

First Christian Reformed Church of Oskaloosa

Bulletin Supplement for 3/1/26

CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

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.

March Offering Schedule:

Date	A.M.	P.M.
3/1	GEMS (local)	Benevolence
3/8	Lake View Bible Camp	Christian Education Fund
3/11 (Prayer Day at Bethel CRC)		Love, INC (In the Name of Christ)
3/15	Joshua Christian Academy	Many Hands for Haiti
3/22	Calvin Seminary	Reverse Offering
3/29	Cadets (local)	Missionary Support

WINTER WORSHIP FOR 2026:

- Care Group Set-Up & Clean-Up Schedule: March 1 – Groups 8 & 9

SUB SANDWICHES:

- The Cadets are currently selling SUB Sandwiches as their annual fund-raiser. Each boy has been given a list of names from our church to call. The deadline for ordering is Monday, March 2. Sandwiches consist of Baked Ham, Ulrich's Summer Sausage, American & Swiss Cheese on a Croissant Roll. (If you do not like Summer Sausage, we can make them with double Ham; just let your caller know.) They are \$3.50 each or 12 for \$42.00 and may be picked up on Wed., April 1, between 5:00 & 7:30 p.m. If you get a call from an unfamiliar number, please answer or at least listen to the message and call back. Thank you!!

SENIOR SAINTS GAME NIGHT:

- U-NO What? You are invited to the Ignite Senior Saints UNO Game Night on Wednesday, March 4, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. Ice Cream Sundaes will follow. You don't want to SKIP this WILD Party with the Ignite Youth Group! Questions? Please contact Vicki at 641-295-4543.

VBS:

- The Good News Chapel Vacation Bible School is June 1-5. We are looking for volunteers for these positions:
 - 3rd Grade Bible Teacher
 - 3rd Grade Craft Teacher
 - 4th Grade Craft Teacher
 - 5th Grade Craft Teacher
 - Helpers

Contact Linda Kelley to volunteer! 641-660-3918 or email ybs@gncosky.org.

CHECK OUT THE NEW BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY:

- *Where Shadows Meet* by Colleen Coble
- The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis
- Kisses from Katie* by Katie Davis
- The Family Under the Bridge* by Natalie Savage Carlson
- The Grouchy Ladybug* by Eric Carle

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES:

- March 2 = Laura R
Ken & Linda VD
- March 3 = Jason G (Joel)
- March 4 = Ethan B, Harold DB
Dennis & Marlene A
- March 5 = Lucas R (Marty), Larry VM
- March 6 = Jeff VD, Jean VM
- March 7 = Gene DB, Dean DR (Brent)
Steve & Jan B

- **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:

- Dan & Tammie Olsen

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ROTARY EASTER FOOD BASKET:

- The Oskaloosa Rotary Club is preparing to give back to the community by giving away a food basket at Easter similar to their Christmas food baskets. Eligible families will be notified by mail or email. Each family will be given one food basket with everything they'll need for a delicious holiday meal. Baskets will be distributed on Thursday, March 26, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. at Central United Methodist Church in Oska. To register, please scan the QR Code on the poster in the hallway or call United Way of Mahaska County at 673-6043. The deadline to apply is Feb. 28.

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.

WEEKEND OF ORGAN MUSIC:

- The National Undergraduate Organ Competition proudly presents a weekend of organ music. Please join us for the following:
 - ~ Friday, March 20, Dr. Gregory Peterson will present a recital at 7:30 p.m. A reception will follow the program.
 - ~ Saturday, March 21 – 9:00 a.m. Pipes and Pastries (an intro to the king of instruments) for kids in Grades 3 and up.
 - ~ Saturday, March 21 – 10:00 a.m. Conversations and Legacies Workshop led by Dr. Ann Marie Rigler
 - ~ Sunday, March 22 – 1:30 p.m. Organ Competition
- All events will be held at the First Presbyterian Church in Ottumwa, located at 228 W. 4th Street in Ottumwa and are free and open to the public.
- For more information on all of the above, please go to www.ottumwafpc.org/organcompetition or see the poster in the hallway.

FROM SONSHINE PRESCHOOL:

- **Sneak Peak:** SONshine invites families to a Sneak Peak to be held on Tuesday, March 24, from 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. Bring your future preschooler to SONshine Preschool and experience Christ-centered learning in action. Enjoy hands-on activities, explore our classroom and see all the ways your child can grow and shine. SONshine is located in Oskaloosa Christian School at 726 North "E" Street.
- **Registration:** Online registration opens on Thursday, March 26, at 5:30 p.m.
- **After School Care:** SONshine now offers After School Care until 5:15 p.m.

