

First Christian Reformed Church of Oskaloosa

Bulletin Supplement for 5/21/23

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.

NOTE FROM PASTOR JON ABOUT THE *ABIDING* MAGAZINE FROM THE ABIDE PROJECT:

- In our mailboxes today are copies of the first magazine from the Abide Project, a group of like-minded CRC pastors and laypersons that I have been affiliated with for the past couple of years. The goal of the Abide Project is to “*have the Christian Reformed Church uphold the beautiful, Biblical, confessional and historic understanding of human sexuality in doctrine, discipleship, and discipline.*” I’d encourage everyone to read the articles that review the actions of Synod 2022 and prompt us to prayer as we look toward the difficult decisions that lay ahead for Synod 2023.

FROM THE COUNCIL:

- 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:

<u>Date</u>	<u>A.M.</u>	<u>P.M.</u>
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:

- 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: update – we have enough, thanks.
 - ~ 9 pans (9x13) of Rice Krispie Bars for Thursday, June 8 (24 bars/pan): update – need 6 pans yet
 - ~ 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 7:00-10:00 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!!

PROFESSION OF FAITH CLASS:

- Profession of Faith Class will start after AM worship beginning Sunday, June 4. Students who signed up for the class are invited to pick their copy of the study booklet this morning from the table by Pastor Jon's office.

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) Barnabas Foundation *Stewardship Spotlight* 2) Love, INC
3) Pella Christian High *Link*

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES:

- May 21 = Hattie Shelquist (Tyler), Justun Walker
May 22 = Kathryn Groenenboom (Joel), Andrew Jabaay (Tim), Mary Beth Jackson, Trent Meyer
May 23 = Katelyn Van Donselaar (Jeff)
May 24 = Tegan Pierson (Chris), Sharon Spoelstra
May 25 = Ben Boender (Doug), Kelly Pierson
May 26 = Alex Fynaardt, Dallas Fynaardt (Alex)
May 27 = Linda Van Veldhuizen

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS:

FROM PELLA CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL:

- **Memorial Day Breakfast:** You are invited to the Annual Memorial Day Breakfast to support the PCHS Softball Team. We will be serving from 7:30-10:00 a.m. on Monday, May 29, at the high school cafeteria. Menu includes biscuits and gravy, fruit cup, cinnamon roll, sausage patty, OJ, milk and coffee. A freewill donation will be accepted.
- **Fun Shoot & BBQ:** Please join us for the Pella Christian Clay Target Team's Annual Fun Shoot and BBQ on Saturday, June 3, from 2:00 p.m. until dark at the Marion County Sportsman Club (1702 Old Hwy 92) in Knoxville. Bring your friends and family to try a round of trap or skeet shooting together. We will have an inflatable for the younger kids. A freewill donation supper will be served from 5:00-7:00 p.m. We hope you can make it!
- **Help Us Soar Thank You & Recap:** Pella Christian Schools Giving Day was a huge success! Together we raised over \$105,000 to continue the mission of Christian education!! We are overwhelmed by God's goodness, grateful for your generous support and honored to partner with families in challenging students to develop their individual, God-given gifts for a life of service in God's Kingdom. This support will go to helping Pella Christian Schools be good stewards of the blessings bestowed to us and maintaining the student experience that we are able to provide thanks to your generous support.
- **Tulip Time Concessions Thank You:** The Eagle Boosters would like to send a huge THANK YOU to all the volunteers and supporters who made the Tulip Time stand so successful this year. We are grateful for your ongoing support! The proceeds raised throughout the year at the booster stands go to support the WHOLE school including academics, clubs, music, theatre and sports. Please continue to volunteer in our summer sports concession stand.
- **We need you!:** We are currently looking to add four couples/teams to replace those who are completing their terms. Eagle Booster members serve a three-year term starting in the fall and organize and oversee concessions on a rotating basis throughout the year. Please contact Matt Patterson at 641-780-1520 or matthew.patterson5150@yahoo.com if you are interested.

FROM OSKALOOSA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL:

- **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
 - ~ A teacher to teach a daily 8th grade Algebra class

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 PEORIA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL:

- 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 CRCNA:

- **You are making a difference!** On behalf of the ministries of the Christian Reformed Church in North America, thank you for your gifts to ministry shares. Your support enables congregations to do so much more to further God's Kingdom than any one church could do alone. Our denomination could not impact the world through missions, media, and church development without your incredible and faithful support. Thank you! To discover more visit www.crcna.org/ministryshares.

FROM CRC NEWS:

- **From ReFrame Ministries:**
 - ~ *Money and the Attitude of Your Heart:* Can we strike a balance between being grateful for what we have and not being overly attached to it? Join Groundwork as we dig into Mark 10:17-27, Matthew 6:19-24, and 1 John 2:15-17 to reflect on such a balanced attitude toward money and possessions. Listen now at www.GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.
 - ~ *Great Joy. Deep Roots.:* Check out this week’s kids’ devotion at www.kidscorner.net. In Psalm 92, the writer takes great joy in God’s faithfulness, praising Him day and night. When we praise God, we share His goodness with others. Praising God also helps us grow deep roots of gratitude that can last for a lifetime. Check out all the great content at www.kidscorner.net like the The Bible in One Year Plan.
- **From World Renew:** Thank you for your generous gifts for women worldwide through World Renew. Your support for our Women of Hope offering is equipping women with lifelong strength and health. As a result, you are helping their families and communities fulfill God’s desire to see all people flourish. For more information or to give online, go to www.worldrenew.net/womenofhope.

When I say good morning I mean to say:

G-od
O-ffers us His
O-utstanding
D-evotion to

M-ake us
O-bedient &
R-eady for a
N-ew day with Him.
I-nspire others please, and
N-ever forget
G-od loves you!