

First Christian Reformed Church of Oskaloosa

Bulletin Supplement for 2/8/26

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

NEWSLETTER:

- All articles for the March/April Newsletter are due by today.

GEMS & GENTS NIGHT:

- This upcoming Wednesday, Feb. 11, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. the GEMS will be hosting a GEMS & Gents night at the Oskaloosa Christian School Gymnasium. GEMS, please invite your dad, grandpa, an uncle, big brother, or your favorite male mentor for a night of games and snacks in the school gym. If you have any questions, please contact Crystal at 660-2214.

VBS:

- The Good News Chapel Vacation Bible School theme this year is “Illumination Station” – Jesus is the Light of the world! Dates are June 1-5. To volunteer, call or text Linda Kelley at 641-660-3918 or email vbs@gncosky.org.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES:

- Feb. 8 = Tim J, Mary V, Marion V
- Feb. 9 = Jude DR (Brent)
- Feb. 10 = Kristin P
- Feb. 11 = Anton B (Mark), Betty DR, Sherwin P
Larry & Jean VM
- Feb. 13 = Jeremy VD, Rosie VV

- **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!
 - ~ Auction Website: <https://bidsforkids2026.afrogs.org/#/index>
 - ~ 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 at <https://bidsforkids2026.afrogs.org/#/tickets/event> for \$12, or at the door for \$16.

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

FROM LAKE VIEW CAMP:

- **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.
- **Summer Camps:** Lake View Camp is excited to announce that summer camp registration is OPEN! Send your child on a great summer adventure where they will swim, fish, canoe, hike, and play crazy games – all while growing deeper in their faith. Lake View Camp offers day camps, overnight camps, service camps, and grand camps. More information and online registration available at www.lakeviewconference.com. Registration forms are also available in the Information Center rack. There are also opportunities for service in the form of counselors and other camp staff.

FROM CRC NEWS:

- **From ReFrame Ministries:**
 - ~ Groundwork – What it Means to Forgive and Why it Matters: We're human in a sin-filled world; brokenness and grievances will happen. God calls us to forgive. Join Groundwork as we study Ephesians 4:31-32, Colossians 3:12-13, Matthew 18:21-35, Romans 12:17-21, and Psalm 13:1-2 to learn how our ability to forgive others grows out of God's forgiveness, what forgiveness looks like in everyday life, and what to do when it's not easy. Listen now at www.GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.
 - ~ Kids Corner Devotions – Kindness: Practice, Practice, Practice: Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Kindness: Practice, Practice, Practice," at www.kidscorner.net. Kindness is something you can get better at by practicing a little every day, just like a sport or a talent. Even small choices – like sharing, helping, or speaking gently – can make a big difference and inspire others to be kind too. Check out all the great content at www.kidscorner.net, like Kids Corner Valentine's Day Cards.
 - ~ We're hiring! – 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, Ontario, or Grand Rapids, Michigan. 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.
- **Making a Lasting Impact:** Want to make a lasting impact on your church, favorite charity, missionary, or CRC ministry? Learn how donations beyond cash can benefit you and your cause. You can find resources to help you at the CRC Heritage Fund: www.crcna.org/heritagefund.
- **Calvin University 150th Anniversary:** Upcoming events include the 150th Winter Celebration Week on campus, with festivities throughout the week (February 12-21, 2026); Calvin on the Road events – bringing the celebration to areas in the Southwest, West Coast, East Coast, and Northwest; an Anniversary Worship Celebration on Sunday, March 29, 2026, at the Calvin University Covenant Fine Arts Center (or via livestream) for community worship; and the 150th Anniversary Hymn Text Contest – Congratulations to Larry Visser ('89), for writing the 150th Anniversary commemorative hymn, "O God Beyond All Knowing". Check out www.calvin.edu/150 to learn more about upcoming events.
- **Thrive Faith Formation Tip:** As you prepare to celebrate Valentine's Day this week, spend some time learning about Saint Valentine and his ministry to persecuted Christians. Explore why Valentine's Day was first celebrated, and spend time as a family, with your friends, or on your own, praying for persecuted Christians around the world. If you know missionaries serving in areas where Christians are persecuted, consider making and sending cards to encourage them in their ministry. Brought to you by Thrive: www.crcna.org/Thrive.