

First Christian Reformed Church of Oskaloosa

Bulletin Supplement for 4/7/24

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:

Date	A.M.	P.M.
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)

NEWSLETTER:

- Articles:** All articles for the May/June Newsletter are due by Sunday, April 14.
- 8th Graders and High School Seniors:** Please return the paper that was in your mailbox last week by then 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. Rehearsals will be held the next 2 Sundays, April 14 and 21, from 8:50 - 9:20 a.m. in the downstairs Music Room. Please come together in community and share your time and talent!

BIBLE SCHOOL 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!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

- The following volunteers are still needed for VBS at the Good News Chapel this summer:
 - Bible Teachers – Age 4, 2nd Grade & 5th Grade
 - Craft Teachers – Age 3, Kindergarten, 2nd Grade & 3rd Grade
 - Helpers – Lots (Must be 7th Grade or older)
 - Van Drivers – need 2 drivers/helpers. Helpers must be physically able to get out at each stop to open doors.
 - 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 or text/call 641-660-3918.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES:

- Apr. 8 = Zachary De Groot (Laremy), Leona Van Arkel
Jeff & Vicki Van Donselaar
- Apr. 9 = Irv De Bruin, Karla De Bruin (Irv), Jeff Lorentzen, Dena Van Engelenhoven
- Apr. 10 = Sue De Bruin
- Apr. 12 = Tyler & Kourtnei Shelquist
- Apr. 13 = Faye De Ronde (Kyle), Bruce Veenstra

INFORMATION CENTER UPDATES:

- Eric & Penny Schering's Newsletter

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS:

FROM CHILD EVANGELISM FELLOWSHIP:

- Teen Christians! Have you ever longed to be able to effectively share the gospel with your peers, your family, or even a stranger? Christian Youth in Action™ Camp is the avenue for that training held 1st week of June where you'll also get to 'put it into action' with real children AND get paid while doing it if you so choose. CYIA is the training that you'll use the rest of your life! Come learn more at a Get Acquainted Party held each month! Bring a

friend (or more!) & come hear from previous teen missionaries to learn more about this amazing training-including an opportunity for a paid summer job! Please join us this afternoon from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the CEF Office located at 221 1st Ave East. If you have questions, please call or text Shane (641-651-0332) or Jill Lake (641-660-0576).

BIBLE LEAGUE SPRING LUNCHEON:

- Tomorrow, Monday, April 8, is the Bible League's Spring Luncheon at Cornerstone Church, Pella, at 12:00 noon. Come for an inspirational welcome to spring, learn what God is doing through BLI in the Philippines and be blessed!

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.
- **Help Us Soar:** Join us on 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 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-4th 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-4th 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. Registration forms are also available from the Information Center Rack.

WORLD RENEW UPDATE:

- World Renew works to end world hunger by training farmers in sustainable agriculture and by teaching families about healthy diets and nutrition. We trained 18,455 farmers in sustainable agriculture in 2021.

FROM CRC NEWS:

- **From ReFrame Ministries:**
~ **Kids Corner – I Wonder:** Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Jesus' friends were filled with wonder when they witnessed His miracles and teachings. When He told stories, He painted a picture in their imaginations of a better world where there would be no more pain or sadness, a world where people with their whole hearts would love God and love their neighbors. Check out all the great content at www.kidscorner.net, like The Spring Scavenger Hunt, and go for a hike!
- **The Annual Banner Appeal is Underway:** The 2024 appeal for The Banner, the CRC's award-winning monthly magazine, has started. The Banner is delivered free in print and online, and this annual donation appeal makes it possible. To help keep this community conversation going please give online now at: www.TheBanner.org/Give.
- **Thrive Faith Formation Tip:** In Following Jesus, Henri Nouwen wrote, "Celebrating life is not a party but an ongoing awareness that every moment is special and asks to be lifted up and recognized as a blessing from on high." How might you become more aware of the moment-by-moment blessings you receive each day? Learn more at www.crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject.