

First Christian Reformed Church of Oskaloosa

Bulletin Supplement for 6/14/26

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.

June Offering Schedule:

Date	A.M.	P.M.
6/7	Rehoboth Christian School	African Bible College
6/14	Heartland Christian Counseling	Dordt University
6/21	Vital Men's Ministries	Geneva Campus Ministry
6/28	World Renew	Missionary Support

- **May Special Offerings** were as follows:

Jamin & Lynelle Lorch	\$ 5,881.00	Crown Broadcasting (KCWN)	\$ 933.00
Good News Chapel VBS	\$ 505.00	Bible League	\$ 1,176.58
Safe Water Internat'l Ministry	\$ 500.00	Love, INC	\$ 999.00
Pella Pro-Life	\$ 1,731.00	Gospel Singers	\$ 1,422.00
ReFrame Ministries	\$ 1,839.00	Child Evangelism Fellowship	\$ 985.00
SonShine Preschool	\$ 1,588.00	GEMS Internat'l	\$ 315.00

NEWSLETTER:

- All articles for the July/August Newsletter are due by today.

SECOND SUNDAY SUNDAES:

- Tonight we will have our Second Sunday Sundaes after the worship service! Get your toppings ready to share (fresh berries, caramel, hot fudge, nuts, mini-M&M's, Reddi-Wip, etc.). Bring them in, add a scoop of ice cream that we provide, create a sumptuous sundae and enjoy memorable fellowship after the evening service.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL:

- **Ice Cream Social:** The Tuesday Evening Coffee Break will be having an Ice Cream Social this Tuesday, June 16. We will be serving sloppy joes, hot dogs, **HOMEMADE** ice cream, pie, and cupcakes. Food will be served from 5:00 – 7:30 p.m. and a freewill offering will be taken. Invite a friend or neighbor and join us for an evening of good food, live music and fellowship. Proceeds go to various Coffee Break projects including the support of Brianna, 3 years old, from El Salvadore; Samaritan's Purse Shoe Box Ministry; Story Hour supplies; etc.
- **Food Donations:** Those of you that so kindly agreed to bring food items, please bring them to the kitchen during open office hours. The hamburger must be here by 9:00 a.m. Tuesday; other items before 5:00 p.m. Tuesday. (Office Hours 9 – 11:30 a.m.; just a reminder that the office is closed on Monday during the summer).
- **Questions/Help:** Any questions or if you haven't been contacted and would like to help, please call Deb at 660-8290 or Dena at 660-5671. THANKS!

FROM THE CONNECTIONS COMMITTEE:

- Please join us on Friday, June 19, at 6:00 p.m. at Edmundson Park. We will be hosting a church softball game on the ball diamond that the whole church is invited to participate in or watch. We also plan on having some yard games available for those who would be interested in playing them. We have the Pavilion reserved for sharing snacks and drinks, so please bring something to share. We look forward to seeing you all there! If you have questions, please contact Brad McMahan or Pastor Erik.

IGNITE INFO:

- **Donations Needed:** Ignite Youth Group is requesting donations of food items for our Summer Mission Trip to Loveland, Colorado from June 27-July 4! Since we will not have access to an oven during the trip, we are having to get creative with meal planning. There is a sign-up sheet located across from the Information Center Table in the foyer for you to sign-up.
 - ~ Please bring non-perishable items to the church by June 21 and place them in the boxes that are underneath the sign-up table.
 - ~ Frozen items should be put in the basement freezer by June 21.
 - ~ All other perishable items should be brought to the church by June 26.

Please mark all donations with “Ignite Mission Trip.” We greatly appreciate donations to help keep our group fed and energized while we serve. The Ignite Youth Group Leaders and students thank you for your generosity!!

- **Serve 6.8:** We are working with the non-profit organization Serve 6.8 who will be organizing our projects. If you are interested in learning more about the organization you can check out their website at www.serve68.org.

INFORMATION CENTER UPDATES:

- 1) New Life News
- 2) Joel & Jeannie Huyser

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES/PRAYER OPPORTUNITY:

- June 14 = Dan B, Arlys VK
- June 15 = Ginger B
Lucas & Merribeth DG, Jeff & Tammy L, Marty & Crystal R
- June 17 = Stacy B, Valerie S
Pastor Erik & Jacque K
- June 18 = Steve K
Tim & Kristi J
- June 19 = Elijah B (Mark), Anne DB, Kahlan K (Pastor Erik), Anniston M (Trent)
Joel & Laura G
- June 20 = Jill DR
Adam & Sarah L

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ICE CREAM SOCIAL:

- Bethel CRC will be having an Ice Cream Social on Tuesday, July 7. They will be serving sloppy joes, chicken salad, pie and HOMEMADE ice cream. Food will be served from 5:00 – 7:30 p.m. and a freewill offering will be taken. Please join us for an evening of food and fellowship at Bethel CRC – located west of KBOE at 2157 230th Street, on Oskaloosa.

