

First Christian Reformed Church of Oskaloosa

Bulletin Supplement for 3/24/24

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.

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

CAN YOU HELP?:

- They gave us 95 slots for our Blood Drive to be held tomorrow, 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!

CLEAN-OUT NEEDED:

- The Cadets are making SUBS this Wednesday, March 27. 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 27, 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 27. 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 1st 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 FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE:

- We would like to invite the congregation to a time of refreshments following the Easter Sunrise Service on March 31. We will be serving donuts, coffee and juice in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome!

INFORMATION CENTER UPDATES:

- 1) Olsen Update
- 2) Jared & Anna De Young
- 3) Pella Welcome Corp Newsletter
- 4) New Life News

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES:

- Mar. 25 = Jeanine Vandegeest
Rog & Cyndi Fynaardt
- Mar. 26 = Lori Brink, Arianna Jackson (Mike)
- Mar. 27 = Linda Van Donselaar
- Mar. 28 = Nancy De Bruin
- Mar. 29 = Kirk Veenstra

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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. If you are unable to attend, please consider making a donation. For more information, please visit our website at www.loveincmahaska.org. There was also a flyer attached to last week's supplement.

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. Our Guest Speaker will be Sarah Hurm, author of "*Finding Hope: Letters to My Abortion Pill Reversal Baby*". Tickets are \$20 each. To RSVP by March 29 or for more information, please email crystal@pathwayspella.org.

FROM PELLA CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL:

- **Gene Van Wyk 5k:** Sign up for the Gene Van Wyk 5k race to be held on Saturday, March 30, and enjoy a wonderful hot breakfast after! Walkers and strollers welcome! For more details or to register, please go to www.genevanwyk.com or walk-up that morning. Doors open at 8, announcements at 8:40 and the gun at 9:00.
- **A Grand Day:** Grandparents and special friends, join us for 'A Grand Day' at Pella Christian High School on Thursday, April 18. The morning will include chapel, classroom visits, student performances and lunch. Please arrive between 8:40 and 8:50 a.m. and spend the morning discovering how God's story is unfolding through the students at PCHS.

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, April 8, at 12:00 noon at the Cornerstone Church Fellowship Hall at 1020 East Oskaloosa Street, Pella, IA. Afternoon events will include hearing our key-note speaker, Deanna Van Swol, Director of U.S. Ministry Support, report on her recent trip to the Philippines. 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!

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 6th – 8th Math Teacher

If you or anyone you know is interested, application forms are available on our website

(www.oskaloosachristian.net) or in our school office. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Rietema at 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 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. Registration forms are also available from the Information Center Rack.

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:**
 - ~ *Groundwork – The Crucifixion of Jesus Christ:* Examining the story of Jesus' crucifixion in each of the four gospels reveals a beautiful tapestry of perspectives. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study Matthew 27:45-53, Mark 15:40-41, Luke 23:13-25, and John 19:28-37 to witness the fulfillment of Scripture and remember the significance of what Jesus accomplished on the cross. Listen now at www.GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.
 - ~ *Kids Corner – Called By Name:* Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Mary was alone at the tomb. Then she met Jesus but didn't recognize Him. All He had to do was say her name, and then she knew she was loved and not alone anymore. Check out all the great content at 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. Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.
- **From Calvin University:** The Festival of Faith & Writing is a biennial gathering of readers, writers, and publishers interested in how issues of faith become fleshed out in the written word. The Calvin Center for Faith and Writing invites you to attend this year's Festival of Faith & Writing, April 11-13, on the campus of Calvin University. The Festival features over 70 speakers, including plenary speakers Anthony Doerr, Yaa Gyasi, and Tracy K. Smith. Visit our website to see our full roster of fabulous speakers, purchase tickets, or to learn more. Questions? Check out <https://ccfw.calvin.edu/festival-2024/> or reach out to ccfw@calvin.edu.
- **From Resonate Global Mission:** Your Gift Doubled! Resonate Global Mission has a great opportunity for your giving to God's mission through the Christian Reformed Church! Now through April 30, any amount you give for our special campaign will be matched, dollar for dollar, by a generous donor! Learn more at www.resonateglobalmission.org/double.
- **From Thrive:**
 - ~ *Legacy giving to the CRCNA:* Did you know cash isn't always the best way to give to CRCNA ministries like Thrive? You may be able to increase your potential impact—and experience significant tax benefits by giving stock, real estate or other non-cash assets. Write to advancement@crcna.org to learn more.
 - ~ *Thrive Faith Formation Tip: In Life Together,* Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote, “Just as love to God begins with listening to His Word, so love for the brethren is learning to listen to them.” Who might you show this kind of “listening love” to in the coming week? Learn more at www.crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject.

As we grow up, we learn that even the one person that
wasn't supposed to ever let you down probably will.
You will have your heart broken probably
more than once and it's harder every time.
You'll break hearts too, so remember how it felt when yours was broken.
You'll fight with your best friend.
You'll blame a new love for things an old one did.
You'll cry because time is passing too fast,
and you'll eventually lose someone you love.
So take too many pictures, laugh too much,
and love like you've never been hurt because every
sixty seconds you spend upset is a minute
of happiness you'll never get back.

Anonymous