

December 2, 2018

Welcome to the Peoria Christian Reformed Church. We are glad to gather for worship today. "How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD Almighty! My soul yearns, even faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God. Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you. Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked." Psalm 84:1-2, 4, 10 (NIV)

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
Greeter	Tim & Kathy Franje Ben Lefevre family	Frank & Carm Reitsma Lawrence & Helen Roose
Missionary Correspondents	Gifford - Sandy Vander Hart; Huyser - Ruth Vander Hart; Le Mahieu - Ken Vander Linden; Vander Wal - Byron Vander Molen	
Morning Prayer Team	Tim Franje, Mark Franje, Mike Vander Hart	Glen Fynaardt, Kathy Franje, Mary Roose
Nursery	a.m. Krystal Lefevre, Madi Veenstra p.m. Angie Vander Molen, Dan De Bruin	a.m. Pam Vander Linden, Adrienne Vander Molen p.m. Le Ann Bouwkamp, Ben Van Wyngarden
Offering	a.m. Wycliffe Bible Translators p.m. Christian Education Fund	a.m. Tim & Kaden Kruid (Haiti) p.m. Freedom House

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. Parents are asked to help children of all ages memorize their speaking parts. Thank you!

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 7)

CALENDAR

Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Bible Searchers, Lesson 2 (contact Sue if you wish to view the second video at 6:30 p.m.)
Wednesday 6:00 p.m. Youth Group Service Night at Bibles for Missions Thrift Store (supper provided)
6:30 p.m. Cadets Mother-Son Bowling Night at Pella Excite-A-Bowl (pizza provided)
7:00 p.m. GEMS

NEXT WEEK

During the season of **Advent**, as we anticipate celebrating again the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ on Christmas day, we remember that we are a people waiting for the Second Coming of Christ in glory. As we wait, we are not to be idle, but our time is to be spent on the mission Jesus has given his disciples. This Advent we will look at the mission Jesus set out for his twelve disciples in Matthew 10. 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 22**.

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.

Our morning offering next week will help defray expenses for a February mission trip through Mobility Worldwide (P.E.T.) for **Tim and Kaden Kruid**. Kaden has been volunteering with Mobility Worldwide since April and has been given the opportunity to see how the carts that he helps build each week benefit people in other countries. Tim and Kaden will travel to Haiti where their team will do construction work, pour a concrete floor in a home, harvest crops, transplant trees, and assist in goat distributions. The team will focus on evangelism opportunities, such as assembling and delivering P.E.T. carts to those in need of mobility, and talking and praying with the Haitian people. Please prayerfully consider giving to this mission opportunity.

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.

NOVEMBER RECEIPTS:

Voice of the Martyrs	\$ 905.00	Mobility Worldwide (P.E.T.)	\$ 890.00
Christian Education Fund	247.50	Building Fund	604.34
Back to God Ministries	826.00	Church School	102.90
Pella Pro-Life	393.00	General Fund	9,078.00
Christian Education Fund	380.00		

Monthly amount needed to fulfill 2018 General Fund budget obligation:	\$16,998.00
Year-to-date amount needed to fulfill 2018 General Fund budget obligation:	\$186,978.00
Year-to-date 2018 General Fund budget receipts:	\$158,121.23

OFFERING SCHEDULE:

Dec 9	a.m. Tim & Kaden Kruid (Haiti)	p.m. Freedom House
Dec 16	a.m. Christian Education Fund	p.m. Cure International
Dec 23	a.m. Safe Water International Ministries	p.m. Dordt College
Dec 25	a.m. World Renew	
Dec 30	a.m. Peoria Youth Building Remodel	p.m. Zuni Christian School
Jan 6	a.m. Resonate Global Mission	p.m. Christian Education Fund

THANKSGIVING OFFERING:

American Family Association	\$ 100.00	Ottumwa Christian School	\$ 50.00
Answers in Genesis	50.00	Pathways of Pella	50.00
Back To God Hour	1,180.00	Pella Area Teams To Honduras	565.00
Bethany Christian Services	1,000.00	Pella Christian Grade School	100.00
Bible League	855.00	Pella Christian High School	250.00
Calvin College	125.00	Pella Pro-Life	792.00
Cary Christian Center	305.00	Peoria Christian School	3,311.00
Christian Opportunity Center	670.00	Peoria CRC Benevolent Fund	200.00
Compassion International	200.00	Peoria CRC Building Fund	75.00
Crossroad Bible Institute	665.00	Peoria CRC General Fund	3,240.00
Dordt College	421.00	P.E.T. Iowa (Leighton)	1,935.00
Farmer to Farmer	200.00	Quiet Waters	100.00
Focus on the Family	100.00	Rehoboth Christian School	100.00
818 Forward With Faith	925.00	Resonate Global Mission	50.00
Gideons	850.00	Ruth Harbor	100.00
Hope Ministries	1,715.00	Safe Water Int'l Ministries	1,776.00
Iowa Christian Academy	500.00	Samaritan's Purse	10.00
Joshua Christian School	50.00	Siouxland Habitat for Humanity	100.00
Kaden Kruid (P.E.T. -Haiti)	260.00	Sprigs & Sprouts	100.00
KCWN	25.00	Teen Challenge	595.00
Lake View Camp	10.00	The Well	150.00
Luke Society	1,350.00	Voice of the Martyrs	1,090.00
Many Hands for Haiti	597.00	World Renew	3,180.00
Mid-America Reformed Sem	300.00	Wycliffe Bible Translators	700.00
Missionary Support	1,703.00		
Missionary Support: Le Mahieu	50.00		
New Life Prison Ministries	1,080.00		
		TOTAL	\$33,905.00

CHURCH FAMILY

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

The **Pella Christian High School Music Department** invites you to join them for an evening of music focused on the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Tuesday, December 11, at 7:00 p.m. in the PCHS Vermeer Auditorium. The concert will present the message of Christmas in word and song. Please join us for an evening filled with the musical joy recognized as part of the Christmas season.

The **Peoria Christian School Christmas Program** this year is titled "Sing a Song of Christmas". Come join us on Friday, December 14, 7:00 p.m., at Peoria CRC to support our students and worship the Lord through music. Following the program, please join us for cookies and refreshments.

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 held on Thursday, December 6. Boxes of delicious decorated cookies will be sold at Ulrich's Meat Market (715 Franklin St.) from 12:00-5:30 p.m. (or until gone). Come and get your Christmas cookies and support a great cause!

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).

Lake View Camp newsletters, including a review of the 2018 summer camps, information about camping ministries, and next summer's camp schedule, are available on the east basement table. Please help yourself.

World Renew Disaster Response Services is planning a mission / flood recovery work trip to Hammond, Louisiana, January 19-26, 2019. If interested in participating, please contact Harold Van Wyk (641-891-2038; haroldtwyla@yahoo.com).