

# First Christian Reformed Church of Oskaloosa

## Bulletin Supplement for 4/14/24

### 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.

#### ORGAN UPDATE FROM THE COUNCIL:

- Repair #1:** An Allen Organ repairman discovered a bad photocell in one of the expression pedals. Replacing the photocell corrected the volume/expression on certain stops. Some other adjustments were also made to improve the overall sound of the organ. These repairs were completed a few weeks ago. An additional defect in one of the tone generator boards was also found and could be replaced.
- Repair #2:** The Council approved replacing the tone generator board on our current organ. This replacement will also be completed.
- Thanks:** The Council would like to thank the Organ Committee for their efforts put forth in the research, proposal, pledge fundraiser, and repairing our current organ as best possible.
- Pledges:** All pledges for a new organ are now released as the Council has decided to no longer pursue replacing the current organ. We want to thank the congregation for their prayers and to those who pledged toward a new organ.

#### 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.

#### April Offering Schedule:

<u>Date</u>	<u>A.M.</u>	<u>P.M.</u>
4/7	Cadets (Local)	Missionary Support
4/14	Cary Christian Center	Samaritan's Purse
4/21	Child Evangelism Fellowship	Teen Challenge
4/28	Christian Opportunity Center	GEMS (International)

- 2024 Monthly Budget Report (Local & Classical Church Budget)**

	<u>2024 Budget</u>	<u>Monthly Giving</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Total Difference</u>
January	\$ 27,286.58	\$ 15,594.70	- \$ 11,691.88	- \$ 11,691.88
February	\$ 27,286.58	\$ 21,188.80	- \$ 6,097.78	- \$ 17,789.66
March	\$ 27,286.58	\$ 18,235.50	- \$ 9,051.08	- \$ 26,840.74
<u>April-Dec.</u>	<u>\$ 245,579.00</u>	<u>\$</u>		
<b>Total for Year</b>	<b>\$ 327,439.00</b>	<b>\$ 55,019.00</b>	<b>- \$ 26,840.74</b>	<b>- \$ 26,840.74</b>

- 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Report:** The 2024 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Report is attached to the back of the supplement.

#### NEWSLETTER:

- Articles:** All articles for the May/June Newsletter are due by today.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Graders and High School Seniors:** Please return the paper that was in your mailbox by today also.
- College Graduates:** If you received a sheet and it doesn't apply, please return it saying that. If you didn't receive a sheet and need one, please let me know.

#### LARGE GROUP PRAISE TEAM:

- All Praise Team participants of all ages are being requested for the April 28 AM Service. There will be another rehearsal next Sunday, April 21, from 8:50 - 9:20 a.m. in the downstairs Music Room. Please come together in community and share your time and talent!

#### VBS INFORMATION:

- Volunteers Needed:** The following volunteers are still needed for VBS at the Good News Chapel this summer:
  - ~ *Craft Teachers* – Age 3, Kindergarten
  - ~ *Helpers* – at least 5 more (Must be 7<sup>th</sup> Grade or older)
 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.
- Staff Meetings:**
  - ~ VBS Bible Teachers meeting on Monday, April 22, at 6:30 p.m.
  - ~ VBS Craft Teachers & Helpers meeting on Monday, May 13, at 6:30 p.m.

- **Supplies Needed:** Please save the small (16 oz.) plastic peanut butter containers with lids for Bible School. Bring them clean with the label soaked off. There is a box on the shelf by the office. They are needed by May 5. THANK YOU!

#### BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES:

- Apr. 14 = Cleo De Groot
- Apr. 16 = AnnaBelle Carter (Trent M)  
Mark & Stacy Boender
- Apr. 17 = Malaki Boender (Karl)
- Apr. 18 = Gideon Boender, Pastor Jon  
Doug & Ginger Boender
- Apr. 20 = Amy Fynaardt

