

# First Christian Reformed Church of Oskaloosa

## Bulletin Supplement for 3/10/24

### 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.

#### BELIEVE SERIES:

- In our BELIEVE series we will be coming up on chapters focusing on “Spiritual Gifts”, “Giving My Time” and “Spiritual Resources”. These can be hard concepts for children, but most can understand the word GIVING. From now through March 17, we will be asking the children of the congregation to bring their Sunday school offerings to the front when they come up for Children’s Message and drop their money gifts in our wooden church building. The offering this year is going to fund scholarships for children who want to attend Lake View Camp but can’t afford it.

#### 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	A.M.	P.M.
3/3	GEMS (Local)	Benevolence
3/10	Lake View Camp	Gospel Singers Male Chorus
3/17	Mobility Worldwide	Many Hands for Haiti
3/24	Youth for Christ	Child Evangelism Fellowship
3/29		Luke Society
3/31	World Renew	Pacific Island Ministries

#### FROM THE FLOWER COMMITTEE:

- If you would like to purchase an Easter Lily in memory of a loved one, please contact Marilyn Vos at 626-3296. Plants will be \$10.00 this year. The deadline for ordering is today. If you just put your money in Marilyn’s box, please be sure to include a note saying who is ordering and who the plant is in memory of. Thanks.

#### SUB SANDWICHES:

- Last Chance – If you haven’t been called, please call Gene at 641-660-3297 by tomorrow noon. Sandwiches are \$3.50 each or 12 for \$42.00. They can be picked up on Wed., March 27, between 4:00 & 7:00 p.m.

#### HOLY WEEK PRAISE TEAM:

- We are looking for a Large Group Praise Team of Mixed Voices of All Ages to lead our Congregation in the singing of two songs. “*Then Will the Very Rocks Cry Out*” and “*Alleluia, for the Lord God Almighty Reigns*” will be led by the Praise Team at the conclusion of our March 24 AM Palm Sunday Service. Rehearsals will be held as follows:

March 17 – in the Music Room downstairs from 8:50 – 9:20

March 24 – in the sanctuary from 8:45 – 9:00

Music is available on the Information Center Table. Thanks, The Worship Committee.

#### CAN YOU HELP?:

- They gave us 95 slots for our Blood Drive to be held on Monday, March 25. If you’ve ever thought about donating, this would be a good time to try it as we have a lot of slots to fill! The drive is from 2:00 – 7:00 p.m. If you would like to donate and have not been contacted, please contact Gene & Sue De Bruin. Please eat before donating and bring your photo ID. Thanks!

#### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

- The following volunteers are still needed for VBS at the Good News Chapel this summer:

Bible Teachers – Age 4, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Craft Teachers – Age 3, Age 5, Kindergarten, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Helpers – all classes except 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

Kitchen Help – need 1 more

Van Drivers – need 3 drivers/helpers

Recreation Team – van drivers/individuals willing to set up/oversee the games area

Prayer Team – need as many people as possible to commit to praying for VBS!

Dates are June 3-7. If you are interested in volunteering this year, please contact Linda Kelley at [vbs@gncosky.org](mailto:vbs@gncosky.org) or text/call 641-660-3918.

#### INFORMATION CENTER UPDATES:

- 1) Huyser Prayer Letter
- 2) Pella Christian High *Link*

#### BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES:

- Mar. 10 = Malachi Kamp (Pastor Erik)
- Mar. 11 = Aubrey Kaisand (Steve)
- Mar. 12 = Avery Kaisand (Steve), Brennan Plate  
Dan & Karen Fynaardt
- Mar. 13 = Kyle Branderhorst (Dan)
- Mar. 15 = Samantha De Bruin, Eveline Franje  
Don & Pat De Bruin

### **REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

#### FROM SONSHINE PRESCHOOL:

- **Open House:** SONshine Preschool will host an Open House on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, from 4:30-5:15 or 5:30-6:15 p.m. for the 2024-2025 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 21, 2024 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 signup. After 40 seats are filled, students will be placed on a waiting list.
- **Other information:**
  - ~ Students must be 4 years of age by September 15 of 2024 to qualify for free tuition.
  - ~ Info about Final Registration will be presented after Online signup.
- **Questions:** If you have further questions about SONshine Preschool Admission & Registration, please go to [www.sonshinepreschool.org](http://www.sonshinepreschool.org).

#### FROM PEORIA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL:

- **Open House:** POP on over to Peoria Christian School on Thursday, March 21, at 7:00 p.m. for our Open House. We will have a brief presentation at 7:00 p.m. followed by a time for individual questions and school tours. Join us for an evening of popcorn, snacks, and fellowship to learn more about Peoria Christian School! Please contact Michelle De Haan at [office@peoriachr.org](mailto:office@peoriachr.org) with any questions or to RSVP for this event.
- **Job Openings:** Peoria Christian School is hiring for the following positions for the 2024/2025 school year:
  - ~ 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Classroom Teacher (Full-Time)
  - ~ 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Teacher (Part-Time)
  - ~ IXL (Part-Time)
  - ~ 1<sup>st</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Spanish Teacher (Part-Time)

If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Jeremy Copenhagen at [principal@peoriachr.org](mailto:principal@peoriachr.org).

