

First Christian Reformed Church of Oskaloosa

Bulletin Supplement for 3/9/25

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 to answer the survey questions by March 31. *As of March 6, 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)		Gideons
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

SUB SANDWICHES:

- Last Chance – If you haven't been called, please call Gene at 641-660-3297 by tomorrow noon. Sandwiches are \$3.50 each or 12 for \$42.00. They can be picked up on Wed., April 2, between 5:00 & 7:30 p.m.

SENIOR SAINTS GAME NIGHT:

- IGNITE will be having Senior Saint Game night on Wednesday, March 19, at 7:00 p.m. We are looking forward to seeing all of those who can join us. We will be playing UNO this year.

BLOOD DRIVE:

- Our next Blood Drive will be held on Monday, March 24. The drive is from 2:00 – 7:00 p.m. We have 85 slots this time, so if you would like to donate and have not been contacted, please contact Gene & Sue De Bruin. Please eat before donating and bring your photo ID. Thanks!

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES:

- Mar. 8 = Olivia DG (Lucas), Leon VK (my apologies for not getting you listed last week 😞)
- Mar. 9 = Pat F
- Mar. 10 = Malachi K (Pastor Erik)
- Mar. 11 = Aubrey K (Steve)
- Mar. 12 = Avery K (Steve), Brennan P
Dan & Karen F
- Mar. 13 = Kyle B (Dan)
- Mar. 15 = Samantha DB, Eveline F
Don & Pat DB

INFORMATION CENTER UPDATES:

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

NEWSLETTER CORRECTION:

- Please make the following correction to the Newsletter calendar:
Pete & Paul Fynaardt's birthdays are March 20, NOT the 27th.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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.

SYMPHONIC WIND AND STRING ENSEMBLE:

- Omega Church, located at 203 Hope St. in Oskaloosa, invites you to attend a concert on Thursday, March 20, at 7:00 p.m. The 45-member orchestra from God's Bible School and College (Cincinnati, OH) will lead in worship with symphonic renditions of gospel music, a vocal ensemble and testimonies. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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 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.

FROM LOVE, INC:

- **Gala:** Our Annual Love, INC Gala (Dinner, Dessert & Auction) will be held on Friday, March 28, at 6:00 p.m. at Gateway Nazarene Church in Oskaloosa. The keynote speaker will be Lois Tupyi, author of *Redemptive Compassion*. Please RSVP by Friday, March 21 by calling 641-676-3750 or going to events@loveincmahaska.org.
- **Conference:** On Saturday, March 29, from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. we will be hosting the "To Love as God Loves" conference at the First Assembly of God Church located at 716 S. 17th Street in Oskaloosa. This conference will be led by Lois Tupyi and will explore compassion with redemptive power. It is highly recommended for everyone trying to help a neighbor or friend. Please RSVP by Tuesday, March 25 by calling 641-676-3750 or going to events@loveincmahaska.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 CRC NEWS:

- **From ReFrame Ministries:**
 - ~ *Groundwork: Paul's Second Journey – Jesus the Messiah and the Resurrection of the Dead:* As he traveled, Paul convinced new believers of the gospel message, but his message also stirred up opposition. Join Groundwork as we explore his second missionary journey in Acts 15:39-18:22 to gain theological clarity and encouragement for our own efforts to share our faith and remain faithful to Jesus Christ in all circumstances. Listen now at www.GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.
 - ~ *Kids Corner – Living in God's Kingdom:* Check out this week's kids' devotion "Living in God's Kingdom" at www.kidscorner.net. Have you noticed that the Bible is full of stories about the kingdom of God? That theme appears more than 80 times in the New Testament. What does it mean to be a part of God's kingdom? Check out all the great content at www.kidscorner.net, like KC's Lent and Easter Collection.
- **Paul's Missionary Journeys in Greece - (October 13 - 24, 2025):** Travel by motor coach (6 days) and cruise ship (4 days) to sites connected with Paul's second and third missionary journeys, as well as visit other major sites of biblical, archaeological, and cultural interest. Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading Pauline scholar, hosts this inspirational tour. For more information, contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or weimje@calvinseminary.edu.
- **Thrive Faith Formation Tip:** The Bible talks about many different ways to engage our bodies while we pray. As you observe the CRC's Annual Day of Prayer this week, try a different prayer posture: you could kneel, lie flat, pray with your hands or eyes open, dance to a worship song, or journal your prayer. Brought to you by Thrive: www.crcna.org/Thrive.

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Notes of Council Meeting held Monday, March 3, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

All members were present except Mike Boender, Keith Brink, Dan McKinney,
Trent Meyer & Chris Pierson who were absent with notice.

- Pastor Jon called the meeting to order, read from Daniel 4:34-35 and opened with prayer.
- February 3, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes were *approved*.
- Old Business:
 - A. Audits – books are ready for review.
 - B. Committee Updates – give to Sue.
- Correspondence:
 - A. Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) has requested the use of our church from July 10-13, 2025 for their summer weekend retreat. OK'd as there are no conflicting schedule items.
 - B. Joshua Christian Academy
 - 1. Open House this coming week.
 - 2. Upcoming banquet.
- Deacon Reports (February):
 - A. Deacon Chris Pierson reports for the General Fund:
 - 1. January Budget envelopes \$ 17,903.92
 - 2. January Balance \$ 55,997.07
 - B. Deacon Adam De Bruin reports for Benevolent and Enduring Gifts:
 - 1. Benevolent Fund \$ 10,659.56
 - 2. Enduring Gifts \$ 658.99
 - C. Deacon Brennan Plate reports for the Building Fund: \$ 4,051.07
 - D. Deacon Sherwin Plate reports for Special Offerings: \$ 25,157.16
 - E. Deacon Mitchel Veenstra reports for Christian Education Fund:
 - 1. Balance on hand \$ 15,199.26
 - 2. Tuition owed to schools \$ 0.00
 - F. All financial reports were given and *approved* by adopted motion.
 - G. The Deacon's Meeting Minutes of 2/3/25 were received for information.
- April Deacon Report (given for information only):
 - A. Deacon Sherwin Plate reports for the April offering schedule:

	<u>AM</u>	<u>PM</u>
4/6	Forward with Faith	Cary Christian Center
4/13	SWIM	Samaritan's Purse
4/18		Bible League (Good Friday)
4/20	ReFrame Ministries	No PM Service
4/27	VBS Program	Missionary Support
- Committee Reports:
 - A. Building & Grounds: Cadet House Discussion
 - B. Evangelism: looking for a few more members
 - C. Worship: Motion made to move Communion from the 2nd Sunday to the 3rd, starting in May – *approved*.
- Next Meeting: Monday, April 7, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.
- Elder Doug Richards closed in prayer.