

# Bulletin Supplement for 8/10/25

**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.

**August Offering Schedule:**

Date	A.M.	P.M.
8/3	Love, INC (In the Name of Christ)	Freedom House
8/10	Mobility Worldwide	Pacific Island Ministries
8/17	Areopagus	Benevolence
8/24	Crossroads Prison Ministry	**Parking Lot Praise
8/31	Oskaloosa Evangelism Committee	Missionary Support

- **2025 Monthly Budget Report** (Local & Classical Church Budget)

	2025 Budget	Monthly Giving	Difference	Total Difference
January	\$ 27,655.33	\$ 19,383.13	- \$ 8,272.20	- \$ 8,272.20
February	\$ 27,655.33	\$ 17,903.92	- \$ 9,751.41	- \$ 18,023.61
March	\$ 27,655.33	\$ 16,689.13	- \$ 10,966.20	- \$ 28,989.81
April	\$ 27,655.33	\$ 23,205.67	- \$ 4,449.66	- \$ 33,439.47
May	\$ 27,655.33	\$ 17,608.13	- \$ 10,047.20	- \$ 43,486.67
June	\$ 27,655.33	\$ 18,657.13	- \$ 8,998.20	- \$ 52,484.87
July	\$ 27,655.33	\$ 21,549.79	- \$ 6,105.54	- \$ 58,590.41
Aug-Dec.	\$ 138,276.69	\$		
Total for Year	\$ 331,864.00	\$ 134,996.90	- \$ 58,590.41	- \$ 196,867.10

- **The 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Budget Report** is attached to the back of the supplement.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY SUNDAYES:

- This evening will be our final “Second Sunday Sundaes” after the worship service. Bring your toppings ready to share (fresh berries, caramel, hot fudge, nuts, mini-M&Ms, Reddi-Wip, etc.), add a scoop of ice cream that we provide, and create a delicious sundae and memorable fellowship!

BIBLE SIGNING:

- We will be celebrating the Profession of Faith of 5 young people on August 17 and the church will be giving them Study Bibles in celebration of this event. As a church family, we are invited to sign our names in their Bibles in the margin by whatever your favorite verse is. Bibles will be on display on the tables in the fellowship hall through today.

NEWSLETTER:

- **Deadline:** All articles for the September/October Newsletter are due by Sunday, August. 17.
- **Society Leaders:** We would like to have a brief write-up from all the various groups explaining when you meet and who can attend. i.e. Cadets meet every Wednesday evening from 7-8:30 and is for boys in 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grades. Please email it to the church office at [firstercosky@gmail.com](mailto:firstercosky@gmail.com). Thanks.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES:

- August 10 = Jim D  
                     Lee & Carolyn DG
- August 11 = Kirk & Pam V
- August 12 = Linda DR, Royce S
- August 14 = Marvin DB, Merribeth DG, Galen H (Tony), Caitlin N
- August 15 = Pippa DR (Brent), Tammy L
- August 16 = Kelli B, Harold F, Nolan S (Adam B)

## OFFICE NEWS:

- I will be on vacation the 1<sup>st</sup> two weeks of September. If you have things you need me to do for your group before the start of society season, the earlier in August you can get them to me, the lower my stress level will be trying to get ready for vacation. ☺ Thanks!!

## **REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

### BIBLE LEAGUE FALL RETREAT:

- Don't miss the Bible League Retreat on Thursday, Sept. 11, at Calvary Church in Pella, IA. This special event features dynamic keynote speaker Twila Belk. Whether she's speaking, writing, or sharing a laugh, Twila brings hope and encouragement, pointing hearts toward our amazing God as we study the theme, **STANDING STRONG THROUGH THE SEASONS**. Be inspired through worship led by organist Benjamin Spronk and the Pella Christian High School Worship Team. Bible League's CEO Jos Snoep will share about their ministry that brings God's Word to children across the globe. An offering will be taken in support of this mission. Conference registration is \$40 and includes lunch. Ticket fees help cover event expenses. Register at [www.bibleleague.org/tickets](http://www.bibleleague.org/tickets). A \$5 late fee applies after August 25 – don't wait!