FROM LOVE, INC:

- Our Annual Love, INC Gala (Dinner, Dessert & Auction) will be held on Friday, March 27, at 6:00 p.m. at Gateway Nazarene Church (140 Gateway Drive) in Oskaloosa. New location progress tours will be available from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. at 1901 "A" Avenue West. Please RSVP by Friday, March 20 by calling 641-676-3750 or going to events@loveincmahaska.org.

INSPIRATIONAL BIBLICAL TOUR:

- Paul's Missionary Journeys in Turkey & the Seven Churches of Revelation (Oct 9-19, 2026): Visit ancient sites connected with Paul's First, Second, and Third Missionary Journeys as well as the seven churches to whom John

wrote the Book of Revelation. Join Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading biblical scholar, for this inspirational biblical tour. Contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or weimje@calvinseminary.edu.

FROM CRC NEWS:

- **From ReFrame Ministries:**

- ~ Groundwork: Jesus – Condemned by Religious Leaders and Denied by Peter: Moving through the Stations of the Cross brings us to witness Jesus before the Sanhedrin, where He is condemned, and to the courtyard when Peter denies Him. Join Groundwork as we study Luke 22:66-71 and Matthew 26:69-75 to follow our Savior this Lent, discover comfort for our own fears and failures, and reflect on the profound meaning of Jesus experience. Listen now at www.GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork’s weekly emails for future episodes.

- ~ Kids Corner Devotions: Self-Control – Say Yes to God: Check out this week’s kids’ devotion, “Self-Control: Say Yes to God,” at www.kidscorner.net. Discover how practicing self-control can help you be kind, helpful, and filled with joy every day! You’ll discover fun ways to put others first and show big love in small moments. Prepare for Easter with all the great content at www.kidscorner.net, like Kids Corner’s Lent Devotional.

- **From CRC Heritage Fund:** Going Beyond Cash Giving – Want to make a lasting impact on your church, favorite agency, missionary, or CRC ministry? Learn how donations beyond cash can benefit you and the causes you support. Find resources on legacy giving at the CRC Heritage Fund website: www.crcna.org/heritagefund.

- **2026 Cambodia Discovery Tour:** World Renew invites you on a learning journey to explore Cambodia! Grow in your understanding of World Renew’s work from communities already leading change, while experiencing the history, traditions, and culture of Cambodia. Join us from November 6-16, 2026 and come discover what God is doing in Cambodia. Registration is limited. For more information and to register, visit: <https://bit.ly/cambodia2026info>.

- **Prepare your Heart for Easter** with the *Discover Your Bible: Easter* study. This 6-lesson series traces Jesus’ journey, connecting Old Testament promises with New Testament eyewitness accounts. Great for families, small groups, or personal study. Try it free: visit our website to download a sample of Lesson One and experience again the power of Christ’s sacrifice: www.resonateglobalmission.org/globalcoffeebreak.

- **From Thrive:**

- ~ Hiring! Director of Thrive: The Thrive Director will provide overall direction and leadership for Thrive, ensuring that strategic planning, fiscal management, programming, resource development, staff care and development, achievement of goals, and administrative functions are effectively carried out. The Director will ensure the overall implementation, assessment, and success of Thrive’s mandate serving churches in both Canada and the United States. This is a full-time, hybrid position based in Burlington, Ont., or Grand Rapids, Mich. Learn more and apply by March 23 at www.crcna.pinpointhq.com.

- ~ Beyond the Headlines: Faith, Community, and the Stories that Shape Us: Join a new justice education series from Thrive, World Renew, and the Christian Reformed Centre for Public Dialogue. This four-part series explores immigration, food justice, climate justice, and gender justice through a biblical lens – equipping participants to recognize harmful narratives, understand root causes, and take meaningful, faith-informed action. Learn more and register today: tinyurl.com/yrhe9a6b.

- ~ Thrive Faith Formation Tip: Right before His forty days in the wilderness, Jesus presented Himself for baptism. When John objected, Jesus said, “*It is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness*” (Matt. 3:15). We administer baptism – a sign of dying and rising – to mark the beginning of every new life in Christ. Sometime this week, dip your finger in water and reflect on these words often declared during baptisms: “You are sealed with the Holy Spirit and marked as Christ’s own.” Brought to you by Thrive: www.crcna.org/Thrive.

In a world that often celebrates the spectacular, God delights in the steadfast.
When we stay rooted in His truth and choose ordinary obedience day after day,
He weaves those small acts of faithfulness into an extraordinary
impact that shapes families, communities, and culture itself.

Bob Vander Plaats,
The Family Leader