

First Christian Reformed Church of Oskaloosa

Bulletin Supplement for 10/19/25

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 COUNCIL:

- Congregational Meeting:** Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Monday, Oct. 20, at 7:00 p.m.
~ The following men have been nominated for the offices of Elder and Deacon:
Elder: Mark Boender, Ryan Brink, Irv De Bruin,
Kurtis De Bruin, Larry De Groot, Roger Fynaardt
Eldon Louwsma, Leon Van Kooten
Deacon: Ben Boender, Ethan Boender, Matt Collins,
Lucas De Bruin, Laremy De Groot, Layton De Groot,
Brad McMahan, Marty Roberts
Ballots: Ballots will be available in the foyer on Sundays, Oct. 12 & 19. Just a reminder that there will be no balloting on the night of the Congregational Meeting.
~ The Budget for 2025 will also be presented for approval. It was attached to last week's supplement.
- Pastor Appreciation Breakfast:** The council would like to invite the congregation to a Pastor Appreciation Breakfast on Sunday, November 2, from 8-9:10 AM. Bacon, scrambled eggs, cinnamon rolls, fruit and drinks will be served. Please come and show your appreciation to our pastors and let them know how much you enjoy their ministry in our church. Pastor appreciation gifts will be presented at 9 AM.

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.

October Offering Schedule:

Date	A.M.	P.M.
10/5	Lake View Bible Camp	**Joint Service at Love, INC
10/12	Cadets International	Pella Christian Special Educ. Fund
10/19	Crown Broadcasting (KCWN)	Many Hands for Haiti
10/26	Hope Ministries	**Joint Reformation Service at Bethel

TRANSPORTATION RELEASES/WEB-SITE PERMISSION SLIPS:

- If I have not received a Transportation Release from you, there was a hard copy on purple paper in your mailbox last week. Please fill it out and lay it on the table in the office before you leave today. Thanks!

ADULT NURSERY HELP NEEDED:

- We are running very short on adults to help in the nursery. If you are able to help, PLEASE sign the sheet on the Information Center Table. The more we have to help, the fewer times you have to do it. You do not have to have nursery-age children to help. Thanks!

GEMS FUNDRAISER:

- GEMS Freezer Meal Fundraiser: The freezer meals can be picked up this Wednesday evening, October 22nd, between 8:00-9:00 pm or by honor system in the church kitchen the days after. If using the honor system, there will be a basket by the refrigerators in the upstairs kitchen for payments and your name will be on your meals. If you have any questions, please contact Crystal at 660-2214. Thank you for supporting our GEMS Club!

IGNITE YOUTH GROUP:

- IGNITE Fall Party:** Hey everyone! You're invited to our Annual Fall Party – and you won't want to miss it! Bring your friends for a night full of games, supper, fall snacks and fall fun! Join us on Wednesday, Oct. 22, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at BJ & Cassia Boender's house (2844 Kent Ave., Osky). There will be a hay bale decorating contest so please get your creative juices flowing and come with your ideas of how you will decorate your hay bale. Ignite will be providing a limited amount of colors of spray paint and some extra supplies (fabric strips, googly eyes, ribbon, etc.) but if your idea will take some unique supplies, please purchase those in advance and bring them along to use. We'll provide the hay bales, you bring the creativity. If you need a ride to the Boender's, please reach out to Pam Veenstra (641-295-6409).

- **Belgian Waffle Supper:** The Ignite Youth Group invites you to their annual Dad's Belgian Waffle Supper Fundraiser (free will donation). Join us on November 5, 2025 from 5-7 pm for delicious all you can eat waffles, sausages, and beverages. Gluten free options are available upon request. Carry out is also available. Proceeds will go towards the 2025 Summer Mission trip. We appreciate your support!

BLOOD DRIVE:

- Our next Blood Drive will be held on Monday, October 27. The drive is from 2:00 – 7:00 p.m. We have 90 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!

THANKSGIVING PHOTOS 2025 – TREES:

- Psalm 96:12 – *“Let all the trees of the forest sing for joy.”* TREES are a magnificent subject to help us praise God in our Thanksgiving Day projection photo display. Did you know that the Bible lists at least 36 different kinds of trees? Let’s show God’s glory on display in the pictures we choose of trees – trees throughout the seasons, varieties of trees that you may have photos of from different parts of the country or world. Submit your digital photos of trees to 1stCRCprojection@gmail.com by Monday, Nov. 17, 2025, so that we can share witness and thankfulness to God our faithful beauty creator. The photos will be shown as part of our Thanksgiving service.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD BOXES:

- *“Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation.”* Mark 16:15 -- Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan’s Purse is now underway. Tuesday Evening Coffee Break encourages you to join them in this ministry.
 - ~ **Why?** Every shoebox gift is excellent for evangelism and discipleship that leads to the multiplication of new believers and churches around the world. Local Christians share the Gospel, inviting children to trust in Jesus. The boys and girls receive a surprise that may be their first gift ever; they in turn share their gifts (material and spiritual) with those around them. Each child only gets one box in a LIFETIME, so they must be FUN, FULL and PERSONALIZED!
 - ~ **How?** Information and boxes are available in the foyer or check out the website at www.samaritanspurse.org/occ. A donation of \$10 per box is suggested (preferably mailed or paid on-line). The fee covers shipping as well as a book explaining the story of salvation. Boxes should be completed and back to church by Monday, Nov. 17. If you would rather, you can donate \$25 to Coffee Break and we will make and ship a box for you! Questions? Call Deb 641.660.8290 or Dena 641.660.5671.

