

First Christian Reformed Church of Oskaloosa

Bulletin Supplement for 5/14/23

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 COUNCIL:

- Classis Meeting:** Classis Central Plains will be meeting this Wednesday, May 17, at Faith CRC in Pella. Our delegates are Pastor Erik, Elder Joel De Bruin & Deacon Josh Van Donselaar. The alternates are Elder Rich De Bruin & Deacon Alex Fynaardt. Please keep all the delegates in your prayers for safety in travel and wisdom in the decisions that need to be made.
- Right Now Media:** Our congregation has had a Right Now Media subscription for the past year. The Council is looking for feedback on whether our church is using it or not, as we are evaluating whether to continue the service. If you are utilizing the Right Now Media streaming service, please give feedback to a Council member.

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.

May Offering Schedule:

Date	A.M.	P.M.
5/7	Hope Ministry	Christian Education Fund
5/14	Christian Opportunity Center	Benevolence
5/21	Christian Education Fund	Teen Challenge
5/28	Lake View Camp	Heartland Christian Counseling

- Lake View Scholarships:** Anyone looking to give to the Lake View Scholarship for the kids that Joe Brummel was talking about, please designate your gift from now until June 15th. If you have any questions, feel free to ask a deacon.
- Painting:** This summer we have Brummel Painting coming to repaint the outside of the Fellowship Hall. The total cost of the project is \$11,300. Please consider how you can support this project for the upkeep of our church.

-- Thanks, the Deacons & Building Committee

CEF UPDATE:

- The school year is nearing the end and we still owe our Christian schools tuition of over \$25,500.00. Please continue to fulfill your pledges and thank you to those who have given!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:

- Staff Meeting:** We are planning to have a meeting for VBS Bible Teachers, Craft Teachers and Helpers on Monday, May 15, at 7:00 p.m. at the Chapel. T-shirts, VBS materials, and info will be handed out at this meeting. We will go over the procedure of each day at Bible School, explain the changes to VBS this year and answer any questions. Please try to attend this meeting!
- Van Drivers & Kitchen Staff:** You may stop by this meeting to get your t-shirt and name tag. You are welcome to sit in on the meeting, if you would like to see what this year's Bible School is all about. If you can't stop by, you can pick up your t-shirt and name tag at the Chapel any time after this meeting, they will be in the office.
- Cookies:** We have been asked to help provide snacks for VBS again this year. They are asking us to provide the following:
 - 17 dozen sugar cookies with blue frosting for Tuesday, June 6
 - 9 pans (9x13) of Rice Krispie Bars for Thursday, June 8 – each pan cut into 24 bars~ There is a sign-up sheet on the Information Center table if you are willing to serve in this way. Please **do not** use nuts or peanut butter. Thanks!
~ Just a reminder that all classes will be meeting at the Chapel so cookies/bars will need to be brought over there. They would like to have them to the Chapel the day before – so on Monday & Wednesday.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST:

- The IGNITE Youth Group will be hosting their Annual Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast on Monday, May 29, from 7:00 to 10:00 a.m. They will be serving Pancakes (also gluten-free pancakes), cinnamon rolls, sausage, fresh fruit

cups and drinks. A freewill offering will be received with the proceeds going towards the IGNITE 2024 Work Project. See you there!!

FOR THE ADAM BRINK FAMILY:

- The Ronald McDonald House of Iowa City has been a huge blessing to the Brink family during their stay in Iowa City. The RMH is able to provide a nightly home cooked meal and many other amenities for families with kids at the U of I Hospital. In honor of Nolan, we will be collecting items at church for the home until the end of May. Please visit www.rmhc-eiwi.org to view their Wishlist. There will also be a printed copy of the Wishlist on the donation table in the fellowship hall. All items must be new and from a smoke-free environment. The family is so thankful for your letters, prayers and words of encouragement. If you have questions, please contact Amy Fynaardt (641-990-3130).

CHURCH LEAGUE SOFTBALL:

- Everyone from high school to retirement is invited to join in on the fellowship and fun of Church League Softball. Games will start in June and last until August. Anyone interested in playing please contact Brad McMahan at 641-295-0479. This will be a Co-ed team. If we have enough interest, we can have multiple teams. Experience is not required, we're just looking forward to having some fun and fellowship. Last year, we typically played one game a week and there was an end-of-the-year tournament on a Saturday in August. Invite anyone you know.

INFORMATION CENTER REPORTS:

- 1) Justin Van Zee Prayer Letter 2) Barnabas Foundation *Stewardship Spotlight*
3) Love, INC 4) Pella Christian High *Link*

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES:

- May 15 = Blake De Jong (Laura), Jacque Kamp, Nick Spronk
May 17 = Brakken De Bruin (Brett)
May 18 = Chris Pierson
May 19 = Lucas De Bruin, Dan Fynaardt, Joleen Louwsma
May 20 = Bethany De Bruin (Mrs. Lucas), Rich De Bruin, Bexley & Everly Pierson (Chris)

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS:

FROM PELLA CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL:

- **Band Pops Concert:** The annual instrumental Pops Concert will be held on Tuesday, May 16, at 7:00 p.m. in the gymnasium. The reservation deadline for sitting at a table is passed, but you may sit on the bleachers with no reservation. The band will be performing songs from popular films, including, "How to Train Your Dragon", "Chronicles of Narnia", "John Williams in Concert" and more. This is a great event for multiple generations and the whole family. Free popcorn and ice cream sundaes served!!
- **Commencement:** The 83rd annual Commencement Exercises for the PCHS seniors will be held Saturday, May 20, at 7:00 p.m. The commencement ceremony will take place in the PCHS gymnasium. Mr. Nolan Wiersma will deliver the commencement address and Toby Vander Molen is the Senior Class Representative.

