

December 30, 2018

**Welcome to the Peoria Christian Reformed Church.** As we close another year we remember that "Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." Lamentations 3:22-23 (NIV)

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
Greeter	Rob Bruxvoort family Marion & Nancy Terpstra	Bob & Deb Bruxvoort Mike & Sandy Vander Hart
Missionary Correspondents	Gifford - Lynda Veenstra; Huyser - Patty Veenstra; Le Mahieu - Leon Veldhuizen; Vander Wal - Judy Vos	
Morning Prayer Team		Tim Franje, Norman De Jong, Frank Reitsma
Nursery	<b>a.m.</b> Nicole Vos, Jocelyn Veenstra <b>p.m.</b> Kelli Kruid, Alyson De Bruin	<b>a.m.</b> Nicki Veenstra, Caitlin Veenstra <b>p.m.</b> Deb Bruxvoort, Toby Vander Molen
Offering	<b>a.m.</b> Peoria CRC Youth Building Remodel Project <b>p.m.</b> Zuni Christian School	<b>a.m.</b> Resonate Global Mission <b>p.m.</b> Christian Education Fund

TODAY

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

**Church School and Catechism classes** will not meet today.

A **light meal** (beef burgers) will be served from 4:45-5:30 p.m. in the church basement. Plan to join us for food and fellowship!

Our **Fifth Sunday Hymn Sing** will begin at 5:55 p.m. You will be invited to suggest your favorite hymns.

CALENDAR

Wednesday 1:30 p.m. Queen Esther Circle, *Lessons in the Wilderness* (p. 69)  
7:00 p.m. Cadet Counselors' meeting

NEXT WEEK

At our New Year's Service next Sunday morning, we will install as elders Ernie Roose and Lawrence Roose and as deacon Calvin Bandstra. Pastor George will preach on **Ecclesiastes 11:7-12:14**, Looking Forward.

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 25**.

CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Budget envelopes** for 2019 are available in your church mailbox.

The **2019 Peoria CRC anniversary/birthday calendars** are available on the east basement table. You are welcome to help yourself to one per household. Please consider returning your 2018 calendar to the box on the same table for recycling the paper and for reusing the comb binders next year.

Please make additions or deletions to the **nursery attendant** sign-up sheet on the basement table by January 6. Nursery attendants must be in the 5th grade or older.

As we end 2018 and enter 2019, Pastor George is preaching a three-part series from **Ecclesiastes**:

- December 30, Ecclesiastes 7:10-18, Looking Back
- January 6, Ecclesiastes 11:7-12:14, Looking Forward
- January 13, Ecclesiastes 3:1-14, Living Now

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.

#### **JANUARY USHERS:**

East Door	a.m.: Harlan De Boer, Grant Fynaardt, Randall Vos
	p.m.: Jim De Bruin, Mark Franje, Spencer Fynaardt
West Door	a.m.: Jon Klyn; p.m.: Doug Vande Voort
Elevator	a.m.: Bernie Veenstra; p.m.: Norman De Jong
Substitute	a.m.: Tim Kruid; p.m.: Glen Fynaardt

#### CHURCH FAMILY

“The changing of a year, from the 2018 calendar to the 2019, provides a good opportunity to look back and reflect on what God has brought about. I thank God for bringing me and my family here to Peoria CRC. We have been supported, encouraged, challenged to grow as fellow disciples of Christ. From encouraging notes and cards, to verbal “Thanks” in passing, to the blessing of meals and gifts around Emma’s birth, we feel the love of God made concrete through you. God has called me to pastor this congregation because he knew we needed each other to grow into the people God wants us to be, to develop the gifts and talents he has given us. It is a joy preaching to a congregation that treasures the Word of God and a challenge to speak a word of the Lord to these people in this place, starting with myself. Going into 2019, it is my confident prayer that God will continue to use us to his glory and our good. I regularly pray for all the members of Peoria using Paul’s prayer in Philippians 1:3–6: *I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.* Love in Christ, **Pastor George**”

#### REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Distinctively Healthy Church Annual Event** will be held at Saturday, January 12, 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m., at Pella Calvary CRC (location change). All are invited to this one-day equipping conference on the impact intergenerational ministry has on the local church. Speakers include Dr. Syd Hielema, Pastor Joel DeBoer, Peter Kelder, Trudy Ash and Jill Friend. Sponsored by the Connections Project and Faith Formation Ministries, cost is \$35/Individual or \$30/individual in a group of four or more (includes light breakfast, lunch, snacks and materials.) Please RSVP to Trudy Ash ([tash@crcna.org](mailto:tash@crcna.org)) or pay at the door. Registration deadline is January 10.

**Freedom House Ministries** will host a gala on Thursday, February 7, 2019, 6:00 p.m., at Central College Graham Conference Center to raise funds to support a home for girls who have been victims of sex trafficking. You are invited for dinner and to hear nationally known speaker and author Gary Thomas. Tickets (\$25) are available at The Sanctuary (check or cash) or at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/freedom-house-gala-tickets-51812260867>. Please contact [freedomhouse17@gmail.com](mailto:freedomhouse17@gmail.com) with questions.

**FAMILY FAITH FORMATION TIP:** As one year ends and a new year begins, gather as a family to remember the highs and lows of this past year. Thank God for being with you through everything that happened. Then talk about what’s coming up in the new year. This is also a great time to start new family faith formation practices in your home! (Faith Formation Ministries; [www.crcna.org/FaithFormation](http://www.crcna.org/FaithFormation))