

# First Christian Reformed Church of Oskaloosa

## Bulletin Supplement for 4/21/24

### 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.

#### 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)

#### LARGE GROUP PRAISE TEAM:

- All Praise Team participants of all ages are being requested for the April 28 AM Service. Please meet in the Sanctuary at 8:45 a.m. next Sunday, April 28, for a final rehearsal just prior to the worship service as we lead the congregation in singing "*The Lord Is My Salvation*" and present "*He Never Failed Me Yet*" as a special number. Please make every effort to come together to share your time and talent!

#### SUMMER SAUSAGE:

- The Cadets still have 2 lbs. of Summer Sausage available for sale. They are in 1 lb. bags and are \$8/lb. First come, first serve. Please see Gene or Sue if you are interested.

#### 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!

#### MISSING:

- One of the large roasters is missing from the church kitchen. If you "borrowed" it, please return it ASAP as it is needed for events coming up. Also, just a reminder that kitchen items are NOT to leave the church. Thank you.

#### BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES:

- Apr. 21 = Lucas De Groot
- Apr. 23 = Tiffany Roozeboom
- Apr. 24 = Betty Huyser, Shirley Van Donselaar
- Apr. 25 = Adam Brink, Trent Van Gilst (Joel)  
Bruce & Jeannene Veenstra
- Apr. 26 = Karl Boender, Deacon Hughes (Tony)
- Apr. 27 = Faye Drost, Grady Shelquist (Tyler)

#### INFORMATION CENTER UPDATES:

- Pella Christian High *Link*

## REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### 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 PELLA CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL:

- **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.

### 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 OSKALOOSA EVANGELISM COMMITTEE:

- The 2024 National Day of Prayer Service will be held at noon on Thursday, May 2, in the Oskaloosa City Square. In case of rain, it will be moved to the Penn Central Mall Center Court. Please join us in this time of prayer for our world, nation, state, county and city.

### 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 PEORIA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL:

- Peoria Christian School is hiring for the following positions for the 2024/2025 school year:
  - ~ 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Classroom Teacher (Full-Time)
  - ~ 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)
  - ~ Algebra (Part-Time)
  - ~ 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Spanish Teacher (Part-Time)
  - ~ Bus Driver

Individuals interested in the teaching positions can contact Jeremy Copenhaver at [principal@peoriachr.org](mailto:principal@peoriachr.org).

Individuals interested in the Bus Driver position can contact Sean Rozenboom at

[boomerstruckstuff@gmail.com](mailto:boomerstruckstuff@gmail.com).

### FROM CRC NEWS:

- **From ReFrame Ministries:**

~ Groundwork – God’s Judgment and Hope in Micah: A contemporary of Isaiah, the prophet Micah is most well-known for the famous verse “*He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.*” Join Groundwork as we study Micah

1-7 to discuss God's judgment and hope woven throughout Micah's prophecies. Listen now at [www.GroundworkOnline.com](http://www.GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

~ *Kids Corner – Earth Day*: Check out this week's kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). When God created the earth, He made sure to make everything right. After every day of creation, He looked at what He had made and called it good. And then—at the end of creation—God gave it all to us and put us in charge. That is an incredible blessing and a huge task! Check out all the great content at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net), like KC's Earth Day Collection.

~ *Pastor Darrell Delaney Answers Your Questions*: Pastor Darrell Delaney, co-host of Groundwork and author of the *Today* devotions for April 2024, will be answering your questions about how God's Word addresses life's practical challenges in a live webinar on May 2, 2024 at 12:30 EDT. Post your question and sign up for the webinar at [www.connect.reframeministries.org/answers](http://www.connect.reframeministries.org/answers).

- **From Resonate Global Mission**: You can help join God's mission and spread the gospel by supporting Resonate Global Mission. From now through April 30, a generous donor will match your gift dollar for dollar—visit [www.resonateglobalmission.org/double](http://www.resonateglobalmission.org/double) to find out more! Give while your gift will go twice as far!

- **From Thrive:**

~ *Thriving Essentials Overview Webinar - April 30*: Thriving Essentials is a training course for elders, deacons, church staff, and any volunteer ministry leader. This one-hour webinar will give you an overview of what the full 4-hour course involves, including discussions on key concepts of Mission, Discipleship, Discernment, and Leadership. Attend this preview on April 30 (11:00 a.m. EDT) to see if the full course is right for your church. Get more info at [www.crcna.org/essentials](http://www.crcna.org/essentials).

~ **Thrive Faith Formation Tip**: Family traditions create unforgettable memories—and they can form faith! Choose one night of the week (or one day of the month) to be Family Celebration Night. To see how one family does this, check out the video at [tinyurl.com/BewleyVideo](http://tinyurl.com/BewleyVideo). Learn more at [www.crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject](http://www.crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject)

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### WHEN I SAY...

When I say that 'I am a Christian', I am not shouting that 'I am clean living.  
I'm whispering 'I was lost, but now I'm found and forgiven.'

When I say 'I am a Christian' I don't speak of this with pride.  
I'm confessing that I stumble and need Christ to be my guide.

When I say 'I am a Christian' I'm not trying to be strong.  
I'm professing that I'm weak and need His strength to carry on.

When I say 'I am a Christian' I'm not bragging of success.  
I'm admitting I have failed and need God to clean my mess.

When I say 'I am a Christian' I'm not claiming to be perfect.  
My flaws are far too visible, but God believes I am worth it.

When I say 'I am a Christian' I still feel the sting of pain.  
I have my share of heartaches, so I call upon His name.

When I say 'I am a Christian' I'm not holier than thou,  
I'm just a simple sinner who received God's good grace, somehow!