# First Christian Reformed Church of Oskaloosa Bulletin Supplement for 7/6/25

# **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.

#### **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	Crossroads Prison Ministries	Missionary Support
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# 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.

#### CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER SUPPORT REVISION:

• Starting in July, our prayer support sheets will not be divided into Care Groups. Everyone in the congregation will receive the same prayer sheet and in the course of the six months from July to December everyone from the congregation will be included and prayed for in one of those months. As you pray for each other, remember to also pray for our church groups and activities, our council and committees, our missionaries and denominational ministries. Suggestions of how you might pray for each other are at the bottom of the sheet. Dear God, unite us as your family, bonded in love and guided by your wisdom.

# MEN'S BIBLE STUDY:

• As TEC will be using the church next weekend, the Men's Bible Study will take place this coming Saturday, <u>July</u> <u>12</u>, 7:00 a.m. on Pastor Jon's back deck. Please enter via Forest Cemetery and park on the side road behind the Parsonage (Back-up rain location will be Smokey Row). This week's lesson is on "The Discipline of Devotion." Study sheets are available on the Information Center Table.

#### SECOND SUNDAY SUNDAES ONCE REMOVED:

• Since TEC will be using our church for services on the evening on July 13 and we will be at Bethel, Second Sunday Sundaes will be moved back a week to the evening of July 20.

# BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES:

July 6	= Renee VK
July 7	= Jayde DG, Keitha T
	Matt & Heather C, Dale & Nancy DB
July 8	= Trent & Christie M, Delmar & Marilyn V
July 9	= Rosie H, Leah S (Pastor Jon)
	Harold & Ruth DB, Ken & Rosie H
July 11	= Violet DG (Lucas), Jeremey P
	Rich & Karen DB
July 12	= Delmar V
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# **INFORMATION CENTER UPDATES:**

#### • 1) Pacific Island Ministries – Eric & Penny Schering

2) On Mission - Tyler & Christina Helfers

# **<u>REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS:</u>**

#### FROM PEORIA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL:

• Peoria Christian School will hold its annual Society Meeting on Monday, <u>July 7</u>, at 7:00 p.m at Peoria Christian School Gym. All community members with an interest in Peoria Christian School are encouraged to attend. The agenda includes electing new school board members, approving the 2025/2026 budget, and school reports. Financial Reports will be available on the evening of July 7 for society members to review. Board nominations include: Brent

Hanko, Kody Roos, Bret Fynaardt and Ryan Laverman. Registration will be held prior to the meeting in the school at 6:00 p.m. for parents of all students. Please join us in the gym for ice cream and fellowship after the meeting has concluded.

# **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 and Parkersburg on Saturday, <u>July 12</u> (orders due July 7) and to Pella only on Saturday, <u>July 26</u> (orders due July 21). The order form can be picked up off the Information Center table, downloaded from the camp's website, <u>lakeviewconference.com</u> or you may call the camp office at 641-628-2160. Thank you for your continued support of Lake View's camping ministry!

#### 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, <u>July 20</u>, 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.

#### FROM BETHEL CRC:

• The Bethel CRC Council is announcing our church's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of being a House of God. We will be celebrating our 75<sup>th</sup> year with a program at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, <u>July 26</u>, at Bethel CRC Oskaloosa and a special morning service on July 27.

# FROM CRC NEWS:

- From ReFrame Ministries:
  - ~ <u>Groundwork Jubilee and the Joy of Salvation</u>: Jubilee and joy are featured frequently in Luke's gospel. Join Groundwork as we study Luke 4:18-19, Luke 5:33-35, Luke 15, and Luke 19:1-9 to trace this theme through Jesus' parables and encounters, so we understand its importance, how it connects to the Old Testament's Year of Jubilee, and what it means for how we faithfully respond to encounters with Jesus and salvation today. Listen now at <u>www.GroundworkOnline.com</u> and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.
  - ~ <u>Kids Corner Devotions: God's Grand Story Be a God Detective:</u> Check out this week's kids' devotion, "God's Grand Story: Be a God Detective" at <u>www.kidscorner.net</u>. You are part of God's amazing adventure, and God's story is happening all around you! Discover how Jesus welcomed children with open arms, and today, challenge your family to become God Detectives, spotting God's love and kindness in everyday life! Check out all the great content at <u>www.kidscorner.net</u>, like the Kids Corner Ebook Collection: Faith Practices.
- World Renew Disaster Response Services (DRS) Volunteer Opportunities: When a community experiences a natural disaster, recovery is often complex and seems out of reach. You can change stories of disaster into stories of hope by volunteering with World Renew Disaster Response Services (DRS)! This fall, join a DRS reconstruction team in Sarasota, Florida, or Windsor, North Carolina, to repair disaster-impacted homes for families in need. With construction supervision on site, generous volunteer reimbursements, and ministry opportunities, what are you waiting for? Team dates and contact information to sign up are available at <a href="https://www.worldrenew.net/volunteer">www.worldrenew.net/volunteer</a>.
- **Global Leadership Summit Simulcast:** August 7–8, 2025 | Calvin University Join leaders from around the world for a live simulcast of the Global Leadership Summit Simulcast, hosted locally at Calvin University's Covenant Fine Arts Center. Hear from top global speakers on leadership, purpose, and innovation. Open to professionals, students, educators, and community members. Early Bird tickets available through July 16. More info & registration at <a href="https://brushfire.com/582107">https://brushfire.com/582107</a>.
- From Resonate Global Mission: Job Opening! Director of North American Regional Teams Resonate USA or Canada Remote. The Director of North American Regional Teams oversees the implementation of Resonate's Core Initiatives—Global Mission, Local Mission, and Church Planting—in Canada and the USA. This full-time, remote role focuses on managing the Local Mission Core Initiative and developing resources to empower missional leaders and faith communities within the Christian Reformed Church in North America (CRCNA) and beyond. The Director also collaborates with other Core Initiative Leaders to support Resonate's initiatives. Apply at www.crena.pinpointhq.com.
- Thrive Faith Formation Tip: In Joshua 4, God instructs the Israelites to gather twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan River as a reminder of what God has done for them. As we move into the second half of the year, create your own remembrances from the first half of the year. What moments serve as reminders of God's care, provision, and lovingkindness? Write them on a poster and hang them in your home as a sign of God's faithfulness. Or gather rocks, paint them, write keywords on them, and display them along a walkway outside or in a common room in your home. Brought to you by Thrive: <a href="https://www.crena.org/Thrive">www.crena.org/Thrive</a>.