RETIREMENT OPEN HOUSE:

- You are invited to a Retirement Open House in honor of Pastor Douglas Van Der Pol on Saturday, July 18, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at Bethel Christian Reformed Church, located at 2157 230th Street in Oskaloosa. Come to acknowledge and thank him for his 30 years of faithful ministry. A program will be held at 1:30 and refreshments will be served. Please join us!

FROM CALVARY CRC:

- You are invited to join the Calvary CRC Young At Heart group on a Christmas in Branson, Missouri trip Dec. 8-12, 2026. Contact Christy Van Zee for more information. 641-780-0727 or vanzeejc@gmail.com. We are taking reservations now.

STUDY TOUR:

- Biblical Study Tour to Italy (April 12-22, 2027): Visit the Vatican with its Sistine Chapel and St. Peter’s Cathedral; the impressive monuments of ancient Rome; Hadrian’s Villa; Pompeii and Mt. Vesuvius; the spectacular Amalfi Coast; and much more! Join Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading biblical scholar, for this inspirational tour. Contact Dr. Weima at weimje@calvinseminary.edu or [616-328-3110](tel:616-328-3110).

FROM CRC NEWS:

- **From ReFrame Ministries:**

~ *Groundwork – God Speaks Judgment and Calls Samuel:* When corruption and darkness seem to be in control, it can be hard to hear and see God. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study 1 Samuel 2:12-3:21 to learn from the stories about Israel and Samuel. Together, we’ll learn where to look for God and discover hope even when situations in life seem hopelessly unjust and bleak. Listen now at www.GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork’s weekly emails for future episodes.

~ *Kids Corner Devotions: Lydia – Hearts Wide Open:* Check out this week’s kids’ devotion, “Lydia: Hearts Wide Open” at www.kidscorner.net. Just like Lydia in Acts 16:11-15, you can discover the amazing joy of having God open your heart to understand how much Jesus loves you! Ask God to help you say “yes” to Him this Week – and then share that happy news with a friend! Check out the KC Summertime Collection with lots of puzzles, games, and fun activities. Good for road trips or quiet time at home.

~ *We’re Hiring! US Donor Relations Manager ReFrame Ministries:* The successful candidate will develop relationships and implement a strategy with existing and potential donors that will increase financial support and resources, engage current constituents, and cultivate potential donors in support of the ministry. This is a full-time, hybrid position based in Grand Rapids, Mich., or Chicago, Ill. Apply at www.crcna.pinpointhq.com.

- **From CRC Heritage Fund:** Doing More for Ministry Part 2 – “I wish I could do more!” That’s a common sentiment we hear from supporters of CRC Ministries who are passionate about the work of ministries like Thrive, Reframe, and Resonate. One way you can do more for ministry is naming CRCNA as a charitable beneficiary of your retirement assets or life insurance policy. Learn more at www.crcna.org/heritagefund or call Josh Remer, CRCNA Planned Giving Advisor, at 616-223-5885.
- **From CRC Communications:** We're Hiring! Graphic Designer – The successful candidate will provide original, creative design concepts that advance the mission of the CRCNA agencies by maintaining brand consistency, budgets, and schedule expectations to ensure effective visual communication across ministry materials. This is a full-time, hybrid position based in Grand Rapids, Mich. Apply at www.crcna.pinpointhq.com.
- **Thrive Faith Formation Tip:** This week we celebrate World Refugee Day (June 20). For decades World Renew has assisted churches and individuals in welcoming refugees from around the world into their homes, churches, and communities. There are many ways to be a part of welcoming refugees. One way is to host an international potluck at your church, encouraging everyone to bring food that celebrates their diverse cultural backgrounds. For more ways you can welcome refugees, check out www.crcna.org/SocialJustice/refugees/world-refugee-day-toolkit. Brought to you by Thrive: www.crcna.org/Thrive.

Best Prayer I Have Heard In A Long Time

Heavenly Father, Help us remember that the jerk who cut us off in traffic last night is a single mother who worked nine hours that day and is rushing home to cook dinner, help with homework, do the laundry and spend a few precious moments with her children.