### ADVANCE NOTICE:

- Mahaska Connect will be held on Saturday, Nov. 8, at Fellowship Bible Church. Watch for more details and sign-up opportunities in the future.

### FROM CRC NEWS:

- **From ReFrame Ministries:**

~ Groundwork – God Longs to Restore His People: Amidst all the judgment in Hosea, God reveals the tender ache of a father's heart, and we find powerful images of restoration. Join Groundwork as we study Hosea 11 and 14 and discuss how this ancient prophecy still calls us back to the heart of God and offers us a roadmap for restoration. Listen now at [www.GroundworkOnline.com](http://www.GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

~ Kids Corner Devotions: God's Grand Story – Josiah Reads the Bible: Check out this week's kids' devotion, "God's Grand Story: Josiah Reads the Bible" at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Open the Bible today and see how God wants us to live. Talk together as a family about how the Bible offers guidance for real life – at home, at school, and with friends. Check out all the great content at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net), like the Kids Corner Bible Story Podcast Series.

- **Paul's Missionary Journeys in Greece (April 3 - 13, 2026)**: Travel by motor coach (6 days) and cruise ship (3 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](mailto:weimje@calvinseminary.edu).
- **Calvin University 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Events**: Calvin University is celebrating its 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and you're invited to join us in marking the occasion all year long! Check the [www.calvin.edu/150](http://www.calvin.edu/150) website for details on many events going on at Calvin throughout the anniversary year. Some ways we're celebrating include Celebration Weeks on campus, Calvin On-the-Road events to 30 cities, an Anniversary Worship Celebration in March 2026, and a 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Hymn Text Contest.
- **World Renew – Cambodia Discovery Tour**: Join World Renew from November 14 – 24, 2025, for a journey into Cambodia's vibrant culture and the inspiring work of local communities pursuing lasting change through partnership and hope. This is an opportunity to witness God's love in action – experience deep connections, hear powerful stories, and see how lives are being transformed. Registration is limited and closes September 14. Learn more and register here: <https://bit.ly/2025cambodiainfo>
- **Thrive Faith Formation Tip**: Psalm 19 exclaims, "*The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands*" (v. 1, NIV). Throughout your week make a point to observe the sky – whether storm-filled, clear and sunny, brilliant blue with fluffy clouds, or full of stars. How does observing creation remind you of God's glory and good works? Brought to you by Thrive: [www.crcna.org/Thrive](http://www.crcna.org/Thrive).

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*"Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God."*

Corrie Ten Boom

**First Christian Reformed Church of Oskaloosa, IA**  
**Notes of Council Meeting held Monday, August 4, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.**

All members were present except Pastor Jon who was absent with notice.

- President Kirk Veenstra called the meeting to order. Pastor Erik read from I Timothy 3:1-7, had devotions on the qualifications for being a church leader and opened with prayer.
- June 7, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes were *approved*.
- Old Business: None
- Correspondence: Love, INC: Greetings and Thank You received from the new Transformational Ministry Coordinator, Dan Crow.
- Items Added to the Agenda:
  - A. Elder Nominations were held.
  - B. Youth for Christ in Oskaloosa is closing down with the date to be determined.  
~ Motion made to have them send financial support they have already received to YFC Internat'l. *Approved*.
  - C. Names were submitted and *approved* for Cadet Leaders
- Deacon Reports (June):
  - A. Deacon Chris Pierson presented the report for the General Fund:
    - 1. Budget envelopes      \$ 21,549.79                      2. Balance                      \$ 27,381.55
    - 3. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report was received for information.
    - 4. The Monthly Budget Report through July was received for information.
  - B. Deacon Adam De Bruin presented the report for Benevolent and Enduring Gifts:
    - 1. Benevolent Fund                      \$ 10,747.47                      2. Enduring Gifts                      \$ 6,734.26
  - C. Deacon Brennan Plate presented the report for the Building Fund:      \$ 6,049.86
  - D. Deacon Sherwin Plate presented the report for Special Offerings:      \$ 17,387.02
  - E. Deacon Mitchel Veenstra reports for Christian Education Fund:
    - 1. Balance on hand                      \$ 26,144.31
    - 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 7/7/25 were received for information.
- September Deacon Report (given for information only):
  - A. Deacon Sherwin Plate reports for the September offering schedule:

