

First Christian Reformed Church of Oskaloosa

Bulletin Supplement for 7/13/25

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.

July Offering Schedule:

Date	A.M.	P.M.
7/6	Resonate Global Missions	Cadets International
7/13	Developing Great Relationships	** PM Service at Bethel due to TEC
7/20	Teen Challenge	Christian Opportunity Center
7/27	SonShine Preschool	Missionary Support

- June Special Offerings:**

Rehoboth Christian School	\$ 2,240.00	African Bible College	\$ 954.00
Ecumenical Food Cupboard	\$ 1,522.50	Dordt University	\$ 840.00
Vital Men Ministries	\$ 1,128.00	Geneva Campus Ministries	\$ 935.00
Heartland Christian Counseling	\$ 1,088.00	World Renew	\$ 2,637.00
Missionary Support	\$ 2,770.00		

PRODUCE TABLE:

- Once again, a Produce Table will be available on Sundays for you to share of the bounty of your garden or for you to benefit from the generosity of others.

ANNIVERSARY & BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION:

- The congregation is invited to join in celebrating the 60th Anniversaries of **Delmar & Marilyn Vos and Cal & Ruth Branderhorst** next Sunday, July 20, following the morning service. We will also be celebrating Delmar's 90th birthday. The couples will be providing cake for the celebration.

SECOND SUNDAY SUNDAES ONCE REMOVED:

- Since TEC will be using our church for services this evening and we will be at Bethel, Second Sunday Sundaes will be moved back a week to the evening of July 20.

BLOOD DRIVE:

- Our next Blood Drive will be held on Monday, July 28. The drive is from 2:00 – 7:00 p.m. We have 80 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:

- July 13 = Brandon C (Joe), Kase G (Saif)
- July 15 = Cal & Ruth B
- July 16 = Duke DR (Kyle), Ruth G
- July 19 = Don DB, Henry V
Spencer & Olivia K

INFORMATION CENTER UPDATES:

- 1) *Pacific Island Ministries* – Eric & Penny Schering 2) *On Mission* – Tyler & Christina Helfers
- 3) *New Life News* 4) *Satisfied Wages* – Jesse & Jari Rodriguez 5) Joel & Jeannie Huyser

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS:

GOSPEL NIGHT AT THE FAIR:

- The Oskaloosa Community Evangelism Committee and the Southern Iowa Fair are pleased to present Gospel Night at the Fair on Sunday, July 20, at 7:30. *Truelove Quartet*, from Lebanon, MO; and *HillSong Gospel Ministry*, from Knoxville, IL; will be performing on the Free Stage (under the cool of shade trees and quiet-running livestock fans) at 7:30 p.m. A free-will offering will be taken, but there is no charge for fair admission or parking. See the poster in the hallway for more information.

BLUEBERRY BLITZ:

- Fresh, delicious, straight from Michigan blueberries are being sold by Lake View Camp as a fundraiser for their summer camping ministry. The blueberries will be delivered to Pella on Saturday, July 26 (orders due July 21). The order form can be picked up off the Information Center table, downloaded from the camp's website, lakeviewconference.com or you may call the camp office at 641-628-2160. Thank you for your continued support of Lake View's camping ministry!

FROM BETHEL CRC:

- Bethel CRC in Oskaloosa, would like to invite you to help us celebrate 75 years of God's faithfulness to our church on Saturday, July 26, at 2:00 p.m. for celebration, memories & music, followed by pie & ice cream. We also invite you to join us (as our guests) on Sunday morning, July 27, at 9:30 a.m. for a special service followed by a potluck dinner. Many of your congregation have special ties to Bethel, so please join us in this celebration.

FROM CRC NEWS:

- **From ReFrame Ministries:**
 - ~ *Groundwork – The Victory of God:* In story after story in Luke, we witness Jesus extending His healing and victory to rejected, isolated individuals—outsiders. Join Groundwork as we study the recurring theme of the victory of God for us and for all who are marginalized or far off in Luke 5:12-16; Luke 17:11-19; Luke 8:1-10, 41-56; and Luke 13:10-17, and together we'll think about what this means for how we live our faith today. Listen now at www.GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.
 - ~ *Kids Corner Devotions – God's Grand Story: Isaac: God's Promise:* Check out this week's kids' devotion, "God's Grand Story: Isaac: God's Promise" at www.kidscorner.net. Get ready for an exciting journey with Abraham and Isaac as they discover how God always comes through, even when things feel uncertain! This powerful story will remind your family that you can trust God's promises no matter what. Check out all the great content at www.kidscorner.net, like the Kids Corner eBook Collection: Faith Practices.
 - ~ *Kids in Action – Glory Girls:* Kids in Action host Maraleisa laces up with the Glory Girls Run Club—a group of girls who aren't just running for fun (though they do love that part). They're building confidence, teamwork, and unstoppable faith. It's Kids in Action, running with the Glory Girls, and learning more about who God made us to be! Check out the video at <https://kidscorner.net/kids-in-action/glory-girls>.
- **Position Opening: Director of Partnership Administration - Grand Rapids, MI or Burlington ON:** Are you a servant leader with a proven track record of excellence in administration and organizational management? Do you love the church and want to use your passion for good governance, organizational strategies, and balanced budgets to further God's kingdom? Then please consider applying for the CRCNA's Director of Partnership Administration position. As a member of the Office of General Secretary, the Director of Partnership Administration works collaboratively to guide and orient the ministries of the CRCNA according to the direction provided by the CRCNA ecclesiastical assemblies, especially synod and the Council of Delegates. Partnering with the executive leaders of the Canadian and U.S. ministry boards as well as leaders of the educational institutions and World Renew, the Director of Partnership Administration will advance the work of the CRCNA in areas such as governance and compliance, joint ministry plans, finance, and budgets to create a well-functioning organization that operates on both sides of the Canada-U.S. border. Apply at www.crcna.pinpointhq.com.
- **Thrive Faith Formation Tip:** In the church year we are in "Ordinary Time," a season named not because it is less significant than other church seasons but because it's a time to focus on faithfulness in our ordinary, day-to-day lives. This week, ponder how you can "take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering" (Romans 12:1-2, MSG). Choose one daily activity that you can write a simple prayer about and say that prayer each day. Small practices like this can make us mindful of God's presence in the ordinary. Brought to you by Thrive: www.crcna.org/Thrive.

