First Christian Reformed Church of Oskaloosa
Bulletin Supplement for 10/25/26

CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

FROM THE COUNCIL:

- **Congregational Meeting:** Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held tomorrow, at 7:00 p.m.
  ~ The following men have been nominated for the offices of Elder and Deacon:
  Elder: Mark Boender, Irv De Bruin, Kurtis De Bruin, Larry De Groot, Layton De Groot, Royce Spoelstra
  Deacon: BJ Boender, Ben Boender, Matt Collins, Marty Roberts, Josh Van Donselaar, Mark Vos
  Ballots: Ballots will be available in the foyer on Sundays, Oct. 18 & 25. Just a reminder that there will be no balloting on the night of the Congregational Meeting.
  ~ The Budget for 2027 will also be presented for approval. It was attached to the back of last week's supplement.

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.

November Offering Schedule:

Date	A.M.	P.M.
11/1	World Renew	Mahaska Area Ecumenical Cupboard
11/8	Thrive	Denominational Ministries
11/15	Luke Society	Benevolence
11/22	Resonate Global Mission	Bible League
11/26	Thanksgiving Envelopes	
11/29	Mexican Christian Children's Aid	Missionary Support

COMBINED REFORMATION DAY CHOIR for Sunday, October 25, 6:00 PM Service:

- WHO? Singers of High School age and above are needed and welcomed from both Bethel and First Church
  WHEN? Rehearsal and Rendition, today, 5:15 p.m.
  WHAT? The Classic Sacred Anthem, "*GREAT IS THE LORD".*
  WHERE? First Christian Reformed Church

GEMS FREEZER MEAL FUNDRAISER:

- If you purchased freezer meals and have not picked them up, the meals are in the upstairs freezer & labeled with your name. We also have extra meals on the bottom shelf that can be purchased, first come first serve. There is a basket next to the fridge with the prices and for collection of money. Thank you for your support!

FALL DISPLAY:

- The Flower Committee is looking for some pumpkins, gourds and winter squash to use in our Fall Display. If you have any, please leave them in (or next to) the boxes across from the office.

CHILI COOK-OFF:

- Next Sunday, Nov. 1, we will be having a Chili Cook-Off here at First CRC Osky. We invite all who want to share their special chili recipe to make a pot of chili to be judged and shared with the church. There will be awards for Best Chili and Spiciest Chili voted on by the church. There will also be a best side dish competition so be creative with what goes well with chili. The Connections Committee has a sign-up sheet on the Information Center Table to help us prepare for the evening. Evening church service is an hour earlier at 5:00 p.m. with the Chili Cook-Off judging beginning at 5:30. We are looking forward to a wonderful evening of worship and food.

LOADED BAKED POTATO SUPPER:

- Please join the IGNITE Youth Group for a Loaded Baked Potato Supper on Wednesday, Nov. 4. Baked Potatoes with all the toppings - Ham, Bacon Bits, Taco Meat, Cheese, Sour Cream, Broccoli and Butter - along with dessert will be served from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Carry-Out will also be available. A freewill offering will be taken with the proceeds to be used for the IGNITE Youth Group program and activities.

PILLOWS NEEDED:

- The Love, INC Committee for Mahaska Connect is asking each participating church to donate a specific item to give to the homeless. They are asking our church for pillows. For those wanting to donate, please bring them to the church by Friday, Nov. 13, and place them on the table across from the office. We appreciate your generosity.

COMMUNICATION WORKSHOP:

- Our church, in conjunction with Developing Great Relationships, will be hosting a Communication Workshop on Saturday, Nov. 14, from 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. The cost is $79 per couple. To register, please text "OskyCRC" to 641-931-4497 or via the link in the First CRC Facebook page. Please see the flyer that was in your mailbox on the 4th for more information.

TASTY THANKSGIVING PHOTOS 2026:

- *"Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him."* Psalm 34:8 Each year we ask you to share your photos on a theme to project during our Thanksgiving service as praise to God. This year share the bounty that God has given in the food we enjoy. Whether it be food in its natural state (a bunch of bananas or a pile of pumpkins) or food prepared into a delicious dish (a Dutch apple pie or a pineapple glazed ham), send in your tasty photos of the goodness of God.
- Please email photos to 1stcrcprojection@gmail.com by Monday, Nov. 16. Let's praise our creator for the bounty He generously provides!

TASTE & SEE: RECIPES WITH A STORY:

- In keeping with our Tasty Thanksgiving photos, you have an opportunity to share a Tasty recipe that has a story behind it! This could be a recipe of something you make for your family on a special occasion and explain how the tradition started. A recipe that brings back a memory, or a tried and true recipe that has been passed down from generation to generation, sharing your family tree story.
- There are recipe formats to fill out on the information table. If you prefer you may type it (8.5x11 size paper), or feel free to email it into the church office. Deadline to submit a *"Recipe with a Story"* is Sunday, Nov. 15. We will be sharing them with the congregation at the end of November. Just another way for us to "Connect" as a church family...through the foods we are so greatly blessed with by our good and gracious God!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD BOXES:

- We want every child to know that *"God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."* John 3:16 -- Tuesday Evening Coffee Break encourages you to join them with Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse.

  ~ **Why?** Every shoebox gift is excellent for evangelism and discipleship that leads to the multiplication of new believers and churches around the world. Local Christians share the Gospel, inviting children to trust in Jesus. The boys and girls receive a surprise that may be their first gift ever; they in turn share their gifts (material and spiritual) with those around them. Each child only gets one box in a LIFETIME so make it FUN, FULL, PERSONALIZED!

