

# First Christian Reformed Church of Oskaloosa

## Bulletin Supplement for 3/2/25

### 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.

#### DENOMINATIONAL SURVEY:

- Have you been heard?** Our congregation has a once-in-five-year opportunity to participate in the 2025 CRC denominational survey. This survey helps denominational leadership understand the concerns and needs of local congregations like ours. It is crucial that as many people from our congregation as possible participate. Please visit [www.crcna.org/survey/8135](http://www.crcna.org/survey/8135) to answer the survey questions by March 31. *As of Feb 27, only 9 surveys have been sent in from our church.*

#### 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.
3/2	GEMS (Local)	Benevolence
3/9	Lake View Bible Camp	Christian Education Fund
3/12 (Prayer Day)		TBD
3/16	Joshua Christian Academy	Many Hands for Haiti
3/23	Crown Broadcasting (KCWN)	Pella Christian Special Educ. Fund
3/30	Cadets (Local)	Missionary Support

#### WINTER WORSHIP FOR 2025:

- Care Group Set-Up & Clean-Up Schedule:** March 2 – Groups 8 & 9
- Evening Services:** Today is our last day of Winter Worship. Our 6:00 p.m. evening services will begin again next week, March 9. Remember to “Spring Forward” next Saturday evening. ☺

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL:

- There will be no Sunday School today due to the Youth Group Update being held during that time.

#### SUB SANDWICHES:

- The Cadets are currently selling SUB Sandwiches as their annual fund-raiser. Each boy has been given a list of names from our church to call. The deadline for ordering is tomorrow. Sandwiches consist of Baked Ham, Summer Sausage, American & Swiss Cheese on a Croissant Roll. (If you do not like Summer Sausage, we can make them with double Ham; just let your caller know.) They are \$3.50 each or 12 for \$42.00 and may be picked up on Wed., April 2, between 5:00 & 7:30 p.m. If you get a call from an unfamiliar number, please answer or at least listen to the message and call back. Thank you!!

#### GEMS GIRLS:

- If you need help cutting out or putting lead in your car for the races, Gene will be available in the Cadet House on Wednesday evening, March 5, at 6:00 to lend a hand.

#### BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES:

- Mar. 2 = Laura (Brink) R  
Ken & Linda VD
- Mar. 3 = Jason G (Joel)
- Mar. 4 = Ethan B (Mark), Harold DB, Ken S  
Dennis & Marlene A
- Mar. 5 = Lucas R (Marty), Larry VM
- Mar. 6 = Jeff VD, Jean VM
- Mar. 7 = Gene DB, Dean DR (Brent)  
Steve & Jan B

#### INFORMATION CENTER UPDATES:

- 1) RESAP (Formerly Pella Welcome Corps)    2) Helpers in South Africa (also in Newsletter)
- 3) Pella Christian *Eagle Eye*

## **REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

### **THANK YOU'S:**

- We are deeply grateful for your congregation's generous support of ReFrame Ministries (formerly Back to God Ministries International) through Ministry Shares in 2024. Your faithful contributions and prayers have been instrumental in advancing the Gospel through media. Thank you for partnering with us to proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, disciple believers, and strengthen the church worldwide. -- **From ReFrame Ministries**

- Dear Friends at First CRC,

Thank you for joining God in all He's doing through Resonate! All around the globe, God is working through your church's support for your Christian Reformed missionaries, church planters, and ministry leaders. Together, we are taking part in the way God's Spirit is moving!

I hope you are continually encouraged by the good and fruitful work we are accomplishing together. Your church's gifts and prayers help make it possible to carry the hope and redemption of Jesus to the ears of unreached people in over 40 countries around the world! Your community's support is an important way you help make this ministry possible. We couldn't do it without you! Thank you for using your gifts to partner with Resonate.

I hope that you find warmth in knowing that by sending others to share the Good News of Jesus, your church is helping change the lives of individuals and communities for generations to come! Thank you!

-- **In Christ, Kevin DeRaaf, Director, Resonate Global Mission**

### **FROM PEORIA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL:**

- PCS is hosting an Open House on Thursday, March 13, at 7:00 p.m. Families interested in learning more about Peoria Christian School are welcome to come, have a tour of our building, and talk with various teachers, staff, board members, and parents. Questions can be directed to Michelle De Haan at [office@peoriachr.org](mailto:office@peoriachr.org).

### **FROM SONSHINE PRESCHOOL:**

- SONshine Preschool nurtures young minds through age-appropriate activities in a Christian setting, fostering a love of learning and a heart for Christ.
- **Open House:** SONshine Preschool will host an Open House on Tuesday, March 25, from 4:30-5:15 or 5:30-6:15 p.m. for the 2024-2025 school year. Parents and children are invited for a casual come and go visit to the classroom, meet the teachers and learn about the Christ-centered learning at SONshine. We can also explain the process of online sign up at this time. SONshine Preschool is located within the Oskaloosa Christian School at 726 North "E" Street, Oskaloosa, IA.
- **Sign-Up:** Online sign opens on Thursday, March 27, at 5:30 p.m. Visit our website at [www.sonshinepreschool.org](http://www.sonshinepreschool.org) for more "Admissions and Registration" information. SONshine Preschool is limited to the first 40 students through on-line signup. After 40 seats are filled, students will be placed on a waiting list.
- **Questions:** If you have further questions about SONshine Preschool Admission & Registration, please go to [www.sonshinepreschool.org](http://www.sonshinepreschool.org).

### **SAVE THE DATE:**

- Spring is coming and the Bible League Ambassadors of Central Iowa will sponsor a Spring Salad Luncheon at noon on Monday, March 31, at First Church in Pella. We will hear how God is using Jonathan & Trista Vander Wal in Papua New Guinea, and there will be time for fellowship and an opportunity to support the Bible League. Plan to attend!

### **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). There are also a limited number of Registration Forms in the rack at the Information Center.

### **FROM CRC NEWS:**

- **From ReFrame Ministries:**

~ *Groundwork: The Jerusalem Council – The Church Resolves Division and Seeks Unity:* As the church grew, it experienced confusion and disagreement while welcoming new Gentile believers. Join Groundwork as we explore Acts 15:1-38 to learn from the early church about resolving division and seeking unity by gathering, listening, and relying on the guidance of the Holy Spirit to resolve their division and seek unity. Listen now at [www.GroundworkOnline.com](http://www.GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

~ *Kids Corner – The Price of Lies:* Check out this week's kids' devotion "The Price of Lies" at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Have you ever told a fib? Believe it or not, lies that seem small can hurt others, and we eventually have to pay the cost for them. Check out all the great content at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net), like KC's Lent and Easter Collection.