

October 21, 2018

Welcome to the Peoria Christian Reformed Church. We are glad you have joined us for worship today. "My people, hear my teaching; listen to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth with a parable; I will utter hidden things, things from of old – things we have heard and known, things our ancestors have told us. We will not hide them from their descendants; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done." Psalm 78:1-4 (NIV)

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
Greeter	Grant Fynaardt & Marshall Fynaardt Jayme Veenstra family	Russ & Myrna Fynaardt John & Betty Veenstra
Missionary Correspondents	Huyser - Carol Fynaardt; Gifford - Davona Fynaardt; Le Mahieu - Dona Fynaardt; Vander Wal - Glen Fynaardt	
Morning Prayer Team	Tim Franje, Helen De Jong, Carm Reitsma, Mike Vander Hart	Norman De Jong, Kathy Franje, Sandy Fynaardt, Mary Roose
Nursery	a.m. Davona Fynaardt, Madeline Veenstra p.m. Stacie Fynaardt, Caitlin Veenstra	a.m. Susan Veenstra, Marleigh De Boer p.m. Ruth De Bruin, Toby Vander Molen
Offering	a.m. Christian Education Fund p.m. Love INC	a.m. World Renew: World Hunger p.m. CRC Disability Concerns

TODAY

We welcome **Pastor Will Verhoef** as he leads our worship this morning. We also have the privilege of witnessing the baptism of **Emma Ruth Den Oudsten**, daughter of Pastor George and Richarla Den Oudsten. May God continue to protect and guide you all your lives for the honor of His name.

Please join us as we **fellowship** over a cup of coffee or lemonade after the morning worship service.

Church School classes will meet after the morning service and dismiss at 11:30. Preschool, high school, and adult classes meet in the church basement; classes for grades K-8 meet in the school. Visitors are welcome! Offering: Joel & Jeannie Huyser (God's Treasures, Nicaragua)

Choir will practice at 5:00 p.m. to prepare for the morning service on Reformation Sunday next week. Please join us!

We welcome **Joel Rietema** as he leads our evening worship service.

Home Builders will meet in the basement at 7:30 p.m. (Lesson 4)

CALENDAR

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Cadets
7:00 p.m. GEMS

NEXT WEEK

In the morning, we will continue our series in the gospel of Matthew as we look at **Matthew 9:9-13**.

In the evening, we will examine "the good deposit that was entrusted to us" (2 Timothy 1:14), using as our guide the **Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day 17**.

CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Home Builders** invite you to join us for a new season of study beginning this evening at 7:30 p.m. We are a group of diverse ages who enjoy gathering around God's Word and sharing fellowship and great food! We meet the first and third Sunday evenings of each month and will continue our study of Matt Chandler's video series on Philipians, *To Live Is Christ, To Die Is Gain* (Lesson 4).

Please prayerfully consider the gifts God has given and how you can serve the church. The Council asks that 5th graders through adults fill out a 2019 **committee preference survey** (extras in the bulletin racks). Please return completed sheets to the boxes in the hallways by October 28.

Pastor George is on vacation through October 25. Please contact the elders for any **pastoral care** needs.

YOUTH GROUP-SENIOR SAINTS NIGHT: All who are 65 and older (along with your spouse) are invited to a night of food, fun, and fellowship on Wednesday, November 14, 6:30 p.m., in the church basement. If you would like to join us, please contact Spencer or Maria Fynaardt or Jess Vander Molen by Monday, November 12.

CHURCH FAMILY

Macy Fynaardt was at Blank Children's Hospital this past week for elevated white blood cell counts. She has returned home and is doing well.

Byron Vander Molen received a good report at a recent checkup. He is making good progress with healing and may resume normal duties while being cautious to not re-injure his arm. Thanks to everyone for your prayers, visits, food, and help of all kinds during this time. We thank God for His healing mercies.

"Thank you for all the support around Emma's birth. We appreciate and thank God for the cards, gifts, meals and prayers we have received." ~ **Pastor George and Richarla**

"Thank you to all for the cards and concern expressed to me after my knee injury. This is not what I had planned for my senior year, but it is God's plan for me. Where God closes a door, he opens a window, and I am so excited to travel to Haiti. Thank you all so much for your offering gifts to help me have this remarkable opportunity to go to Haiti. I feel so blessed by all of you! God bless!" ~ **Mo Fopma**

SCHOOL NOTES

Parents, please plan to attend **Pella Christian High School Parent-Teacher Conferences** on Monday, October 22, 5:00-7:30 p.m. (1:30 p.m. school dismissal) or Thursday, October 25, 12:00-2:00 p.m. (11:30 a.m. school dismissal). Conferences will take place in the gymnasium. There will be no classes on Friday, October 26, for a teacher work day.

PCHS Fall Musical: PCHS's theatre season opens with one of Broadway's most popular musicals, *Oklahoma!*, to be performed Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, October 25-27, at 7:00 p.m. in the Vermeer Auditorium at PCHS. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$6 for children in the school office or by calling 628-4440. PCHS students attend free but do need to reserve a seat at the school box office.

A letter explaining the **Pella Christian High School Annual Financial Drive** is in your church mailbox today. The purpose of this drive is to support the general fund of the school, and this year's goal is \$75,000. Please prayerfully consider a gift to the school. Thank you in advance for your faithful support of the mission of Pella Christian High School.

Peoria Christian School is preparing for their **accreditation** and invite and encourage all stakeholders to attend a meeting on Saturday, November 3, at 9:00 a.m. We will work through lunch. Your input is beneficial so please consider attending all or part of this very important process for the school. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to office@peoriachr.org by November 1 for food planning purposes.

Peoria Christian School is planning a **food drive for Pella Community Food Shelf** on October 29-November 12. We have been asked to help provide instant potatoes, green beans, corn, and canned yams. Please bring food items to Peoria Christian School and donate them to any class of your choice. The class with the most food items receives an ice cream party!

Peoria Christian School will host a **Veteran's Day Assembly** on Monday, November 12. Please come and join us for "Lunch with a Vet." If you are a veteran or know of a veteran, please invite them to join us for lunch and a special tribute to honor them. We all know how hard it was for them. Please RSVP to Peoria Christian School if you are interested in attending (625-4131; office@peoriachr.org).

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

A **Catfish Fry** will be held on Saturday, October 27, 4:30-6:30 p.m., at Pella Faith CRC. We will also serve chicken and all the trimmings. A freewill offering will be received to support **Cary Christian Center** in Mississippi, and four people from the Center will be available to visit with you.

Bethany Christian Services' 8th Annual "Strengthening Children & Families" Dinner & Dessert Gala will be held at Bos Landen Golf Club (2411 Bos Landen Dr, Pella) on Saturday, November 3. All are invited to this exciting fundraising event, which will include a delicious meal, a powerful program of the work God is doing through our ministry, and a fun live dessert auction to benefit our mission to be radical advocates for children! Please contact the Bethany office for more information or to RSVP (628-3247; <https://www.bethany.org/pella/Events>).

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION TIP: Do your kids look forward to Sundays? Make the Sabbath a special day in ways that are meaningful to them. Serve a favorite meal before or after worship. Light a special candle. Take a picnic to a park. Try setting the alarm a bit earlier to minimize the getting-ready stress before worship. Gather at night for a game and a time of family prayer to start the week. (Faith Formation Ministries; www.crcna.org/FaithFormation)