	<u>AM</u>	<u>PM</u>
9/7	Jared & Anna De Young	Joshua Christian Academy
9/14	Christian Education Fund	Gideons
9/21	Fellowship of Christian Athletes	Forward with Faith
9/28	Andrew Boender	Missionary Support
- Committee Reports:
  - A. Building & Grounds – Chairman Allen Groenenboom:
    - 1. Need to rezone in order to build a structure larger than 700 square feet.
      - a. Motion to rezone our property from Suburban Residential to Public and Institutional.  
*Approved*.
      - b. Mike Boender to pursue re-zoning.
  - B. Bulletin – Chairman Brent De Ronde: Will look into updating the website with the Technology Committee.
  - C. Education & Library – Chairman Doug Richards:
    - ~ Names were submitted and *approved* for possible Sunday School teachers.
  - D. Enduring Gifts – Council Representative Adam De Bruin:
    - ~ Funds correction has been made and is now accurate on the latest report.
  - E. Technology – Chairman Sherwin Plate: Training to avoid sound issues for the livestream.
  - F. Worship – Chairman Lucas De Groot:
    - 1. August Calendar was received for information.
    - 2. Looking into a service that can reformat songs for projection to make them easier to read. Motion made to spend \$600.00 for the service. *Approved*.
- Joys and Concerns were shared.
- Next Meeting: Monday, September 8, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.
- Motion to adjourn prevails & Elder Kirk Veenstra closed in prayer.



## 2nd Quarter Report - 2025

<b>INCOME:</b>				%
Budget Envelopes			\$156,138.78	47%
Income for Reimbursements (Rent that is paid back out to janitor and c			0.00	
Interest Income			25.51	
Misc. Income			696.51	
	1st Quarter Income		156,860.80	

<b>EXPENSES:</b>		Amt. Budgeted	Amt. Spent	%
Building and Grounds		8,000.00	3,503.67	44%
Church Secretary		19,157.00	3,985.71	21%
Kitchen		3,500.00	1,750.00	50%
Copier		2,750.00	2,176.83	79%
Evangelism		3,500.00	0.00	0%
FICA - Janitor, Secretary		4,000.00	0.00	0%
Fellowship		3,500.00	1,768.17	51%
Good News Chapel		500.00	0.00	0%
Insurance		20,000.00	8,508.06	43%
Janitor's Salary		30,137.00	15,068.58	50%
Janitor - Extra Events		1,500.00	0.00	0%
Minister's Continuing Education		1,000.00	0.00	0%
Minister's Expense Account		4,500.00	0.00	0%
Minister 1 Health Insurance		25,000.00	12,851.70	51%
Minister 1 Salary (Spronk)		68,850.00	34,425.00	50%
Minister 1 Taxes (1/2)		6,075.00	3,023.64	50%
Minister 1 Pension Fund		14,000.00	6,082.20	43%
Minister 2 Salary (Kamp)		32,085.00	16,042.56	50%
Minister 2 Taxes (1/2)		3,260.00	1,617.42	50%
Organists		2,100.00	0.00	0%
Paper		1,200.00	0.00	0%
Postage & Office Supply		1,400.00	621.32	44%
PowerPoint Staff		1,400.00	700.00	50%
Printed Material		1,750.00	0.00	0%
Pulpit Supply		500.00	125.00	25%
Sunday School		3,500.00	0.00	0%
Supplies-Janitor		1,500.00	361.64	24%
Supplies-Misc		1,500.00	675.11	45%
Technology		2,000.00	0.00	0%
Unbudgeted		2,500.00	0.00	0%
Utilities-Church		23,000.00	8,898.38	39%
Utilities-Parsonage (2)		9,000.00	716.61	8%
Utilities-Youth Center		2,000.00	799.96	40%
Van		900.00	552.20	61%
Website & Copyright Fees		2,300.00	757.29	33%
		0.00		
	Subtotal	307,864.00	125,011.05	41%
<b>SEPARATE EXPENSE ITEMS:</b>				
Classical Ministry Shares		24,000.00	12,000.00	50%
	Total Expenses	331,864.00	137,011.05	41%
<b>Balance June 30th, 2025</b>				<b>23,023.76</b>