#### FROM PELLA CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS:

- PCHS's Theatre Troupe concludes their successful theatre season with Harper Lee's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, *To Kill a Mockingbird*. Timeless and lingering, this hard-hitting work explores prejudice, compassion and the courage to do what is right. Set in a sleepy Alabama town in the midst of the Great Depression, Scout and her brother, Jem, live with their widowed father, Atticus Finch. Reminiscent of a bygone era, the children play outside in the summer, act out stories and fantasize about their mysterious neighbor, Boo Radley. The seemingly peaceful town begins to crack when a young black man is accused of a terrible crime and local lawyer Atticus defends the man with an unshakeable moral conviction. Under the direction of Marlo Van Peursem, *To Kill a Mockingbird* will be presented March 22 & 23, with reserved tickets available for purchase on-line beginning March 4.

#### LOVE, INC GALA:

- Love, INC of Mahaska County invites you to a Dinner/Dessert/Auction Gala. Please join us on Friday, April 5, 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. Please RSVP by March 29 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). There is also a flyer attached to this week's supplement.

#### SAVE THE DATE:

- **Salad Luncheon:** The Bible League Spring Salad Luncheon will be held on Monday, April 8, at Cornerstone Church (1020 East Oskaloosa St.) in Pella, IA.

- **Pro-Life Gala:** Pathways of Pella will hold their Spring Pro-Life Gala on Friday, April 12, at Federated Fellowship Church (309 Roosevelt Road) in Pella, IA.

FROM OSKALOOSA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL:

- **Job Openings:** OSCI has the following job openings for the 2024-25 school year:
  - ~ Kinder Kids Classroom Aide
  - ~ Part-time Art Teacher
  - ~ Part-time 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Math Teacher

If you or anyone you know is interested, application forms are available on our website ([www.oskaloosachristian.net](http://www.oskaloosachristian.net)) or in our school office. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Rietema at [rietemaj@oskaloosachristian.net](mailto:rietemaj@oskaloosachristian.net) or call the school at 641-672-2174.

- **New Full-Time Administrative Position:** OSCI is excited to announce an opening for a new full-time administrative position! We are currently collecting applications for a new Director of Learning and Advancement. This person will serve the school in various capacities including Teacher & Student Support, Marketing/Promotions, Admissions, and Administrative Assistance. If you or anyone you know might be interested in applying, please stop by the school office or contact Joel Rietema at [rietemaj@oskaloosachristian.net](mailto:rietemaj@oskaloosachristian.net) for an application packet.
- **Coaching Opportunity:** OSCI is also seeking a Boys' Basketball Coach for the 2024-25 school year. If you are interested, please contact Athletic Director Shannon Semini at 641-660-7036.

FROM LAKE VIEW CAMP:

- 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. 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 forms are also available from the Information Center Rack.

YOU ARE INVITED:

- The Young At Heart Group from Pella Calvary CRC are taking a motor coach trip to Duluth, MN, June 17-21, 2024. You are invited to join them. Please contact Christy Van Zee at 641-628-1068 or [vanzeejc@gmail.com](mailto:vanzeejc@gmail.com) for more information.

FROM CRC NEWS:

- **From ReFrame Ministries:**
  - ~ *Groundwork – The Paradox Of The Cross:* In the Roman empire, the cross brought death in a brutal, humiliating way. But believers of Jesus Christ find life in the cross. Join Groundwork as we study 1 Corinthians 1:18-31, Romans 5:1-11, and Ephesians 2:8-10 to study the paradox of the cross, remember the profound love of God, and learn how we should live in light of this paradox. Listen now at [www.GroundworkOnline.com](http://www.GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.
  - ~ *Kids Corner – Healing Love:* Check out this week's kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Jesus goes to the tomb where Lazarus' family laid him to rest, and miraculously restores Lazarus to life. Jesus also healed Lazarus' family's broken hearts. It restored their joy. We might not be able to heal physically those we love as Jesus did. But, like Jesus, we can come alongside them and demonstrate God's never-ending, always-present love. Check out all the great content at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net), like KC's Lent and Easter Collection.
  - ~ *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](http://www.familyfire.com). Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.
- **From Crossroads Prison Ministries:** Bethel Christian Reformed Church in Sioux Center, IA, will host a volunteer training workshop for all Crossroads Prison Ministries mentors and anyone who is interested in learning more about the ministry. You will hear from Crossroads' president, Joe Pryor, and director of church mobilization, Douglas Cupery. Please consider bringing a friend with you! Date: April 9, 2024; Time: 6:30 p.m.– 8:00 p.m. Location: Bethel CRC (341 S. Main Ave, Sioux Center, IA 51250). Register for the event at [forms.office.com/r/t8FfKaX83d](https://forms.office.com/r/t8FfKaX83d)
- **Thrive Faith Formation Tip:** Listening to God often involves listening for God's still, small voice (see 1 Kings 19). How might you quiet other voices so you can be attentive to God's voice this week? Learn more at [www.crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject](http://www.crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject).

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Trust in the slow work of God.  
Teilhard deChardin