

First Christian Reformed Church of Oskaloosa

Bulletin Supplement for 4/13/25

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.

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.
4/6	Forward with Faith	Cary Christian Center
4/13	SWIM (Safe Water Internat'l Ministries)	Samaritan's Purse
4/18 (Good Friday)		Bible League
4/20	ReFrame Ministries	No PM Service
4/27	Good News Chapel VBS Program	Missionary Support

- March Special Offerings:**

GEMS (Local)	\$ 3,130.00	Benevolence	\$ 263.00
Lake View Bible Camp	\$ 2,030.00	Christian Education Fund	\$ 1,643.00
Gideons	\$ 1,082.00	Joshua Christian Academy	\$ 1,611.00
Many Hands for Haiti	\$ 877.00	Crown Broadcasting (KCWN)	\$ 1,420.00
PC Special Educ. Fund	\$ 443.00	Cadets (Local)	\$ 2,161.00
Missionary Support	\$ 2,133.00		

- The 1st Quarter Report** is attached to the back of the supplement.

RIDES NEEDED:

- Marilyn Vos would appreciate help with rides to Iowa City for her Chemo and Radiation treatments. If you can help out, please contact Marilyn at 1-641-780-4543 for dates and times.

FROM THE FLOWER COMMITTEE:

- If you would like to purchase an Easter Lily in memory of a loved one, please contact Ruth Branderhorst at 641-660-4949. Plants will be \$15.00 this year. The deadline for ordering is today. If you just put your money in Ruth's box, please be sure to include a note saying 1) who is ordering, 2) who the plant is in memory of and 3) how you are related. Thanks.

NEWSLETTER:

- Articles:** All articles for the May/June Newsletter are due by today.
- 8th Graders and High School Seniors:** Please return the paper that was in your mailbox by today 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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:

- Registration:** Sign up your kids for VBS! June 2-6, 9:00-11:30 am, ages 3 through 6th grade. Early enrollment helps us to order enough supplies for all the kids. Email Linda Kelley at vbs@gncosky.org or call 641-660-3918.
- Van Volunteer:** We are in need of a volunteer to ride along on the van each day of Bible School, June 2-6. Must be able to get out at each stop to open the door for kids. Please email Linda Kelley at vbs@gncosky.org or call Ron Fleener 641-660-8557 to volunteer.
- Thanks** to all who have volunteered to be a part of this important ministry!

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES:

- Apr. 13 = Faye DR (Kyle), Bruce V
- Apr. 14 = Cleo DG
- Apr. 16 = AnnaBelle C (Christie M)
Mark & Stacy B
- Apr. 17 = Malaki B (Karl)
- Apr. 18 = Pastor Jon
Doug & Ginger B

INFORMATION CENTER UPDATES:

- 1) Rodriguez's *Satisfied Wages*
- 2) Werner's *From Sunrise Land*

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS:

FROM PELLA CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS:

- **A Grand Day:** Grandparents and special friends are invited to join us for A Grand Day!
 - ~ Grand Day at Pella Christian High School is Wednesday, April 16, beginning at 8:40 a.m.
 - ~ Grand Day at Pella Christian Grade School is Thursday, April 17, beginning at 9:00 a.m.The mornings will include chapels, classroom visits, student performances and lunch. We look forward to spending this time with you and sharing how God's Story is unfolding at Pella Christian Schools.
- **Help Us Soar Campaign:** This year's Help Us Soar campaign at Pella Christian Schools will transform the new PCGS Playground and PCHS Capital Improvements at the high school campus, allowing us to remain focused on our mission and the Lord's transformation happening in the lives of our students. Show your support by donating online at www.pceagles.org/helpussoar or by sending in your gift via mail by April 25, 2025 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.
- **Visit the Eagle Boosters' Booth at Tulip Time!:** Are you visiting Tulip Time this year? Be sure to stop by the Pella Christian High School concession stand located at East First and Franklin (in front of Breadeaux Pizza). We'll be serving Dutch spiced beef, Pella bologna, cotton candy, snow cones, cookies, chips and an assortment of drinks, and back by popular demand, the "Dutch Stack" sandwich (Dutch spiced beef, Pella bologna, and Gouda cheese). All proceeds support PC academics and our athletic, theater and music programs. We promise to satisfy your appetite and thirst while you support PCHS!

