

First Christian Reformed Church of Oskaloosa

Bulletin Supplement for 9/7/25

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.

September Offering Schedule:

<u>Date</u>	<u>A.M.</u>	<u>P.M.</u>
9/7	Jared & Anna De Young	Joshua Christian Academy
9/14	Christian Education Fund	Gideons
9/21	Fellowship of Christian Athletes	818 Forward with Faith
9/28	Andrew Boender	Missionary Support

TRANSPORTATION RELEASES:

- Releases were in your mailbox on Aug. 17. If you haven't already, please fill it out and turn it into the office asap.

FROM IGNITE:

- Ignite is looking for a foldable ping pong table for the youth to use on Wednesday nights. Do you have one that you might like to donate? Please contact Anne DeBruin at 660.9520.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES:

- Sept. 7 = Jared R (Marty)
- Sept. 8 = Raegan DG (Layton)
Jeff & Virginia P
- Sept. 10 = Ezra G (Joel)
Sherwin & Kristin P
- Sept. 11 = Eric & Kim H
- Sept. 12 = Diane B
Keith & Marcia B
- Sept. 13 = Trisha VD (Jeremy)
Laremy & Nicole DG

OFFICE NEWS:

- Misc. Stuff:** Just a few reminders as the society season starts up again:
 - ~ Space: If you need to use areas of the church that you don't normally use, at a time you don't normally use them (i.e. Fellowship Hall &/or Kitchen on a Thursday afternoon), you need to talk to the office to reserve the space. Space is reserved on a "first come, first serve" basis.
 - ~ Projects: I am more than willing to help you with your projects (designing, copying, cutting), just please get them to me in a timely manner. (Read "NOT Thursday or Friday" ☺)
 - ~ Mailboxes: **PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE** let me put things in mailboxes for you. It is much easier for me to do the smaller things last. Just leave the items on my table with instructions (if needed). Thanks!
 - ~ Van Use: Please see Aug. 24 supplement for van use guidelines. The van is reserved through the office on a "first come, first serve" basis.
- Vacation:** I will be on vacation this week. Sharon Spoelstra will be filling in in the office for me. Please contact her if you have any questions/concerns. Thank you. 😊
- Office Hours:** Beginning tomorrow, the office will again be open Monday – Friday, 9-11:30. Thanks.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS:

BIBLE LEAGUE FALL RETREAT:

- **Join us this Thursday, Sept. 11,** for the Bible League Retreat, **STANDING STRONG THROUGH THE SEASONS**, at Calvary Church (408 Maple St.) in Pella. Be inspired by speaker Twila Belk and enjoy powerful ministry updates, along with uplifting worship led by Benjamin Spronk and the Pella Christian High Worship Team. Don't miss this opportunity for inspiration and connection. Register by Monday, September 8 at www.bibleleague.org/tickets.

FROM PELLA CHRISTIAN:

- On September 11 at 6:00 pm Pella Christian will host an **information session for prospective Board Trustees**. Anyone with interest in board and or committee service is encouraged to attend. The event will be held in the Pella Christian High School Library
- **Christian College Fair:** Meet admissions personnel, gather important financial aid information, and explore a wide variety of Christian colleges and universities. Join us at Pella Christian High School on September 22nd, 6:30-8:30 pm. All college-bound students and their families are welcome. Admission is free. Registration in advance is highly recommended. Use this link for more information: <https://www.findyourchristiancollege.com/college-fairs/pella-area-ia-christian-college-fair>. Contact Trixanna Wang at wangt@pcealges.org with questions.
- **Pulled Pork Fundraiser for Todd Vander Molen:** Wednesday, Sept 24, 5-7 pm. at Pella Christian High. See poster in the hallway for more details.

FROM LOVE, INC:

- **Attention Golfers!** Join us for a great day on the green! Love INC of Mahaska County is hosting a Golf Tournament on Saturday, Sept. 20, at Edmundson Golf Course.
 - ~ Shotgun Start: 10:00 AM
 - ~ Cost: \$90 per golfer or \$350 per foursome
 - ~ Location: Edmundson Golf CourseTo register, email your list of players – and let us know if you need a cart – to: events@loveincmahaska.org
Questions? Contact Keith Van Donselaar at 641-780-6802. Come out, have fun, and support Love INC!
- **Mahaska Connect** will be held on Saturday, Nov. 8, at Fellowship Bible Church. There is a Volunteer Sign-Up sheet on the Information Center table. Church volunteers may also sign-up on our website at www.loveincmahaska.org under the “Mahaska Connect” tab. What a testimony for our community to see the partnership of churches working together to serve our neighbors. If you have any questions, please reach out to Susan at 676-3750.

HUSBANDS/FATHERS:

- Husbands, do you desire to reignite romance in your marriage? Fathers, do you have a teenage son you need to have “the sex talk” with but don't know how? Faith Church of Pella (215 E. University St.) invites you to a two-day event with author and therapist Sam Jolman who will help us ignite romance in our marriages and equip us to have “the sex talk” with our sons that goes far beyond just biology. Join us at Faith Church on Friday, Oct. 3, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. for a couples evening where Sam will speak on “Recovering Your Romance” and again on Saturday, Oct. 4, from 7:30-10:30 a.m. for a Father/Son Breakfast where Sam will offer “The Not Awkward Sex Talk”. RSVP is not required but appreciated. For more information check out the Faith Church website, www.faithcrcpella.org or to reserve your spot call or email Faith Church at 641-628-1335 or pastor@faithcrcpella.org.

FROM CRC NEWS:

- **From ReFrame Ministries:** Check out this week's kids' devotion, “Praying for Our Enemies” at www.kidscorner.net. In Matthew 5, Jesus preaches the Sermon on the Mount. He wanted people to know how to treat one another and show love the way He loves. He even wants us to show love and kindness to those we think of as our enemies because God cares about and provides for everyone. Check out all the great content at www.kidscorner.net, like the classic “Liz and Friends” podcast!
- **From CRC Heritage Fund:** *Happy Grandparents Day!* Today we celebrate grandparents! On this special day, consider how you might extend your legacy – whether by setting up a trust or including a charitable gift in your will. If you haven't taken that step yet, the CRC offers resources to guide you. Learn more about planned giving at www.crcna.org/foundation.
- **Prayer for Our Immigrant Neighbors:** Over the past few months, many Christian Reformed Church leaders and members have been deeply impacted by the increased immigration enforcement activities taking place across the United States. We are asking every CRC congregation to set aside a special time of prayer for our immigrant brothers and sisters during worship on Sunday, Sept. 7. All congregations and members are also invited to join a virtual prayer vigil on Wednesday, Sept. 10 at 7:00 p.m. EST at youtube.com/crcna