Note: Be reminded that you are NOT to include soap, toothpaste, gum or candy in the boxes.

VAN GUIDELINES:

- The Van Guidelines have been updated. A copy is attached to the back of the supplement for your information.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES:

- Oct. 19 = Meredith DR
- Oct. 20 = Dawson R (Luke)
- Oct. 21 = Jeremy B, Lydia DG (Laremy) Jacob R (Marty)
Mike & Suzanne B
- Oct. 22 = Tatum B (Karl)
- Oct. 24 = Ruth B, Cora G (Joel), Marty R
- Oct. 25 = Cal B

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS:

DUTCH LETTERS FOR SALE!

- Sully Christian is again selling delicious, hand-rolled Dutch Letters. Each 12” stick is stuffed with yummy almond filling and comes frozen and ready to bake at your convenience. A box of 6 Dutch Letters is \$30.00. You can place your order by using our online order form on our website (sullychristian.org/scs-dutch-letters/), by contacting Sandi De Vries at 641-780-4049 or by emailing scsdutchletters@gmail.com. They make around 680 boxes, and they are on a first-come first-serve basis. Pick-up date is Friday, Nov. 7, from 12:00-8:00 p.m. at Sully Christian School or from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at Grace Fellowship Church in Pella. Thank you!

FROM 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.

CALLED:

- Full time ministry is an extraordinary calling and great privilege, and critical for the purposes of God in this world. The gospel is the power of God unto salvation. But “*how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent?*” If you have ever wondered if God is calling you to serve Him vocationally, whether as a pastor, missionary, chaplain, or something else; if you have questions about what ministry is like; if you wonder if it is worth it; if you don’t know the next steps or process – please join us at Dordt University on Saturday, Nov. 22, from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. for ‘**CALLED**’. Stephen Terpstra, John Klompier, and John Lee, along with missions and candidacy experts, will encourage you, talk with you, answer your questions, and explore if God is calling you. The event is free of charge and is for people of all ages, from high school to those nearing retirement, who are exploring full- or part-time ministry. For more information and to register, go to: <https://forms.gle/Sg6Zh4Jx6cbPDiE9A> or follow the QR code on the poster in your church or school. Questions? Email pastor@firstercoc.org.

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](tel:616-328-3110) or weimje@calvinseminary.edu.

FROM CRC NEWS:

- **From ReFrame Ministries:**
~ *Groundwork: Living Our Faith Legacy* - We are part of a communal, generational faith. Join Groundwork as we continue our celebration of Groundwork’s 15th anniversary by studying Hebrews 12:1-2, 2 Timothy 2:1-2, Philippians 2:14-16, Matthew 28:18-20, Acts 1:8, Micah 6:8, Psalm 78:4, and 3 John 4 to explore what that means for how we live now and how we can participate in passing that faith to the next generation. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork’s weekly emails for future episodes.
~ *Kids Corner Devotions: Following God Fully* - Check out this week’s kids’ devotion, “Following God Fully” at www.kidscorner.net. Do you have the courage to stand up for what’s right, even when others don’t? Discover how trusting God like Caleb (Numbers 14:24) can help you follow Him fully—even when it’s hard! Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like our video Bible study “God’s Big Story”.
- **Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Disability Awareness Sunday** - As you celebrate disability awareness this week, take time to thank God for people with disabilities who are a part of your life and your church family. Praise God for the gifts that each person can share. Pray that everyone in the church and community will notice people with disabilities and work to reduce barriers to their participation. Brainstorm ways in which you can participate in making your church a more inclusive space. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive
- **Resonate Global Mission: Job Opening! Missionary Support Specialist** - Resonate Global Mission - The successful candidate will coordinate and support the fundraising activities of Resonate missionaries so that missionary support networks are stewarded for effective support raising and ministry impact. This is a binational, full-time, hybrid role, and is designed to fill a Maternity Leave vacancy until November 2026. Apply at crcna.pinpointhq.com

Van Guidelines

1. The van is primarily to be used for 1st CRC church activities only. Any exceptions must be approved by the Executive Committee.
2. Requests for the van will be handled through the church office and should be made at least 2 weeks prior to the date of use.
 - A. The church office has the right to approve/disapprove the use of the van.
 - B. Keys will be given out the day of your activity and must be returned as soon as possible.
3. A Transportation Release Form must be on file in the church office for all minors who will be transported for your event/activity.
4. No more than 15 passengers may ride in the van at any one time.
5. Seatbelts must be worn at all times.
6. Persons driving the van must have a valid Iowa Driver's License and be at least 25 years old. No special CDL is required.
7. Each organization is required to fill out the Log Book in the van's glove box with the requested info at the end of their activity.
8. Smoking and alcoholic beverages are NOT permitted in the van.
9. Food and drink are acceptable providing the van is returned in good, clean condition.
10. The van should be refueled and in clean appearance, inside and out, by those who use it.

It is a privilege to be able to use the van. We trust that you will treat it with respect and use the honor system with the above guidelines.