The TEC Council, adult workers, student workers and candidates of TEC #87 wish to express a sincere THANK YOU to our friends in Christ at First Christian Reformed Oskaloosa!!! Your generosity in allowing us the use of your facilities not only this weekend, but for several Sunday afternoon meetings is very much appreciated. Our verse for the weekend is Colossians 3:2-3 – "*Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on the earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.*" We ask for prayers over this verse as we wrap up our weekend.

The lives of many teenagers have been changed forever this weekend and God's kingdom has been furthered. This can only be done when we, His followers, humble ourselves and allow Him to work through us. You, as a congregation, were an integral part of His plan for this TEC weekend by opening your facilities so graciously to us. Your vision "to glorify God through meaningful worship, Biblical teaching, and loving fellowship, which encourages service in Christ." was lived out this weekend! Thank you again!!

In Christ's Love, TEC #87

First CRC of Oskaloosa, IA – Notes of Council Meeting held Monday, July 7, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

All members were present except Brent DR, Tim J, Steve K, Brennan P and Pastor Jon who were absent with notice.

- President Kirk Veenstra called the meeting to order. Pastor Erik read from Acts 15, had devotions and prayer.
- June 2, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes were reviewed. Special Offerings were corrected from \$ 4,007.56 to \$ 20,347.28 and the Minutes were *approved*.
- Correspondence:
 - A. The request to use the Church as a polling location was *approved*.
 - B. We will be sending a letter to Bethel CRC celebrating their 75th Anniversary.
- Items Added to the Agenda:
 - A. We will try the Deacon's printer in Pastor Erik's office to see if it will meet his needs.
 - B. We have received several comments that the Live Stream is fading in and out. Sherwin will investigate.
 - C. Held a discussion on security concerns.
- Deacon Reports (June):
 - A. Deacon Chris Pierson presented the report for the General Fund:
 - 1. Budget envelopes \$ 17,608.13 (May number, deposited in June)
 - 2. Balance \$ 19,119.83
 - B. Deacon Adam De Bruin presented the report for Benevolent and Enduring Gifts:
 - 1. Benevolent Fund \$ 15,946.24
 - 2. Enduring Gifts \$ 1,734.11
 - C. Deacon Brennan Plate was absent. Report submitted a May balance of: \$ 374.70
 - D. Deacon Sherwin Plate reports for Special Offerings: \$ 14,819.56
 - ~ The July 27 AM offering will now be for SonShine Preschool. (Moving Crossroads to August.)
 - E. Deacon Mitchel Veenstra reports for Christian Education Fund:
 - 1. Balance on hand \$ 24,708.21
 - 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 6/2/25 were received for information.
- August Deacon Report (given for information only):
 - A. Deacon Sherwin Plate reports for the August offering schedule:

	<u>AM</u>	<u>PM</u>
8/3	Love, INC (In the Name of Christ)	Freedom House
8/10	Mobility Worldwide	Pacific Island Ministries
8/17	Aeropagus	Benevolence
8/24	Crossroads Prison Ministries	Oskaloosa Evangelism Committee
8/31	Youth for Christ	Missionary Support
- Committee Reports:
 - A. Building & Grounds:
 - 1. Parsonage Deck: Wiring is completed. Attempting to grow grass.
 - 2. Projection Screen: South screen fell, broke the screen and two windows. Repairs are complete.
 - 3. Cadet House: Motion made and *approved* directing the committee to pursue the Cadets with Youth Center multipurpose open space option. Rezoning the property will also be evaluated.
 - B. Communion and Care Groups: Communion will be on July 20.
 - C. Christian Education Fund: We will not be doing pledge sheets this year.
 - D. Education & Library:
 - 1. We need teachers for Kindergarten, 3rd Grade and Adult Sunday School. 6th & 10th are filled.
 - 2. *Approved* names for possible Sunday School teachers.
 - 3. Sunday School Christmas Program Dec. 21 AM; IGNITE Candlelight service Dec. 21 PM.
 - E. Enduring Gifts: \$ 1,075.00 deposited
 - F. Fellowship: Cake will be served after the July 20 AM service to celebrate the 60th Anniversaries of Delmar & Marilyn Vos and Cal & Ruth Branderhorst, as well as Delmar's 90th birthday.
 - G. Technology: Will check on Pastor Erik's printer and the Live Stream fading in/out.
 - H. Worship: June/July Calendar was received for information.
- Mutual Censure was held.
- Joys and Concerns were shared. Specifically, the flooding in Texas and TEC next weekend.
- Next Meeting: Monday, August 4, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.
- Motion to adjourn prevails and Deacon Mitchel Veenstra closed in prayer.