

November 18, 2018

**Welcome to the Peoria Christian Reformed Church.** “Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.” Psalm 95:1-3 (NIV)

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
Greeter	Jon Klyn family Jim & Jan Warden	Tim Kruid family Lawrence & Helen Roose
Missionary Correspondents	Gifford - Esther Roose; Le Mahieu - Lawrence Roose; Vander Wal - Mary Roose	
Morning Prayer Team	Tim Franje, Mark Franje, Sandy Fynaardt, Mary Roose	Norman De Jong, Carm Reitsma, Sandy Vander Hart
Nursery	<b>a.m.</b> Michele De Boer, Ben Van Wyngarden <b>p.m.</b> Kelli Kruid, Morgan Fopma	<b>a.m.</b> Deb Bruxvoort, Mack Veenstra <b>p.m.</b> Kathy Franje, Caitlin Veenstra
Nursery Thanksgiving Day	Nicole Vos, Sydney Bruxvoort	
Offering	<b>a.m.</b> Christian Education Fund <b>p.m.</b> Mobility Worldwide (P.E.T.)	<b>a.m.</b> Safe Water International Ministries <b>p.m.</b> Dordt College

### TODAY

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

We welcome **Joel and Jeannie Huyser** as they give an update on their work following 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, following the morning worship service please send your **3-year-old through 4<sup>th</sup> grade Church School students** to Room 2 for practicing Christmas program songs. **Church School students in grades 5-12** are asked to meet briefly in the nursery to receive Christmas program information. Please help you children memorize their speaking parts. Thank you!

A **fellowship dinner** will be held today beginning at noon in the gym. Visitors are welcome! Please join us for good food and fellowship.

**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.

**COME AND SING!** All are welcome to join us for some church family singing around the piano following the evening service.

**Home Builders** will meet in the basement at 7:30 p.m. (Lesson 6)

### CALENDAR

Monday 7:00 p.m. Congregational Meeting  
Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Bible Searchers  
7:00 p.m. Elders' Meeting  
Thursday 9:30 a.m. Thanksgiving Day Worship Service

## NEXT WEEK

In the morning, we will continue our series in the gospel of Matthew as we look at **Matthew 9:35-10:4**.

**Jon Niefert** will lead our evening worship as Pastor George uses his sixth of six pulpit relief services for 2018.

## CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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 are in your church mailbox today. 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 service** will be Thursday at 9:30 a.m. The prelude will begin at 9:20. Let's come together to give thanks to God for all His goodness to us. We will meditate on "I Thank My God", based on Philippians 1:1-11. Our 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 125<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **DECEMBER USHERS:**

East Door	a.m.: Adam Fynaardt, Tim Kruid, Jayme Veenstra
	p.m.: Carl De Jong, Gary Jochems, Byron Vander Molen
West Door	a.m.: Dale Rozendaal; p.m.: Frank Reitsma
Elevator	a.m.: Dennis Van Wyk; p.m.: Glen Fynaardt
Substitute	a.m.: Bret Fynaardt; p.m.: Leon Veldhuizen

## CHURCH FAMILY

**Betty Jochems** was hospitalized for tests to determine the cause of her weakness and is now at Jefferson Place to regain strength.

**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.

"Thank you to the Youth Group and others who came to rake leaves last week. I really appreciate your help. May God bless you all." ~ **Henrietta Veldhuizen**

## SCHOOL NOTES

The **Pella Christian High School Annual Financial Drive** is currently underway. If you have not yet responded, please consider prayerfully how you may help to provide Christ-centered learning for our covenant young people.

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 Tuesday, November 20, and picked up at the school on Tuesday, November 27, 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](http://band.pellachristian.net)) or at the PCHS office. Contact Mrs. Dykstra with questions ([dykstras@pceagles.org](mailto:dykstras@pceagles.org)).

Do your holiday baking the easy way at the **Oskaloosa Christian School** gym on Saturday, December 1, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Plates of goodies will include decorated Christmas cookies, fudge, divinity, puff pillows, caramels, Dutch letters, baklava, peanut butter brittle, and much more. Contact Crystal Fawcett (641-660-9833) if you have any questions about the bake sale. Also, do your Christmas shopping at a vendors/crafters sale at the same time! Twenty-two vendors will be available, including Dutch Bee Honey Farm, The Perfect Piece, Mommy and Me Soap Companee, Embellish with Meg, J's Barnwood and Wood Signs, Young Living Essential Oils, Perfectly Purses and Bags, and many more. Please contact Crystal Roberts (641-673-5656) for any questions about the vendors sale.

## REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Pella Pro-Life Cookie Sale** will be Thursday, December 6. We need volunteers to make cookies and/or decorate and box cookies on December 6. If you are willing to help, please contact Jocelyn Meinders ([jclymndrs@gmail.com](mailto:jclymndrs@gmail.com); 515-346-8016). We appreciate your support!

Want to be a volunteer for **New Life Prison Community**? A **volunteer training** will be held on Thursday, December 6, at 5:15 p.m. Please contact Pastor Rick Admiraal if you wish to become involved (641-204-1954; [PastorRick@newlife-prison.org](mailto:PastorRick@newlife-prison.org)).

**FAMILY FAITH FORMATION TIP:** Help kids become eager participants in your family's giving by inviting them to identify a ministry for your family to support together, either financially or through volunteering. For older children, suggest that they research local ministries to find one that connects with their own gifts and passions. For young children, give them a short list to choose from. (Faith Formation Ministries; [www.crcna.org/FaithFormation](http://www.crcna.org/FaithFormation))