

First Christian Reformed Church of Oskaloosa

Bulletin Supplement for 10/27/24

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 COUNCIL:

- Congregational Meeting:** Our Annual Congregational Meeting was held this past Monday.
 - ~ The following men were chosen by God to the offices of Elder and Deacon:
Elder: Allen Groenenboom, Steve Kaisand, Kirk Veenstra
Deacon: Dan McKinney, Sherwin Plate
 - ~ The proposal to have 10 Elders was approved.
 - ~ The Budget for 2025 was approved.

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.

November Offering Schedule:

Date	A.M.	P.M.
11/3	World Renew	Angel Tree Prison Ministries
11/10	Youth for Christ	Missionary Support
11/17	Mobility Worldwide	ReFrame Ministries (Back to God Hour)
11/24	Resonate Global Missions	Rehoboth Christian School
11/28	Thanksgiving Envelopes	

K-8th SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM CDs:

- CDs are available that will give you a feel of the Sunday School Christmas program songs. If you are able to use one, please pick up one per family (from the basket on the Information Center) and scratch out your family name from the list.

FROM IGNITE:

- Waffle Supper:** Please join us for the annual Dad's Belgian Waffle Supper Fundraiser Wednesday, Nov. 6, from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The meal includes all-you-can-eat waffles, a variety of tasty syrups, sausages and beverages. Gluten Free and Carry Out options are available upon request. A free-will donation will be taken to support the Ignite Youth Group program and activities.
- Leaf Raking:** IGNITE will be raking leaves on Saturday, Nov. 16. We will start at the church at 8:00 a.m. If anyone in the congregation is in need of having their yard raked, please contact Brad McMahan at 641-295-0479.
- Supplies Needed:** Attention congregation – IGNITE is currently a group of 25+ students. We are looking for donations in the form of canned or bottled beverages for our Wednesday evening meetings. If you are interested in donating or have questions, feel free to contact an IGNITE leader.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD BOXES:

- “Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation.”* Mark 16:15 -- Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse is now underway. Tuesday Evening Coffee Break is putting several boxes together and we encourage you to do the same.
 - ~ **Why?** Every shoebox gift is excellent for evangelism and discipleship that leads to the multiplication of new believers and churches around the world. Local Christians share the Gospel, inviting children to trust in Jesus. The boys and girls receive a surprise that may be their first gift ever; they in turn share their gifts (material and spiritual) with those around them. Each child only gets one box in a LIFETIME, so they must be FUN, FULL and PERSONALIZED!
 - ~ **How?** Information and boxes are available in the foyer or check out the website at www.samaritanspurse.org/occ. A donation of \$10 per box is suggested (preferably mailed or paid on-line). The fee covers shipping as well as a book explaining the story of salvation. Boxes should be completed and back to church by Sunday, Nov. 17. Questions? Call Deb 641.660.8290 or Dena 641.660.5671.

Note: Be reminded that you are NOT to include toothpaste, gum or candy in the boxes.

“ALL GENERATIONS ALL IN” THANKSGIVING PHOTOS:

“One generation shall commend your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.” Psalm 145:4

- Each year we ask you to share your photos on a theme to project during our Thanksgiving service as praise to God. This year we will incorporate our “All Generations All In” theme. Please send your multi-generational photos or photos of various generations learning, growing, loving, and serving God at church, in our community, or at home. This might inspire photos of meaningful family times that we forget to capture – devotions, bedtime songs or prayers, a combine ride with Grandpa celebrating God’s harvest, making cookies with mom to give to someone who is sick. Maybe this will even inspire a family project! Or capture generations of our family of God growing, loving and serving at our church or in our community. Be creative. Please email photos to 1stCRCprojection@gmail.com by Monday Nov. 18, 2024. Let’s show how “One generation will call to the next: “Our God is good, and his hand is strong!””

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES:

- Oct. 27 = Amber De Bruin, Kurtis De Bruin, Cyndi Fynaardt
- Oct. 30 = Kwynn De Bruin (Joel), Weston De Bruin (Lucas)
Karl & Kristin Boender
- Nov. 1 = Joe & Ellize Caligiuri

INFORMATION CENTER UPDATES:

- 1) Oskaloosa Christian *Highlights* 2) New Life *News*
3) Pella Welcome Corps Newsletter 4) Pella Christian’s *Eagle Eye*

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS:

FROM PELLA CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL:

- *Fiddler on the Roof*: The PCHS Theatre Troupe will begin its new year – their 75th Diamond Jubilee Season – with Broadway’s favorite classic, *Fiddler on the Roof*. Production dates are Thursday – Saturday, Oct. 31, Nov. 1 and 2, with Reserve Tickets available for purchase on-line beginning October 21. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$8 for students (\$2 more at the door). Visit www.pceagles.org for more information.

DUTCH LETTERS FOR SALE!