#### INFORMATION CENTER UPDATES:

- 1) Eric & Penny Schering's Newsletter
- 2) Pella Christian High *Link*

### **REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

#### FROM PELLA CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL:

- **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.
- **Annual Society Meeting:** The PCHS Annual Society Meeting will be held Tuesday, April 23, at 6:00 p.m. in the PCHS Band Room. A school report plus ratification of the 2024/25 school budget will be on the agenda along with the presentation of new school board members. All PCHS society members are invited to attend. Information on the board members is available at [www.pceagles.org/board-members/](http://www.pceagles.org/board-members/) or at the high school office. A short Endowment Foundation Meeting is scheduled to immediately follow.
- **Help Us Soar:** Join us on Thursday, April 25, for our Help Us Soar - PC Giving Day 2024. Through our social media channels and the Pella Christian website, you will have the opportunity to get an inside peek at what happens at Pella Christian Schools and a chance to make a financial impact as we continue our mission. Please consider giving to Pella Christian Schools to help us meet the goal of raising \$150,000 during our Help Us Soar – PC Giving Day! Show your support - by donating online at [www.pceagles.org/helpussoar](http://www.pceagles.org/helpussoar) or by sending in your gift via mail by April 25, 2024 to 300 Eagle Lane, Pella IA 50219. Donations can be designated for Pella Christian High School, Pella Christian Grade School or simply Pella Christian Schools and it will be divided between both campuses.

#### LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE SEMINAR:

- The Vermeer Charitable Foundation is sponsoring Rev. Dr. Matthew Kaemingk on Monday and Tuesday, April 22-23. Monday evening, he will be speaking on "Reconnecting Our Work with God's" from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. This event is free and open to the public. On Tuesday, he will be talking in more depth on "Reconnecting Our Work with God's". Registration is required for this session and the cost is \$25 with a deadline of April 15; after April 15, the cost is \$35. CEU's are available. Doors open at 8:30 and the day will wrap up about 2:30. All sessions will be held at the Vermeer Global Pavilion. You may pick up a registration form from your church office or register online at [Vermeer.com>About Us>Vermeer Charitable Foundation>Leadership Alliance Events](http://Vermeer.com>About Us>Vermeer Charitable Foundation>Leadership Alliance Events) or [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com).

#### FROM OSKALOOSA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL:

- **Grandparents/Friends Day:** We are excited to announce that Oskaloosa Christian School's Grandparents/Friends Day will be held on Friday, April 26. Join us for the K-4<sup>th</sup> Musical, "*Danny and the Shacks*" in the gym at 9:30. Following the musical you will enjoy a time of welcome and fellowship in the gym from 10:45-11:00, followed by classroom visiting from 11:00-12:00. We will have a noon dismissal that day for students and grandparents with no school lunch being served this year.
- **Musical:** A second performance of the musical will be held that evening at 7:00 p.m. with the SONshine Preschool students joining the K-4<sup>th</sup> graders. Offerings received during both musical performances will support our Music Department and Student Activity Fund. We can't wait to share God's fantastic and faith-affirming stories of Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego that inspire our own faith, obedience, and trust in Him!

#### FROM JOSHUA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY:

- We will be having our 2024 Annual Banquet Celebration on Friday, May 3, from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. at the Elwell Family Good Center (3000 E. Grand Ave.) on the Iowa State Fairgrounds. Please RSVP by April 22. For more information, please see the flyer on the Information Center table.

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.

FROM CRC NEWS:

- **From ReFrame Ministries:**
  - ~ *Groundwork – Justice and Righteousness in Amos*: Amos was a shepherd until God called him to deliver a searing message to Israel. Join Groundwork as we study Amos 1-9 to hear God’s message of justice and righteousness and to be reminded of the strong connection between how we live our daily lives and how God sees our worship. Listen now at [www.GroundworkOnline.com](http://www.GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork’s weekly emails for future episodes.
  - ~ *Kids Corner – Imagine When...*: Check out this week’s kids’ devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). How do you like to use your imagination? Maybe you imagine the characters in a book you’re reading. Perhaps you can imagine a treehouse you want to design. Though your imagination is something only you can see, it can also help you shape your ideas. New inventions, solutions, and creations can all stem from your imagination! Check out all the great content at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net), like The Spring Scavenger Hunt, and go for a hike!
  - ~ *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 Resonate Global Mission:** A generous donor will double any amount you give to Resonate's Where Most Needed Fund, including through church offerings, through April 30! Visit [www.resonateglobalmission.org/double](http://www.resonateglobalmission.org/double) to find out more.
- **Support The Banner!** By supporting *The Banner*, the monthly magazine of the Christian Reformed Church, you extend the reach and expand the impact of this journalistic ministry. To help keep this community conversation going please give online now at [www.TheBanner.org/Give](http://www.TheBanner.org/Give).
- **Thrive Faith Formation Tip:** Practicing celebration early in the day can help adjust our mindset and focus us on God’s goodness. Consider beginning each morning by praying a Scripture passage of celebration, such as Psalm 103:1-5. Learn more at [www.crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject](http://www.crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject).