FROM PEORIA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL:

- **PK-Kindergarten Round-Up:** PCS is holding Round-Up for students considering enrolling in prekindergarten or kindergarten for the 2025/2026 school year. It is scheduled for Wednesday, April 16, from 8:15 a.m. – 12:40 p.m. Please contact the office at office@peoriachr.org if you are interested in your child attending or if you know of a family who has a child who could be interested.
- **Job Openings:** Peoria Christian School is prayerfully looking to fill the following positions for the 2025/2026 school year.

~ Principal or Lead Teacher (Full-Time)	~ 1 st /2 nd Grade Teacher (Full-Time)
~ 3 rd /4 th Grade Teacher (Full-Time)	~ 7 th /8 th Science (Part-Time)
~ General (Part-Time)	~ Bus Driver (Part-Time)
~ School Janitor (Part-Time)	

Interested individuals should contact Jeremy Copenhaver at principal@peoriachr.org or Michelle De Haan at office@peoriachr.org.

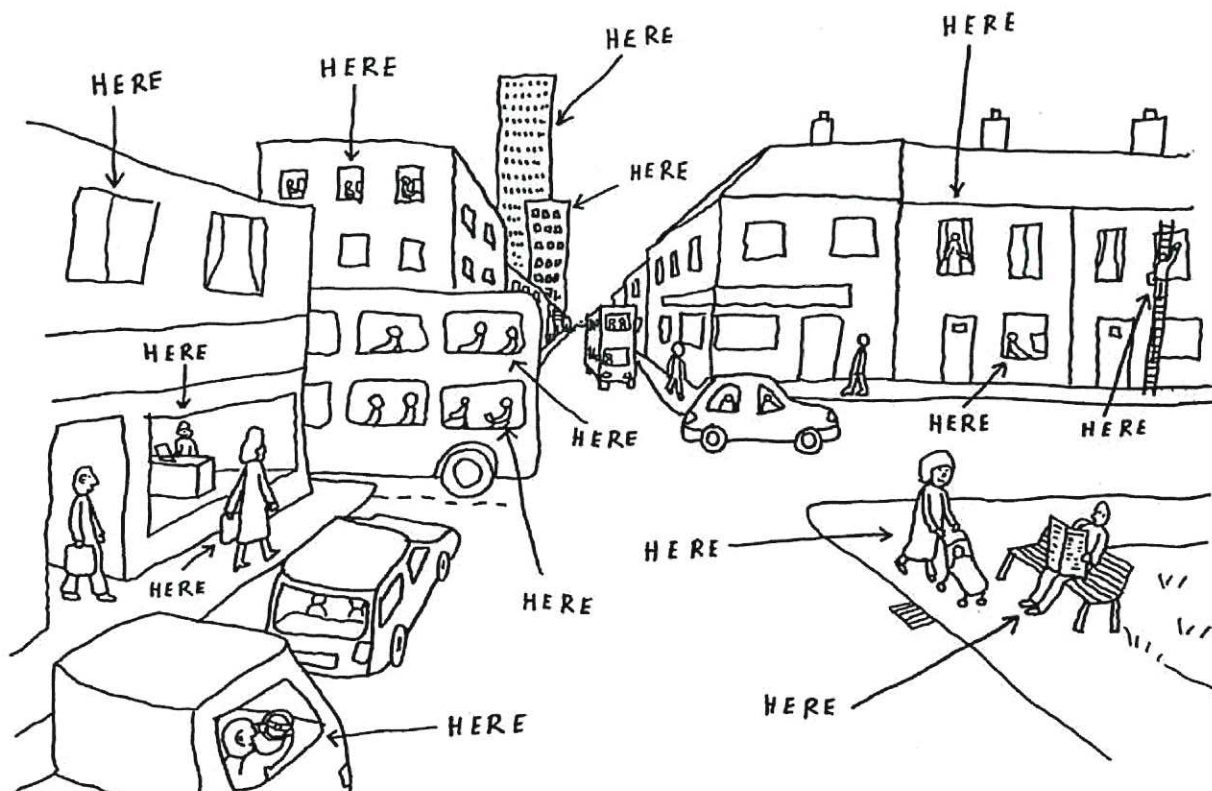
FROM CRC NEWS:

