacon Trent Meyer reports for the April offering schedule:

	<u>AM</u>	<u>PM</u>
4/2	Christian Education Fund	Missionary Support
4/7	Good Friday –	Resonate Global Mission
4/9	World Renew	N/A – no service
4/16	Child Evangelism Fellowship	Vital Men's Ministry
4/23	Good News Chapel VBS	Christian Education Fund
4/30	Safe Water International Ministries	GEMS (International)
- Committee Reports:
 - A. Building & Grounds Report ~ Discussion was held on the acoustics in the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall.
 - B. Education Committee ~ A motion was made to buy Bibles for the 2nd Graders – *approved*.
 - C. Evangelism Committee Report:
 - 1. Homestead Desires 2 Sunday Services – one regular and one for the Memory Care Unit.
 - 2. Justin Van Zee does not desire support for his future endeavor.
 - D. Pulpit Supply Report ~ Sundays are filled through April.
 - E. Worship Committee Report:
 - 1. Minutes of 2/19 Meeting are received for information.
 - 2. Upcoming Worship Services discussed.
 - 3. *Approved* possible new committee members.
 - 4. Kurtis De Bruin & Joel De Bruin volunteered to pray for the Prayer Day Service on March 8.
- Joys and Concerns were shared.
- Next Meeting: Monday, March 27, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.
- Motion to adjourn prevails & Elder Doug Boender closed in prayer.