Help us to remember that the pierced, tattooed, disinterested young man who can't make change correctly is a worried 19-year-old college student, balancing his apprehension over final exams with his fear of not getting his student loans for next semester.

Remind us, Lord, that the scary looking bum, begging for money in the same spot every day (who really ought to get a job!) is a slave to addictions that we can only imagine in our worst nightmares.

Help us to remember that the old couple walking annoyingly slow through the store aisles and blocking our shopping progress are savoring this moment, knowing that, based on the biopsy report she got back last week, this will be the last year that they go shopping together.

Heavenly Father, remind us each day that,
of all the gifts you give us,
the greatest gift is love.

It is not enough to share that love with those we hold dear.
Open our hearts not to just those who are close to us, but to all humanity.
Let us be slow to judge and quick to forgive, show patience, empathy and love.

First Christian Reformed Church of Oskaloosa, IA
Notes of Council Meeting held Monday, June 8, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

All members were present except Pastor Erik, Roger Fynaardt & Chris Pierson who were absent with notice.

- President Kirk Veenstra called the meeting to order.
- Pastor Jon reads from Psalm 8 and opened with devotions and prayer.
- Previous Meeting Minutes: May 11, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes were *approved*.
- Old Business:
 - A. Connections Committee: Softball Game Scheduled & T-Shirts offered for the church.
- Correspondence:
 - A. Community Resource Night: Motion made to collect supplies for Oskey Middle School's Resource Night. *Motion carried.*
 - B. Pastor Doug Van Der Pol's Retirement: Pastor Jon to send a Letter of Congratulations.
- Items Added to the Agenda:
 - A. Information regarding LifeWise presented by Pastor Jon. It is a voluntary program starting at the Oskaloosa schools to provide Evangelical Christian instruction.
- Deacon Reports (May):
 - A. Deacon Chris Pierson submitted the report for the General Fund:
 - 1. Budget envelopes \$ 32,975.21 (deposited in June)
 - 2. Balance 5/31/26 \$ 11,113.22
 - B. Deacon Adam De Bruin presented the report for Benevolent and Enduring Gifts:
 - 1. Benevolent Fund \$ 9,337.96
 - 2. Enduring Gifts \$ 1,739.84
 - C. Deacon Ethan Boender presented the report for the Building Fund: \$ 22,112.42
 - D. Deacon Sherwin Plate presented the report for Special Offerings: \$ 28,706.82
 - E. Deacon Brad McMahan reports for Christian Education Fund:
 - 1. Balance on hand \$ 9,477.38
 - 2. Tuition owed to schools \$ 00.00 – all '25-'26 tuition owed has been paid
 - F. All financial reports were given and *approved* by adopted motion.
 - G. The Deacon's Meeting Minutes of 5/11/26 were not shared.
- July Deacon Report (given for information only):
 - A. Deacon Sherwin Plate reports for the June offering schedule:

	<u>AM</u>	<u>PM</u>
7/5	Resonate Global Mission	Cadets International
7/12	Developing Great Relationships	Christian Education Fund
7/19	Teen Challenge	Christian Opportunity Center
7/26	Reverse Offering	Missionary Support
- Committee Reports:
 - A. Building & Grounds – Chairman Allen Groenenboom
 - 1. Handicap Accessible Doors – timing of the install is being determined.
 - 2. MultiPurpose Youth Center – Forest Cemetery is open to selling some ground to us. Further discussions to be held with the cemetery to work on details.
 - 3. Parking Lot: Discussion around if we need more handicapped parking spots & re-painting the lines.
 - B. Pulpit Supply – Chairman Kirk Veenstra
~ Joe Brummel on June 28 AM & Todd Zuidema from Dordt University on Sept. 20 AM
 - C. Technology – Chairman Sherwin Plate
~ Digital Hymns Discussion. Motion made to provide \$600 for more songs. *Motion carried.*
 - D. Worship Committee – Chairman Lucas De Groot
 - 1. Minutes of the 5/17/26 meeting were received for information.
 - 2. Motion to have Baptism on July 5 for Iva De Bruin (Lucas & Bethany). *Motion carried.*
- Joys and Concerns were shared.
 - A. IGNITE Youth Group Work Trip to Colorado: June 27 – July 4
 - B. Cadet International Camporee in Alberta, CA: July 15-22
- Next Meeting: Monday, July 13, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.
- Motion to adjourn prevails & Elder Steve Kaisand closed in prayer.