- **From ReFrame Ministries:**
 - ~ Groundwork: Holy Week – The Week of Jesus' Death: Many formative events for our Christian faith occurred in the last week of Jesus' journey to the cross. Join Groundwork as we study Matthew 21:1-11, John 13:1-17, 34-35, Matthew 26:26-30, and Matthew 27:32-50 to remember, meditate on, and nurture our faith by once again journeying through Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday with Jesus. Listen now at www.GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.
 - ~ Kids Corner: Lent – Jesus Loves Me: Check out this week's Kids Corner devotion "Lent: Jesus Loves Me" at www.kidscorner.net. What does it mean to love like Jesus? Even while on the cross and in His deepest suffering, Jesus prayed for forgiveness for those who hurt Him and extended love to a criminal who asked to be remembered (Luke 23:39-43). Check out all the great content at www.kidscorner.net, like KC's Lent and Easter Collection.
- **From World Renew:** World Renew is working with our partners and network peers in Asia to share Christ's hope with survivors of the recent earthquakes in Myanmar. For families displaced by this disaster, and currently living in the open, the situation has been made more dire by the onset of heavy rains. Your gifts will help us to provide food, shelter, medical support, clean water, and other essentials to the most vulnerable families affected by this crisis. Please give generously at www.worldrenew.net/myanmar-earthquake-response, by calling 1-800-552-7972, or by mailing a check made out to World Renew, with "Myanmar Earthquake 2025" in the memo line, to: World Renew, 8970 Byron Commerce Dr SW, Byron Center, MI 49315.
- **From Resonate Global Mission:** Don't miss out on an opportunity to double your gift to God's mission! Resonate Global Mission is your Christian Reformed Mission agency, working together across our denomination to help your

church spread the gospel. This Easter season, you can help provide hope and transform lives—and double your gift—by giving to our special campaign at www.resonateglobalmission.org/Double. Any amount you give will be matched dollar for dollar!

- **The Awakening:** The Awakening is a 1-week worship arts summer camp at Hope College. Close to 400 high school students have come from 17 states to grow their hearts deeper toward God and develop their worship arts gifts of all things musical, visual arts, dance, sound tech, and preaching. The camp is from June 8 (pm) to June 13 (noon). Most students say it was the best week of their lives. Learn more at www.hope.edu/awakening.
- **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 - Palm Sunday:** Today we remember that Jesus rode into Jerusalem as the crowds sang, "Hosanna! Hosanna!" Imagine being there in the crowd that day. What would you be thinking about or feeling? What could you do today or this week to help bring Jesus' kingdom of peace here on earth right now? Brought to you by Thrive: www.crcna.org/Thrive.

WHERE THE CHURCH IS



First Christian Reformed Church of Oskaloosa, IA
Notes of Council Meeting held Monday, April 7, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

All members were present except Luke Roozeboom who was absent with notice.

- Pastor Jon called the meeting to order, read from Matthew 27:33-35, had devotions and opened with prayer.
- March 3, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes were *approved*.
- Old Business: Audits – one book left for Special Offerings
- Correspondence: Concert on the Square – motion to support with \$ 1,500.00. *Approved*.
- Items Added to the Agenda:
 - A. Meeting Time – to be left at 7:00 p.m. for Council and 6:00 p.m. for Elder & Deacon Meetings.
 - B. Greeting to be resumed.
 - C. Motion made to cancel our April 27 evening service so that we can join with Bethel CRC and the Gospel Singers. *Approved*.
- Deacon Reports (March):
 - A. Deacon Chris Pierson reports for the General Fund:
 - 1. Budget envelopes \$ 16,689.13 (Deposited 4/2)
 - 2. Balance \$ 28,755.94
 - B. Deacon Adam De Bruin reports for Benevolent and Enduring Gifts:
 - 1. Benevolent Fund \$ 10,660.47
 - 2. Enduring Gifts \$ 659.02
 - C. Deacon Brennan Plate reports for the Building Fund: \$ 4,551.23
 - D. Deacon Sherwin Plate reports for Special Offerings: \$ 15,926.99
 - E. Deacon Mitchel Veenstra reports for Christian Education Fund:
 - 1. Balance on hand \$ 16,908.29
 - 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 3/3/25 were received for information via email.
- May Deacon Report (given for information only):
 - A. Deacon Sherwin Plate reports for the April offering schedule:

	<u>AM</u>	<u>PM</u>
5/4	Luke Society	Therefore Go Ministries
5/11	Pella Pro-Life	GEMS International
5/18	Love, INC (In the Name of Christ)	Missionary Support
5/25	Samaritan's Purse	Calvin Seminary
- Committee Reports:
 - A. Building & Grounds:
 - 1. Motion to build a Parsonage deck and patio addition. *Approved*.
 - 2. Cadet House – start gathering ballpark figures on building cost and city requirements.
 - B. Education & Library: Christmas Program Coordinator search ongoing.
 - C. Evangelism: Updated Homestead schedule.
 - D. Pulpit Supply:
 - 1. June 15, Pastor Jon will be attending Synod.
 - 2. Royce Spoelstra will be preaching.
- Mutual Censure was held.
- Joys and Concerns were shared.
- Next Meeting: Monday, May 5, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.
- Motion to adjourn prevails.
- Elder Jeff Van Donselaar closed in prayer.

1st Quarter Report - 2025

INCOME:				%
Budget Envelopes			\$96,667.85	29%
Income for Reimbursements (Rent that is paid back out to janitor and o			0.00	
Interest Income			14.58	
Misc. Income			0.00	
	1st Quarter Income		96,682.43	

EXPENSES:		Amt. Budgeted	Amt. Spent	%
Building and Grounds		8,000.00	<u>1,037.85</u>	13%
Church Secretary		19,157.00	<u>446.01</u>	2%
Kitchen		3,500.00	<u>875.00</u>	25%
Copier		2,750.00	<u>1,313.25</u>	48%
Evangelism		3,500.00	<u>0.00</u>	0%
FICA - Janitor, Secretary		4,000.00	<u>0.00</u>	0%
Fellowship		3,500.00	<u>875.00</u>	25%
Good News Chapel		500.00	<u>0.00</u>	0%
Insurance		20,000.00	<u>4,254.03</u>	21%
Janitor's Salary		30,137.00	<u>7,534.29</u>	25%
Janitor - Extra Events		1,500.00	<u>0.00</u>	0%
Minister's Continuing Education		1,000.00	<u>0.00</u>	0%
Minister's Expense Account		4,500.00	<u>0.00</u>	0%
Minister 1 Health Insurance		25,000.00	<u>6,425.85</u>	26%
Minister 1 Salary (Spronk)		68,850.00	<u>17,212.50</u>	25%
Minister 1 Taxes (1/2)		6,075.00	<u>1,467.24</u>	24%
Minister 1 Pension Fund		14,000.00	<u>3,041.10</u>	22%
Minister 2 Salary (Kamp)		32,085.00	<u>9,312.94</u>	29%
Minister 2 Taxes (1/2)		3,260.00	<u>787.98</u>	24%
Organists		2,100.00	<u>0.00</u>	0%
Paper		1,200.00	<u>0.00</u>	0%
Postage & Office Supply		1,400.00	<u>374.86</u>	27%
PowerPoint Staff		1,400.00	<u>0.00</u>	0%
Printed Material		1,750.00	<u>0.00</u>	0%
Pulpit Supply		500.00	<u>125.00</u>	25%
Sunday School		3,500.00	<u>0.00</u>	0%
Supplies-Janitor		1,500.00	<u>0.00</u>	0%
Supplies-Misc		1,500.00	<u>70.96</u>	5%
Technology		2,000.00	<u>0.00</u>	0%
Unbudgeted		2,500.00	<u>0.00</u>	0%
Utilities-Church		23,000.00	<u>5,702.53</u>	25%
Utilities-Parsonage (2)		9,000.00	<u>441.09</u>	5%
Utilities-Youth Center		2,000.00	<u>507.63</u>	25%
Van		900.00	<u>60.00</u>	7%
Website & Copyright Fees		2,300.00	<u>600.00</u>	26%
		0.00		
	Subtotal	307,864.00	62,465.11	20%
SEPARATE EXPENSE ITEMS:				
Classical Ministry Shares		24,000.00	6,000.00	25%
	Total Expenses	331,864.00	68,465.11	21%
Balance March 31, 2025				<u>28,755.94</u>