FROM OSKALOOSA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL:

- **Graduation:** To honor the accomplishments of this year's eighth grade class at OSCI, a graduation ceremony will take place on Friday, May 19, at 7:00 p.m. in the school's gymnasium. Associate Pastor Jac Munson from Central Church will be our evening's guest speaker. You are invited to join us as we celebrate and honor the Class of 2023.
- **Tables for Sale:** Miss Van Kooten is selling her whiteboard tables (36" x 72" rectangle) that are in her classroom. The tables are also adjustable to the three different heights. The cost of each table is \$125. If you are interested, give her a call (641-660-2623) or send her an email (vankootenr@oskaloosachristian.net). Tables would need to be picked up from school at the end of May.
- **Job Openings:** OSCI is actively seeking applicants for the following openings for the 2023-24 school year:
 - ~ Full-time 2nd grade teacher
 - ~ Part-time art teacher for K – 8th grades
 - ~ Full-time instrumental and choir music teacher for 5th – 8th grades

Inquiries can be made to Principal Don Mitchell at 641-672-2174 or mitchelld@oskaloosachristian.net.

Application forms as well as other required documents can be found on our website at

www.oskaloosachristian.net under the 'News' tab.

FROM OSKALOOSA SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL:

- Please join us for Baccalaureate 2023 to be held on Saturday, May 20, at 9:30 a.m. in the Oskaloosa High School large gym (1816 N. 3rd St.). Baccalaureate is a church service led by the Oskaloosa High School Seniors. Freewill donations will be given to Stephens Memorial Animal Shelter. Everyone is welcome!

FROM PEORIA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL:

- **Job Openings:** PCS is looking for the following positions for the 2023-2024 school year:
 - ~ Full-time 5th/6th grade teacher
 - ~ Part-time Spanish teacher
 - ~ Part-time job shared IXL teacher (2 days/week)
 - ~ Bus Driver

Anyone interested in any of these positions, should contact Jeremy Copenhaver (principal@peoriachr.org) for more information. Please continue to pray as we look to fill these positions.

FROM CRC NEWS:

- **From ReFrame Ministries:**
 - ~ *Everything We Have is from God:* Whether we have them or not, money and possessions are an inescapable fact of life. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study passages like Exodus 20:15-17, Deuteronomy 5:19-21, Deuteronomy 8:7-18, Leviticus 25:23-28; Proverbs 22:9, Ephesians 4:28, and Matthew 5:40-42 to cultivate a biblical perspective on our money and the things we own in this life. Listen now at www.Groundworkonline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.
 - ~ *Mother's Words:* Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Proverbs 31 introduces a mother who also taught her son, King Lemuel, many lessons. No doubt she had to repeat them several times. He used her lessons throughout his reign as king. What can we learn from Lemuel's example? Check out all the great content at www.kidscorner.net like the Ten Commandments Bookmark.
 - ~ *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.
- **From World Renew:** Happy Mother's Day! Today we celebrate the special women in our lives. Your gifts for the World Renew offering help build capable, confident women around the world. Women's support is crucial to building strong families and communities that flourish -- and have hope for the future. Honor a Woman of Hope in your life by giving generously to World Renew today. For more information or to give online, go to www.worldrenew.net/womenofhope.
- **CRC Communications:** This year during Synod, we will be offering an opportunity for CRC members to join the Synod 2023 Prayer Vigil. You are invited to sign up for 30-minute time slots to pray. Each morning, a prayer guide for that day will be emailed out. These prayer guides will be the same ones for the early morning prayer at Synod and will have specific requests based on what is scheduled for that day. If you would like to sign up for the Synod 2023 Prayer Vigil, look for the link at the bottom of this page: www.crcna.org/longing-to-be-like-christ. We would love to see hundreds of CRC members signed up daily to be in prayer for our Synod gathering!

WHY GOD MADE MOMS -- Answers given by 2nd grade school children to the following questions:

What did mom need to know about dad before she married him?

1. His last name.
2. She had to know his background. Like is he a crook? Does he get drunk on beer?
3. Does he make at least \$800 a year? Did he say NO to drugs and YES to chores?

Why did your mom marry your dad?

1. My dad makes the best spaghetti in the world. And my Mom eats a lot.
2. She got too old to do anything else with him.
3. My grandma says that Mom didn't have her thinking cap on.

Who's the boss at your house?

1. Mom doesn't want to be boss, but she has to because dad's such a goof ball.
2. Mom. You can tell by room inspection. She sees the stuff under the bed.
3. I guess Mom is, but only because she has a lot more to do than dad.

If you could change one thing about your mom, what would it be?

1. She has this weird thing about me keeping my room clean. I'd get rid of that.
2. I'd make my mom smarter. Then she would know it was my sister who did it and not me.
3. I would like for her to get rid of those invisible eyes on the back of her head.