- Sully Christian is again selling delicious, hand-rolled Dutch Letters. Each 12" stick is stuffed with yummy almond filling and comes frozen and ready to bake at your convenience. A box of 6 Dutch Letters is \$30.00. You can place your order by using our online order form on our website or Facebook page or by contacting Sandi De Vries at 641-780-4049 or by emailing scsdutchletters@gmail.com Pick-up date is Friday, Nov. 1, from 12:00 noon-8:00 p.m. at Sully Christian School or from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at Grace Fellowship Church in Pella. Thank you!

LOVE INC.:

- **Mahaska Connect:** Our Homeless Event & Expungement Clinic will be held on Saturday, Nov. 2, at Fellowship Bible Church. This is a one-day event that focuses on serving those who are homeless or on the verge of homeless in Mahaska County. To learn more or sign up as a volunteer, please see the posters in the hallway or contact the LOVE, Inc. office at 641-676-3750, use the form at the information table or sign up on their website: loveincmahaska.org
- **From the Board:** We are thankful to each of you for being a part of the Love INC family. There has been a lot of growth in this ministry over the last several years. God has done immeasurably more than we could ask or imagine. After much prayer and collective spiritual discernment, we are excited to announce that in January 2025 Keith Van Donselaar will become our next Executive Director. Susan Doolan will become our new Ministry Director. This will allow both of them to more effectively use their gifting to lead this ministry into the future. We are looking forward to all that God will do in our community through the Love INC family...to God be the glory!

FROM PEORIA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL:

- **Bazaar:** The PCS Annual Bazaar will be held on Friday, Nov. 8, at the Peoria Christian School Gym. This year’s theme is the Fabulous Fifties and the verse is “*Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.*” (Hebrews 13:8) Please plan to join us for a fun-filled evening. Bake Sale/Browse-n-Buy 3:00-6:30, Coffee Time 3:00-4:30, Supper 5:00-6:30, Live Auction and free childcare at 7:00. Follow our Peoria Christian Bazaar Facebook page for more information and to see items that will be on the auction. Thank you for supporting Peoria Christian School.
~ Supper Menu (Freewill Donation): Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans, Fruit Salad, & Dessert. We will also be offering “To Go Meals” again this year! They will be available from 4:30-5:30 pm. Please contact Suzy Veenstra at 641-780-8856 if you’d like a meal to go. Thank you for supporting Peoria Christian School.

- **Veterans Day Lunch & Program:** All veterans and their families are invited to join us at Peoria Christian School on Tuesday, Nov. 12, at noon for a Veterans Day lunch and program. We would be honored by your presence as we take a moment to reflect and express our appreciation for your service to our country. Everyone is welcome to join us for lunch, but RSVPs are requested. Please RSVP by Friday, Nov. 1, to office@peoriachr.org.
- **Job Openings:** PCS is looking to fill the following positions:
 - ~ Bus Driver (Part-Time) ~ Janitor (Part-Time)
 - ~ Substitute Teachers (As Needed) ~ Facilitators (Volunteer)

Individuals interested in these positions can contact principal, Jeremy Copenhaver at principal@peoriachr.org or Michelle De Haan at office@peoriachr.org.

YANG FAMILY BENEFIT DINNER:

- The Oskaloosa Christian School is planning to host a Benefit Dinner for the Yang family on Wednesday, Nov. 13, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the gym. The menu will include pulled pork sandwiches, baked beans, cheesy potatoes, apple slices with caramel sauce, desserts, and drink. “Grab & Go” dinner meals will also be available. 100% of the proceeds will go to the Yang children. Save the date to bless the Yang family!

FROM PELLA WELCOME CORPS:

- Would you consider sponsoring a refugee family to Pella? Pella Welcome Corps is looking for groups or individuals to join a group who would commit to a 90-day sponsorship period for a refugee family. Pella Welcome Corps is here to help you organize, support funding, and walk with you through the process. Interested? Find out more at www.crossroadspella.org/services or email pellawelcomecorps@crossroadspella.org.

FROM CRC NEWS:

