

First Christian Reformed Church of Oskaloosa

Bulletin Supplement for 2/1/26

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:**

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	

VALENTINE'S DAY FUNDRAISER:

- The Ignite Youth Group would like to invite you to their annual Valentine's Dinner Fundraiser on Friday, Feb. 13, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the church's fellowship hall. RSVP's are required by today. 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 7th 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:

- Feb. 1 = Luana VG, Kyle V
- Feb. 2 = Johnathon B, Erica DB (Kurtis), Allen G, Nathan R (Marty)
- Feb. 3 = Stephanie DB, Jenny P
- Feb. 4 = Matthew C, Luke R
- Feb. 6 = Jace S (Tyler)
- **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.

INFORMATION CENTER UPDATES:

- New Life News

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SOUP SUPPER:

- The Leighton CRC Young People's Group invites you to attend their Valentine's Soup Supper to be held on Wed., Feb. 11, in the church basement. Cheesy Broccoli, Potato, Chicken & Rice, Chili and Beef Barley Soups along with Hot Dogs, Sloppy Joes & Dessert will be served from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. for a freewill offering.

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.

SPRING BREAK WORK TRIP:

- Lake View Camp invites all high school students, college students, and adults to join us on a Spring Break Work Trip to Cary, Mississippi on March 14-20, 2026. Make a difference during your spring break and help share God's life-changing-love by serving the people of Mississippi. Find more information and registration at lakeviewconference.com. There are also a few registration forms on the Information Center table.

FROM CRC NEWS:

- **From ReFrame Ministries:**

~ Groundwork – The Biblical Meaning of Forgiveness: Telling someone to forgive is easy. Actually offering forgiveness can be a lot more difficult. Join Groundwork as we study Exodus 34:4-9, Matthew 6:12-15, Psalm 51:1-9, Hebrews 4:14-16, Colossians 1:9-14, and 1 John 1:5-10 to discuss the biblical concept of forgiveness by beginning with God's forgiveness and what it teaches us about God's character. Listen now at www.GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

~ Kids Corner Devotions: Patience – God is at Work in You: Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Patience: God is at Work in You," at www.kidscorner.net. Feeling impatient when things don't go your way? Remember, just like Paul in the Bible, God can help you be patient and trust His perfect timing! Check out all the great content at www.kidscorner.net, like Kids Corner Valentine's Day Cards.

~ Job Openings!

* Director of ReFrame Ministries: The Director of ReFrame Ministries will provide executive leadership and vision for the agency. This role involves strategically planning and implementing policies and decisions. Additionally, the Director will ensure that all organizational activities comply with established bylaws and frameworks, effectively supporting the mission of ReFrame Ministries, the denominational strategic ministry plan, and the mission of the Christian Reformed Church in North America (CRCNA). This is a full-time, hybrid position based in Burlington, Ont., or Grand Rapids, Mich. Apply at www.crcna.pinpointhq.com.

* 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.

- **The Banner – We're Hiring! Editor in Chief of The Banner:** Do you love and consider yourself in touch with members of the Christian Reformed Church? Are you a discerning and effective communicator interested in highlighting the many good things happening in our denomination but also willing to help readers find their way through the challenging issues? Then please consider joining our staff of professional journalists by applying for the Editor-in-Chief of *The Banner*! The application process requires an editorial-length sample of your writing that would resonate with *The Banner*'s audience. The Editor-in-Chief will be responsible for the content of *The Banner*, particularly for theological review, denominational relevance, and reader service to fulfill the magazine's mandate as determined by synod. Apply at www.crcna.pinpointhq.com.

- **Thrive Faith Formation Tip:** As we begin Black History Month, let's take time to explore and reflect on the church's role in Black history. One way to do this is to commit to learning from voices that have shaped both the Black experience and the broader Christian tradition. For example, choose two Black theologians – one historical and one contemporary – and study how their theological insights have influenced not only Black history but also the life and witness of the institutional church. If you have young children, consider reading one of these picture books together: *God's Very Good Idea* by Trillia Newbell or *Let it Shine* by Ashley Bryan. Brought to you by Thrive: www.crcna.org/Thrive.

"And my God shall supply all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:19