

# First Christian Reformed Church of Oskaloosa

## Bulletin Supplement for 1/25/26

### 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.

#### February Offering Schedule:

Date	A.M.	P.M.
2/1	Focus on the Family	Mobility Worldwide
2/8	Forward with Faith	Denominational Services
2/15	World Renew	Therefore Go Ministries
2/22	Love, INC (In the Name of Christ)	Missionary Support

#### WINTER WORSHIP FOR 2026:

- Care Group Set-Up & Clean-Up Schedule:**

Jan. 25 – Groups 7 & 8	Feb. 1 – Groups 9 & 1	Feb. 8 – Groups 2 & 3
Feb. 15 – Groups 4 & 5	Feb. 22 – Groups 6 & 7	March 1 – Groups 8 & 9

#### WINTER WORSHIP AFTERNOON SINGING PRELUDES:

- There will be a singing prelude to start our afternoon service. Starting at 12:20, those who wish may be seated in the sanctuary and join voices to sing the three songs listed as the service prelude. For those who miss today, there will be singing preludes on Feb. 8 & Feb. 22 as well.

#### VALENTINE'S DAY FUNDRAISER:

- The Ignite Youth Group would like to invite you to their annual Valentines Dinner Fundraiser on Friday, Feb. 13, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the church's fellowship hall. RSVP's are required by Feb. 1. You can sign up at the Information Center table or call/text Vicki at 641-295-4543. Join us for a festive feast filled with delicious food, fun & fellowship.
  - ~ There will be FREE babysitting provided by 7<sup>th</sup> grade GEMS class (in the church basement). Text Mary Beth at 641-777-4635 to sign up your child/children.
  - ~ Whole table reservations are welcome.
  - ~ "To-Go" meals available upon request.

#### NEWSLETTER:

- All articles for the March/April Newsletter are due by Sunday, Feb. 8.

#### BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES:

- Jan. 27 = Scott DB  
Jan. 28 = Crystal R  
Jan. 31 = Ken B, Larissa H (Lynn)
- Prayer Opportunity:** This year we would like to use our birthdays and anniversaries as an opportunity to pray for each other. Praise God for the gift of these people and pray for their continued growth in loving God and loving others.

#### DIRECTORY UPDATES:

- New Address:** Please update your directory with the following address:  
Jean Van Mersbergen, 1-515-689-1334  
Oskaloosa Care Center, Room 9  
605 Hwy 432  
Oskaloosa, IA 52577
- Correction:** Please make the following corrections to the front page (Elder/Deacon listing) of your new directory:  
Allen G – change to Care Group #3      Tim J – change to Care Group #7  
Kirk V – change to Care Group #4      Dan McM – change to Care Group #4  
Sherwin P – change to Care Group #7

I don't know how I messed that up so badly, but I did! So sorry! 😞

## **REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

### **OSKALOOSA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL AUCTION:**

- Support Christian education by participating in the Oskaloosa Christian School “Bids for Kids” Auction!
  - ~ Online Auction: Feb. 12–17
  - ~ Live In-Person Auction: Thursday, Feb. 19, at Bradbury Hall (Nelson Pioneer Farm).
    - \* Dinner at 6:00 p.m., live auction at 7:00 p.m.
  - ~ The meal will include smoked pork loin, mashed potatoes supreme, green beans, drinks and your choice of triple chocolate cake or almond crumble cake.
  - ~ Pre-purchase meal tickets through our auction website for \$12, or at the door for \$16. A link to the auction website will be available in the near future.

All proceeds support students, classrooms, and programs at Oskaloosa Christian School.

### **FROM CRC NEWS:**

- **From ReFrame Ministries:**
  - ~ *Groundwork: Saved by Grace Alone – Let Your Works Respond Accordingly*: The apostle Paul wrote a lot about salvation and the Christian life. Study Galatians 2:19-21, Galatians 3:1-3, Galatians 5:13-25, Romans 8:1-4, and Colossians 3:12-14 with Groundwork to gain clarity from his teaching on how we walk in step with the Spirit and grow in Christlikeness while keeping grace and Christ’s work on the cross at the center of salvation. Listen now at [www.GroundworkOnline.com](http://www.GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork’s weekly emails for future episodes.
  - ~ *Kids Corner Devotions: Gentleness – It’s Your Move*: Check out this week’s kids’ devotion, “Gentleness: It’s Your Move,” at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Discover the secret power of gentleness—a strength that helps you stay kind, calm, and caring even when things get tough. Like carefully moving a Jenga® block, your gentle words and actions can help keep hearts standing strong! Check out all the great content at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net), like KC’s The Bible in One Year Plan.
  - ~ *Celebrating 75 Years of Today*: For 75 years, *Today* has been part of the daily rhythms of faith for readers around the world, and we thank God for the ways these devotions continue to point people to Christ. ReFrame Ministries invites you to a special virtual Direct Connect on Thursday, Jan. 29, at 1:00 p.m. EST as we celebrate this milestone, reflect on God’s faithfulness, and look ahead to what God is still doing through *Today*. Register at [www.reframeministries.org/events](http://www.reframeministries.org/events). A recording will be shared with all who sign up.
  - ~ *Job Opening! ReFrame Advancement Director*: The ReFrame Advancement Director will give leadership to ReFrame Ministries’ donor relations and communications teams by providing vision, strategic direction, and initiatives to advance the mission of the ministry. This is a full-time, hybrid position based in Burlington, Ont., or Grand Rapids, Mich. Apply at [www.crcna.pinpointhq.com](http://www.crcna.pinpointhq.com).
- **From World Renew:**
  - ~ *2026 Guatemala Discovery Tour*: World Renew invites you to experience Guatemala from the inside through the 2026 Discovery Tour, a learning journey alongside communities already leading change. Join us from March 14-22, 2026 to hear powerful stories of transformation and experience Guatemala’s rich culture and hospitality. Come discover what God is doing in Guatemala! Registration closes January 31, 2026. For more information and to register, visit: [bit.ly/guatemala2026info](http://bit.ly/guatemala2026info).
  - ~ *Position Opening – Safeguarding & Compliance Specialist*: This full-time, exempt role is part of the Operations Team and reports to the Director of Safeguarding and Accountability, supporting safeguarding policy implementation and accountability standards across North American programming. The position is open to applicants in the United States or Canada. If you’re passionate about creating safe, transparent, and accountable environments, we invite you to learn more or apply by visiting our careers page. <https://world-renew.breezy.hr/>
- **Young Adult Opportunity with Resonate**: Are you around 16-20 years old? Speak some Spanish? Interested in getting a taste of ministry in Central America? Join an unforgettable two-week journey with Resonate Global Mission – travel through Guatemala and El Salvador where you’ll dive into real-life mission work, get to know Central American young people, experience God’s love, and discover how God might be calling you to make a difference now and in the future. The trip is July 1-15, 2026 and the application deadline is February 28, 2026. Learn more at [www.resonateglobalmission.org/encounter](http://www.resonateglobalmission.org/encounter).
- **Thrive Faith Formation Tip**: The faith practice of remembering provides a way to center our attention on what God has done in our lives as a reminder that God is with us here and now. As the month of January draws to a close, share your favorite memory from the past month or past year with your family members or friends, recognizing God’s care and love for you in that moment. For more info on the faith practice of remembering, see [www.crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject/remembering](http://www.crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject/remembering). Brought to you by Thrive: [www.crcna.org/Thrive](http://www.crcna.org/Thrive).