  ~ **How?** Information and boxes are available in the foyer or check out the website at www.samaritanspurse.org/occ. A donation of $10 per box is suggested (preferably mailed or paid on-line). The fee covers shipping as well as a book explaining the story of salvation, and an additional $6 will provide a 12-lesson discipleship program. Boxes should be completed and back to church by Monday, Nov. 17. If you would rather, you can donate $25 to Coffee Break and we will make and ship a box for you! Questions? Call Deb 641.660.8290 or Dena 641.660.5671.

  Note: There is a list of suggested items, as well as items that may not be in the boxes, on the table in the hallway.

EXTRA TICKETS:

- Ignite has extra tickets for the Third Day w/ Chris Tomlin concert on Thursday, Nov. 19. They are $80 each. Contact Anne (641-660-9520) if you are interested in purchasing some.

COUCHES NEEDED:

- Ignite needs a few more couches for Wednesday nights. If you have one in decent shape that you would like to donate, please let a leader know.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES/PRAYER OPPORTUNITY:

- Oct. 25 = Cal B
  Oct. 26 = LaVonne VD
  Oct. 27 = Amber DB, Kurtis DB, Cyndi F
  Oct. 30 = Kwynn DB (Joel), Weston DB (Lucas)
  Karl & Kristin B

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS:

FROM OSKALOOSA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL:

- Oskaloosa Christian School is seeking a full-time Kitchen Cook / Food Service Manager to join our Christ-centered team! If you or someone you know has a heart for serving others and enjoys working with food, we'd love to hear from you. For more information and to apply, visit: https://oskaloosachristian.net/employment/.

DUTCH LETTERS FOR SALE:

- Sully Christian is again selling delicious, hand-rolled Dutch Letters. Each 12" stick is stuffed with yummy almond filling and comes frozen and ready to bake at your convenience. A box of 6 Dutch Letters is $30.00. You can place your order by using our online order form on our website or Facebook page, by contacting Karen Doonan at 641-780-0397 or by emailing scsdutchletters@gmail.com. Pick-up date is Friday, Nov. 6, from 12:00 noon-8:00 p.m. at Sully Christian School or from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at Grace Fellowship Church in Pella. Thank you!

RISE WITH ROB AND FRIENDS:

- Please join us on Friday, Nov. 20, at 7:00 p.m. in the Central College Douwstra Auditorium for a night of hope through storytelling and worship. Please see the poster in the newsletter or on the wall for more details or to purchase tickets. You may also go to their website at www.riseministries.com for more information.

FROM CRC NEWS:

- **From ReFrame Ministries:**
  ~ *Groundwork – Prayer and Discerning God's Will:* God invites His people to communicate with Him through prayer, a foundational discipline in the Christian life. Join Groundwork as we study 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 16, Philippians 4:4-7, James 5:13-16, Psalm 143:7-10, Psalm 25:4-9, and Matthew 26:36-46 to understand how consistent prayer practice helps us listen to God's voice and discern His will for our lives. Listen now at www.GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.
  ~ *Kids Corner Devotions – Just Be With God:* Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Just Be With God" at www.kidscorner.net. In 1 Kings 19, the prophet Elijah felt scared and alone. He looked for God in a big wind, an earthquake, and a fire, but God wasn't in those loud things. Then Elijah felt a gentle breeze (1 Kings 19:12) and knew God was speaking. God often speaks in the quiet. Check out the new Kids Corner Devotions app at https://kidscorner.net/app.
- **CRC Planned Giving:** As the year end approaches and you think about a donation to your church (and other CRC Ministries), please remember that those gifts must be received and deposited by December 31 to count for the 2026 tax year. This year, we've noticed that it's taking longer than normal to receive letters by US mail, so anything you can do to help your favorite ministry avoid the December 31 scramble will be greatly appreciated! To learn about giving from your IRA and other ways to give beyond cash donations visit: www.crcna.org/planned-giving.
- **CRC Communications – Project Antioch Prayer Gathering:** The name Project Antioch comes from Acts 13:1-3 where out of a time of prayer, worship, and fasting, Barnabas and Saul were set apart for the work to which the Spirit called them. Prayer and fasting play an essential role in the life and mission of the church. Join the Project Antioch Prayer Gathering (Mon., Nov 2, 6 pm – Wed., Nov 4, 12 pm) at Carismah Church in Katy, Texas. This is a multi-ethnic prayer gathering to pray for the church planting and renewal initiatives in the CRC. The focus of this gathering is to worship and praise our great God, submitting and surrendering to the Spirit's leading for the church, to intercede for the CRC ministries, congregations, and mission, and to pray that we would be sent out boldly in the power of the Spirit (Acts 13:1-3). Register soon; space is limited to 150. Learn more and register at www.network.crcna.org/topic/spiritual-formation/prayer/project-antioch-prayer-gathering-nov-2-4-2026.
- **World Hunger Sunday is Next Week:** In a world where there is more than enough food to feed everyone, millions of people do not have enough to eat. Together, let's work to end world hunger for good. Join World Renew in sharing Christ's hope with families facing hunger by giving through next Sunday's offering. With your gifts, we can help provide the training and tools families need to journey away from hunger. Learn more and give at www.worldrenew.org/worldhunger.
- **Thrive Faith Formation Tip:** The Building Blocks of Faith are four statements that, when they become increasingly true for a person, indicate that his or her faith is growing:
  ~ I belong to Jesus and to His body, the church.
  ~ I know and understand the story of God's faithfulness, of which I am a part.
  ~ I have hope, through Christ, in all of God's promises.
  ~ I am called to work in God's kingdom, and I am equipped to do that work.

  What opportunities do the people in your household have to grow in each of these ways? For more on the Building Blocks check out the toolkit at www.crcna.org/FaithFormation/toolkits. Brought to you by Thrive: www.crcna.org/Thrive.