

November 25, 2018

Welcome to the Peoria Christian Reformed Church. We are glad you have joined us for worship today. "I will sing to the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. May my meditation be pleasing to him, as I rejoice in the LORD." Psalm 104:33-34 (NIV)

| | TODAY | NEXT SUNDAY |
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| Greeter | Tim Kruid family Lawrence & Helen Roose | Tim & Kathy Franje Ben Lefevre family |
| Missionary Correspondents | Huyser - Lawrence Roose; Gifford - Joyce Star; Le Mahieu - Nancy Terpstra; Vander Wal - Matt Vander Hart | |
| Morning Prayer Team | Norman De Jong, Carm Reitsma, Sandy Vander Hart | Tim Franje, Mark Franje, Mike Vander Hart |
| Nursery | a.m. Deb Bruxvoort, Mack Veenstra p.m. Kathy Franje, Caitlin Veenstra | a.m. Krystal Lefevre, Madi Veenstra p.m. Angie Vander Molen, Dan De Bruin |
| Offering | a.m. Safe Water International Ministries p.m. Dordt College | a.m. Wycliffe Bible Translators p.m. Christian Education Fund |

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

We welcome **Jon Niefert** as he leads our evening worship. Pastor George is using his sixth of six pulpit relief services for 2018.

All are welcome to join us for a time of **prayer** in the Council room following the evening worship service.

CALENDAR

Monday 6:30 p.m. New Council Organizational Meeting
7:00 p.m. Deacons' Meeting
Wednesday 1:30 p.m. Queen Esther Circle, Lesson: Session 3, *The Time Had Fully Come* (p. 62)
7:00 p.m. Cadets
7:00 p.m. GEMS
7:00 p.m. Youth Group, Snack ~ Andrew

NEXT WEEK

In the morning, we will continue our series in the gospel of Matthew as we look at **Matthew 10:5-15**.

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 21**.

CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

At our annual **congregational meeting**, Ernie Roose and Lawrence Roose were elected as elders, and Calvin Bandstra was elected as deacon. The proposed 2019 budget was approved. Also approved was repair to the exterior of the room above the east classrooms and covering the exterior of the Youth Building with designer steel.

The elders are planning for a **Family Worship follow-up discussion** during the Church School hour on January 13. What did you find helpful? What have you put into practice? What do you wonder about after the weekend presentation by Trudy Ash in October or after reading the book the elders handed out, *The Neglected Grace* by Jason Helopoulos. We encourage you to read it before the discussion. Extra copies are available in the church library for those who did not receive one and would like to read it.

We want to make you aware of a financial need **Jon and Trista Vander Wal** are facing. They are in the process of adopting Mercy, a little girl in Papua New Guinea, and the time line is moving faster than anticipated. They were expecting to finalize the adoption sometime early next year but have learned it may happen as early as this week. They will need about \$10,000 to cover the costs of the adoption and are asking for help as they seek to obey James 1:27 (caring for orphans in distress) in a very concrete way. Additional information is available in your church mailbox.

DECEMBER USHERS:

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| 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

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.

We welcome into our church family **Larry and Judy Rozenboom**, whose membership comes from Pella Calvary CRC. The membership of **Wavern and Norma Rozenboom** is being sent to Pella Third Reformed. May God continue to provide growth in the faith for each one.

"Thank you for remembering my 80th birthday with cards. Thanks to our Heavenly Father for his faithfulness."
~ **Eugene De Jong**

SCHOOL NOTES

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

Crossroads Prison Ministries needs Bible Study mentors. About 2.2 million people are serving time in U.S. prisons, and 88% of them do not have regular visitors. There is an epidemic of loneliness behind bars. As a Crossroads mentor, you will review prisoner Bible study lessons and write them letters of hope and encouragement. You will hear their stories and have an opportunity to let them know that they are not forgotten and that they are deeply loved by God. To learn more, you are invited to hear Doug Cupery, Director of Church Mobilization for Crossroads, speak at the Pella Calvary CRC Youth House on Monday, December 3, at 7:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to jjessup@cpministries.org or call 641-629-1480.

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 (jclynmndrs@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).