- **From ReFrame Ministries:**
 - ~ *Groundwork – How to Live as Christians:* In closing his first letter to the early Christians, Peter offers some final advice that remains valuable for us today. Join Groundwork as we study 1 Peter 4-5 to hear Peter’s instructions for acting with love and humility, his assurance that God indeed cares, and his encouragement to stand firm in our faith because we are not alone and God makes us strong. Listen now at www.GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.
 - ~ *Kids Corner: Beatitude 4 – Filling Up with Obedience:* Check out this week’s kids’ devotion at www.kidscorner.net. What does it mean to do what's right and listen to God? God can ask us to do things that might seem hard, like being patient or helping others. Obeying God means knowing and loving God and doing things that improve the world. Check out all the great content at www.kidscorner.net, like the Liz and Friend Story Podcast Trust and Obey.
- **World Renew: Hurricane Helene Response Update** – World Renew Disaster Response Services (DRS) is coordinating with officials in Bluefield, West Virginia, to send volunteers to clean up downed trees and remove debris after Hurricane Helene hit Florida and the southeastern US in late September. DRS is committed to helping overlooked, underserved communities like Bluefield recover long-term. Please give generously to World Renew DRS as we help families rebuild and recover their lives. Donate online at www.worldrenew.net/hurricanehelene, call 1-800-552-7972, or make out your check to World Renew DRS, with Hurricane Helene written in the memo line, and mail to: World Renew, 8970 Byron Commerce Dr., SW, Byron Center, MI, 49315.
- **From Calvin University:** Paul’s Missionary Journeys in Turkey and the Seven Churches of Revelation (May 27 - June 8, 2025) Visit ancient sites connected with Paul’s first, second, and third missionary journeys as well as the seven churches to whom John wrote the Book of Revelation. Join Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading biblical scholar, for this inspirational biblical tour. Contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or weimje@calvinseminary.edu.
- **From CRC Heritage Fund: Estate Planning Help:** Many people think they have to be wealthy to need an estate plan. Truth is, everyone should plan ahead regardless of financial status. October 21-27 is National Estate Planning Awareness Week. It’s a time to focus on protecting assets, providing for loved ones, and creating a legacy. If you already have a plan, take this week to review and make sure it’s up to date. Or to learn more about estate planning and planned giving visit: www.crcna.org/heritagefund.
- **Thrive Faith Formation Tip:** Today is Reformation Sunday, when churches in a variety of Reformed denominations celebrate the work of Martin Luther and others who influenced generations of Reformed churches like those in the CRCNA. The “five solas” provide a helpful summary of Reformed faith teaching: solo Christus (Christ alone), sola gratia (grace alone), sola fide (faith alone), sola scriptura (Scripture alone), and soli deo gloria (glory to God alone). Spend time reflecting on these solas this week, thinking individually or discussing as a family how important these are in your relationship with Christ. Brought to you by Thrive: www.crcna.org/Thrive.

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Notes of Congregational Meeting held Monday, October 21, 2024

62 members present

- Chairman Paul Van Donselaar calls the meeting to order.
- Paul introduces our opening song -- #59(R), “*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*” and we sing verses 1 & 3.
- Pastor Jon reads from Jeremiah 6:13-16 and opens with devotions and prayer.
- Council Clerk Tim Jabaay reads the minutes of our October 24, 2023 Congregational Meeting for information.
- Vote to pass the Council’s motion to reduce the number of Elders from 11 to 10.
 - A. A simple majority is required.
 - B. Vote passes: 59 yes, 3 no
- Pastor Jon and Pastor Erik present their 2024 Pastor Reports.
- Paul recognizes & thanks the out-going Council members:
 - Elders: Joel De Bruin, Rich De Bruin, Steve Plate, Paul Van Donselaar
 - Deacons: Kyle De Ronde, Josh Van Donselaar
- Pastor Jon has prayer asking for God’s leading in the selection of office bearers.
- Names drawn by lot for new Council members are:
 - Elders: Allen Groenenboom, Steve Kaisand, Kirk Veenstra
 - Deacons: Dan McKinney, Sherwin Plate
- Reminder to the newly elected members of the Council that the Organizational Meeting will be held on Monday, Nov. 4, at 7:00 p.m. at the Regular Council Meeting.

- Treasurer Josh Van Donselaar presents the proposed 2025 budget based on 247 active members as follows:

Local Budget Total	\$307,864.00
Classical Shares Total	<u>\$ 24,000.00</u>
General Budget Total	\$331,864.00
Missionary Budget	
Eric & Penny Schering	\$6,000.00
Tyler & Christina Helpers	\$6,000.00
Perrin & Jodi Werner	\$6,000.00
Jesse & Jari Rodriguez	\$6,000.00
Joel & Jeannie Huyser	\$2,000.00
U of I – Geneva Campus Ministries	\$1,600.00
New Life Prison Ministries	\$1,600.00
	<u>Missionary Budget Total \$ 29,200.00</u>
Budget Grand Total	\$361,064.00

Denominational Budget (\$ 83,389.50 Total) 25% Pledge \$ 20,847.38

2025 Total Budget, Denominational and Missionary support – *all approved by voice vote.*

General budget per member	\$ 1,343.58
Missionary budget per member	\$ 118.22
Denominational budget per member	<u>\$ 84.40</u> (25% of \$ 337.61)
Total per member	\$ 1,546.20

Pastor Jon spoke briefly on Classical Shares and the Denominational Budget.

- Council Clerk Tim Jabaay reads the Concept Minutes.
- Motion made to adjourn. Supported. *Motion carried.*
- Paul introduces our closing song -- #455(R), “*Come, All Christians, Be Committed*” and we sing verses 1 & 2.
- Elder Steve Plate closes in prayer.