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THE LORD'S BASEBALL GAME

Freddie and the Lord stood by to observe a baseball game. The Lord's team was playing Satan's team. The Lord's team was at bat, the score was tied zero to zero, and it was the bottom of the 9<sup>th</sup> inning with two outs.

They continued to watch as a batter stepped up to the plate named 'Love.' Love swung at the first pitch and hit a single, because "Love never fails." The next batter was named Faith, who also got a single because Faith works with Love. The next batter up was named Godly Wisdom. Satan wound up and threw the first pitch. Godly Wisdom looked it over and let it pass: Ball one. Three more pitches and Godly Wisdom walked because he never swings at what Satan throws. The bases were now loaded.

The Lord then turned to Freddie and told him He was now going to bring in His star player. Up to the plate stepped Grace. Freddie said, "He sure doesn't look like much!" Satan's whole team relaxed when they saw Grace. Thinking he had won the game, Satan wound up and fired his first pitch. To the shock of everyone, Grace hit the ball harder than anyone had ever seen! But Satan was not worried; his center fielder let very few get by. He went up for the ball, but it went right through his glove, hit him on the head and sent him crashing on the ground; the roaring crowds went wild as the ball continued over the fence . . . for a home run! The Lord's team wins!

The Lord then asked Freddie if he knew why Love, Faith and Godly Wisdom could get on base but couldn't win the game. Freddie answered that he didn't know why. The Lord explained, "If your love, faith and wisdom had won the game, you would think you had done it by yourself. Love, Faith and Wisdom will get you on base but only My Grace can get you Home:

*Ephesians 2:8-9: "For by grace are you saved, it is a gift of God; not of works, lest any man should boast."*

*Psalm 84:11: "For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord will give grace and glory; no good thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly."*

**First Christian Reformed Church of Oskaloosa, IA**  
**Notes of Council Meeting held Monday, April 8, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.**

All members present except Brennan Plate who was absent with notice.

- Chairman Paul Van Donselaar called the meeting to order.
- Pastor Jon opens with scripture from Psalm 19 and opens with prayer.
- Council Minutes of February 26, 2024 – *approved*.
- Old Business:
  - A. Organ Discussion/Proposal – see Worship Committee Report
  - B. 2024 Goals – Wider Involvement & Welcoming Visitors groups to bring ideas to the next Council meeting.
- Correspondence: none
- Items Added to the Agenda: none
- Deacon Reports:
  - A. Deacon Josh Van Donselaar reports for the February & March General Fund:
    - 1. February Budget envelopes \$ 21,188.80
    - 2. February Balance \$ 34,204.34
    - 3. March Budget envelopes \$ 18,235.00
    - 4. March Balance \$ 33,695.50
    - 5. 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Report was presented.
  - B. Deacon Adam De Bruin reports for Benevolent and Enduring Gifts:
    - 1. Benevolent Fund – March \$ 15,079.83
    - 2. Enduring Gifts – March \$ 658.66
  - C. Deacon Brennan Plate reports for the Building Fund:
    - 1. February \$ 2,925.14
  - D. Deacon Trent Meyer reports for Special Offerings.
  - E. Deacon Mitchel Veenstra reports for Christian Education Fund:
    - 1. Balance on hand 2/28/24 \$ 31,231.78
    - 2. Tuition owed to schools \$ 00.00
  - G. All financial reports were given and *approved* by adopted motion.
  - H. Minutes of the February 26, 2024 Deacons meeting were received.
- May Deacon Report (given for information only):
  - A. Deacon Trent Meyer reports for the May offering schedule:

	<u>AM</u>	<u>PM</u>
5/5	Local Missions	Developing Great Relationships
5/12	Missionary Support	World Renew
5/19	Good News Chapel VBS	Gideons
5/26	IGNITE Youth Group	ReFrame Ministries
- Committee Reports:
  - A. Building & Grounds: Grant De Bruin to mow the lawn this summer.
  - B. Christian Education Fund: Layton De Groot was added to the committee.
  - C. Evangelism Committee:
    - 1. New Homestead schedule has been created.
    - 2. *Approved* names for new members.
  - D. Worship Committee:
    - 1. Motion made to repair current organ with the funding to come from the General Fund – *approved*.
    - 2. Motion made to release obligation of organ pledges – *approved*.
    - 3. Motion made to disband the Organ Committee – *approved*.
- Joys and Concerns were shared.
- Next Meeting: Monday, May 6, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.
- Motion to adjourn prevails & Elder Keith Brink closed in prayer.

**1st Quarter Report - 2024**

	<b>Balance 1/1/24</b>	<b>3,824.23</b>
<b>INCOME:</b>		<b>%</b>
Budget Envelopes	95,619.00	29%
Church Rent	190.00	
Income for Reimbursements (Rent that is paid back out to janitor and c	0.00	
Interest Income	12.07	
Misc. Income	<u>0.00</u>	
1st Quarter Income	95,821.07	

<b>EXPENSES:</b>	<b>Amt. Budgeted</b>	<b>Amt. Spent</b>	<b>%</b>
Building and Grounds	8,000.00	<u>1,245.06</u>	16%
Church Secretary	18,480.00	<u>4,005.37</u>	22%
Copier	2,750.00	<u>786.02</u>	29%
Evangelism	3,500.00	<u>0.00</u>	0%
Fellowship	3,500.00	<u>1,427.24</u>	41%
FICA - Janitor, Secretary	4,000.00	<u>863.29</u>	22%
Good News Chapel	500.00	<u>0.00</u>	0%
Insurance	20,000.00	<u>3,818.60</u>	19%
Janitor's Salary	29,118.00	<u>7,279.50</u>	25%
Janitor - Extra Events	1,500.00	<u>0.00</u>	0%
Kitchen	3,500.00	<u>1,756.63</u>	50%
Minister's Continuing Education	1,000.00	<u>0.00</u>	0%
Minister's Expense Account	4,500.00	<u>0.00</u>	0%
Minister 1 Health Insurance	25,000.00	<u>6,020.25</u>	24%
Minister 1 Salary (Spronk)	66,521.00	<u>16,630.32</u>	25%
Minister 1 Taxes (1/2)	5,870.00	<u>1,467.24</u>	25%
Minister 1 Pension Fund	14,000.00	<u>2,957.40</u>	21%
Minister 2 Salary (Kamp)	31,000.00	<u>7,749.96</u>	25%
Minister 2 Taxes (1/2)	3,150.00	<u>787.98</u>	25%
Organists	2,100.00	<u>0.00</u>	0%
Paper	1,200.00	<u>0.00</u>	0%
Postage & Office Supply	1,400.00	<u>219.96</u>	16%
PowerPoint Staff	1,400.00	<u>0.00</u>	0%
Printed Material	1,750.00	<u>568.93</u>	33%
Pulpit Supply	1,500.00	<u>125.00</u>	8%
Sunday School	3,500.00	<u>1,018.00</u>	29%
Supplies-Janitor	1,500.00	<u>522.71</u>	35%
Supplies-Misc	1,500.00	<u>52.29</u>	3%
Technology	2,000.00	<u>44.47</u>	2%
Unbudgeted	2,500.00	<u>126.05</u>	5%
Utilities-Church	23,000.00	<u>5,008.55</u>	22%
Utilities-Parsonage (2)	9,000.00	<u>1,932.33</u>	21%
Utilities-Youth Center	2,000.00	<u>432.53</u>	22%
Van	900.00	<u>56.00</u>	6%
Website & Copyright Fees	<u>2,300.00</u>	<u>757.29</u>	<u>33%</u>
Subtotal	303,439.00	67,658.97	22%

**SEPARATE EXPENSE ITEMS:**

Classical Ministry Shares	24,000.00	0.00	0%
Total Expenses	327,439.00	67,658.97	21%

**Balance March 31, 2024** **31,986.33**