

First Christian Reformed Church of Oskaloosa

Bulletin Supplement for 4/6/25

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

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.

NEWSLETTER:

- Articles:** All articles for the May/June Newsletter are due by Sunday, April 13.
- 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.

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 April 13. 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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:

- 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. 6 = Adam L
- Apr. 8 = Zachary DG (Laremy), Leona VA
Jeff & Vicki VD
- Apr. 9 = Irv DB, Karla DB (Irv), Jeff L, Dean VE
Wilbur & Nancy K
- Apr. 10 = Sue DB
- Apr. 12 = Carson & Rachel A, Tyler & Kourtnei S

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS:

FROM PELLA CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS:

- Society Meeting:** The Pella Christian Schools Annual Society Meeting will be held Monday, April 7, at 6:00 p.m. in the PCHS music room. The meeting will include honoring staff for years of service, a state of the school report including the '25-'26 budget, and the affirmation of new board trustees. All PC society members are invited to attend. An Endowment Foundation Meeting is scheduled to immediately follow and will include the annual report, a presentation of new board members, and proposed amendments to the bylaws. More information is available at www.pceagles.org/society-meeting or at either school office.
- 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.

- **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 Bredeaux 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 CORNERSTONE CHURCH:

- Everyone is invited to hear guest speaker Hillary Morgan Ferrer, founder of Mama Bear Apologetics on Saturday, April 12, at 6:30 p.m. at Cornerstone Church, 1020 E. Oskaloosa St. in Pella. The topics will include: "Using the ROAR Method to Chew and Spit through Cultural Lies" and "Linguistic Theft – Identifying Unbiblical Ideas Wrapped in Christian-Sounding Words". Please register using this link <https://forms.gle/aT9TC3m88BvL4Drv8> (copy and paste into a new browser) for a chance to win a Mama Bear Apologetics book. Invite your friends!

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 OSKALOOSA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL:

- Oskaloosa Christian School is seeking housing for their incoming Music / Band / Choir teacher, Ms. Breanna Ten Pas. She plans to move to the Oskaloosa area mid-summer. She is looking for a 1 room apartment with a full kitchen and laundry room. She would prefer to be in town but is willing to drive a small distance if needed. If you have something available for rent, please contact the school or Breanna directly: bretenpas@gmail.com

FROM CRC NEWS:

- **From ReFrame Ministries:**
 - ~ *Groundwork – What Jesus Taught in His Final Days:* As Jesus' time on earth brought Him closer to the cross, He wanted His disciples, and now us, to understand some important lessons. Join Groundwork as we explore Mark 9:30-37, Mark 10:13-40, Luke 12:35-40, Matthew 24:36-51, and Matthew 25:31-45 to learn what it means to be a watchful servant as we wait for the day when Jesus will return. Listen now at www.GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.
 - ~ *Kids Corner: Lent – God's Will Be Done:* Check out this week's kids' devotion "Lent: God's Will Be Done" at www.kidscorner.net. What do you do when it's hard to obey God? Discover how Jesus prayed for strength and trusted God's plan in tough times. Learn how to follow His example and seek God's help when obedience feels hard! Check out all the great content at www.kidscorner.net, like KC's Lent and Easter Collection.
- **From World Renew:** On March 28, two powerful earthquakes struck central Myanmar, leaving devastation in their wake. World Renew is working to bring emergency assistance to those affected by this disaster. With your support, we can bring hope and relief to people already struggling with poverty, displacement, and limited healthcare access in Myanmar. Please join us in prayer and donate to help earthquake survivors 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.
- **Thrive Faith Formation Tip:** Katherine Wolf, coauthor of Hope Heals, said, "Before Jesus worked all things together for good, he wept over all the things that were not good. He made himself vulnerable to every kind of hurt to guarantee that we would never be alone in our pain. He offered us solidarity within his sovereignty." What are you, or the people in other parts of the world, weeping about right now? What can we do to be reminded that Jesus weeps with us? Brought to you by Thrive: www.crcna.org/Thrive.