

November 11, 2018

Welcome to the Peoria Christian Reformed Church. We are glad you have joined us for worship today. "I will declare your name to my brothers; in the congregation I will praise you." Psalm 22:22 (NIV)

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
Greeter	Gary & Carol Jochems Randall Vos family	Jon Klyn family Jim & Jan Warden
Missionary Correspondents	Huyser - Jon Klyn; Gifford - Kelli Kruid; Le Mahieu - Krystal Lefevre; Vander Wal - Austin Roose	
Morning Prayer Team	Glen Fynaardt, Helen De Jong, Kathy Franje, Carm Reitsma	Tim Franje, Mark Franje, Sandy Fynaardt, Mary Roose
Nursery	a.m. Abbie Vander Molen, Alyson De Bruin p.m. Jessica Van Wyngarden, Jocelyn Veenstra	a.m. Michele De Boer, Ben Van Wyngarden p.m. Kelli Kruid, Morgan Fopma
Offering	a.m. Back to God Ministries p.m. Pella Pro-Life	a.m. Christian Education Fund p.m. Mobility Worldwide (P.E.T.)

TODAY

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)

PARENTS, please send your 3-year-old through 4th grade Church School students to Room 2 in the basement following the morning worship service for practicing **Christmas program songs**.

The elders want to follow up on the discipleship work and theme of this year because we are confident that the Word of God does not go out and return empty but bears fruit, including here in our congregation. To do so, we invite you to grab your cup of coffee or lemonade and join us at 11:00 a.m. in the basement for a **discipleship "check-up"** as related to our congregation and our personal lives. We are called to spur one another on toward love and good deeds, and this is one opportunity to do so.

Choir will practice at 5:00 p.m. Please join us as we prepare to offer thanks and praise for our Thanksgiving Day worship service.

CALENDAR

Wednesday 1:30 p.m. Queen Esther Circle, Lesson: Topic C (p. 48); Offering: Back to God Ministries
6:30 p.m. Youth Group-Senior Saints Night
7:00 p.m. Cadets
7:00 p.m. GEMS
Thursday 2:00 p.m. Sharing the Weight Blanket Sewing Day (snack/supper provided)

NEXT WEEK

In the morning, we will continue our series in the gospel of Matthew as we look at **Matthew 9:27-34**.

Joel and Jeannie Huyser will give an update on their work following the morning worship service. We will also share a noon **fellowship dinner** in the gym after their presentation. Bring hot and cold dishes according to the needs of your family. Beverages will be provided.

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 20**.

CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Highlights of the November Council meeting and this month's prayer list are available in your **church mailbox** today.

Please check for accuracy and make additions or corrections by November 19 to the **birthday/anniversary calendars** and the **church directory**. Corrections should be made to the lists on the west basement table.

PARENTS: Please be aware of the activities of your children after worship services and remind them to be respectful of the auditorium and the need to avoid injury with the elderly. Running should be done outside.

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.

Second quarter **Church School classes** will begin on November 18. Materials for teachers, helpers, and substitutes are available from your church mailbox or the west basement table. Please return materials from the current quarter to Doug and Barb Vande Voort.

Our annual **congregational meeting** will be held on Monday, November 19, at 7:00 p.m. Items included on the agenda are:

- Voting for two elders from the following nominees: Ernie Roose, Lawrence Roose, Dennis Van Wyk, and Mark Van Wyngarden (retiring: Keith Van Ee).
- Voting for one deacon from the following nominees: Calvin Bandstra and Jim De Bruin (retiring: Ken Vander Linden).
- Approval of the proposed 2019 budget.
- Voting on a proposal to repair the exterior of the room above the east classrooms to stop water leaks.
- Voting on covering the exterior of the Youth Building with designer steel.

Information on the budget and building proposals will be available next Sunday. Absentee ballots may be given to any Council member or presented at the meeting and will be used on the first vote only. Your participation is appreciated.

Our **Thanksgiving Day offering** will be given for a variety of causes by means of our Thanksgiving envelopes. Please pick up envelopes for your family today. Children are also encouraged to participate. All undesignated checks and cash will go toward missionary support.

Lord willing, we will mark **Peoria CRC's 125th anniversary** in April 2019. If you are interested in serving on a committee to plan a celebration, please contact Keith Van Ee by November 19.

CHURCH FAMILY

The membership of **Tom Bouwkamp** is being sent to Calvary Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan. May God provide continued growth in the faith for Tom and Zoe in this new church home.

Frank Reitsma is traveling to India and Cambodia on behalf of Safe Water International Ministries (SWIM) through December 4. Please pray for safety and for mutual blessing and encouragement.

“Dear Peoria CRC, As we enter this month of Thanksgiving, we want to offer our sincerest thanks for your recent gift and ongoing support for our family and the work of Wycliffe. Without your generosity, we would not be able to serve the people of Papua New Guinea. Your prayers are deeply appreciated, and we pray for you as you seek to serve our Savior in Iowā. Doug continues to teach history classes at Ukarumpa International School, but is also covering an English class for a teacher who returned to the U.S. with his wife for the birth of their son. Benita is finishing the typesetting for the Bau storybook Bible. Thank you for continuing to walk with us. In Christ, **Doug, Benita, Noah, and Tia Le Mahieu**”

SCHOOL NOTES

The Pella Christian High Concert Choir will be one of eight choirs featured at this year’s **Little Hawkeye Conference Choral Festival Concert** on Tuesday, November 13, at 7:00 p.m. Pella Christian High School will host the choirs of the schools in our conference. A mass choir made up of all eight choirs from the conference, as well as the individual choirs will perform. Come and support our high school musicians and enjoy an evening of fine choral music.

DATE NIGHT! Drop off your kids at Peoria Christian School on Friday, November 16, while you enjoy a date night and raise money for the school at the same time! The 7th/8th grade students, along with Jeremy and Melissa Copenhaver, will provide devotions, prayer, food, and plenty of fun! Bring your children anytime 5:00-9:00 p.m. for this 7th/8th grade fundraising event.

As is tradition, the **PCHS Music Department** is selling **poinsettias** for the holiday season. Order forms are available from any PCHS band or choir student, in the school office, and on the school website. Five different colors are available at a cost of \$13 per plant. Orders must be placed by Wednesday, November 21, and picked up Tuesday, November 28, between 2:30-5:00 p.m.

Bluegrass and BBQ is set to be a FUN, toe tapping evening on Saturday, December 1, at Pella Christian High School. You will enjoy a BBQ dinner and your toes will tap as you listen to the banjo picking and sweet harmonies by the Benson Family Singers, a family Bluegrass band from Faribault, Minnesota! This evening is a fundraiser for the PCHS Band Trip in April 2019 to Minneapolis and a concert at Bethel University. Tickets (\$28) are available on the band website (band.pellachristian.net) or at the PCHS office. Contact Mrs. Dykstra with questions (dykstras@pceagles.org).

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

818 Forward With Faith is participating in a fundraiser and tip night at Culver’s in Pella on Monday, November 12. Please plan to join us at Culver’s from 5:00-8:00 p.m. and support 818FWF!

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION TIP: If you’d like to build more prayer into your daily family life, check out the wonderful book *Scrambled Starts: Family Prayers for Morning, Bedtime, and Everything in Between*. These brief prayers and helpful tips can help make talking to God a natural, rich part of your family’s day. (Faith Formation Ministries; www.crcna.org/FaithFormation)