

January 20, 2019

Welcome to the Peoria Christian Reformed Church. As we observe Sanctity of Human Life Sunday today, we praise God in the words of Psalm 139:14, "I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well." (NIV)

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
Greeter	Harlan De Boer family Ken & Pam Vander Linden	Jim De Bruin family Todd Vander Molen family
Missionary Correspondents	Gifford - Jim De Bruin; Huyser - Melody De Jong; Le Mahieu - Norman De Jong; Vander Wal - Charla Den Oudsten	
Morning Prayer Team	Glen Fynaardt Mike Vander Hart	Sandy Fynaardt Carm Reitsma
Nursery	a.m. Erin Fynaardt, Mack Veenstra p.m. Stacie Fynaardt, Dan De Bruin	a.m. Kelli Kruid, Madi Veenstra p.m. Charla Den Oudsten, Sydney Bruxvoort
Offering	a.m. Bethany Christian Services p.m. Christian Education Fund	a.m. Peoria Cadets p.m. Joshua Christian Academy

TODAY

We welcome **Royce Spoelstra** as he leads our morning worship, and **Joel Rietema** as he leads our evening worship service.

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 and high school 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)

Following the morning worship service, **Frank Reitsma** will give a report on his recent trip to Cambodia and India on behalf of Safe Water International Ministries. Please join us in the sanctuary.

Home Builders will meet in the basement at 7:30 p.m. (Lesson 8)

CALENDAR

- Monday 7:00 p.m. Elders' meeting
- Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Bible Searchers, Day 3 (p. 83)
7:00 p.m. 125th Anniversary Committee (at Marilyn Vander Linden's home)
- Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Cadets
7:00 p.m. GEMS
7:00 p.m. Youth Group, Snack ~ Tessa
- Thursday 2:00 p.m. Sharing the Weight Blanket Sewing Day (snacks/supper provided)
7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study, Micah 3

NEXT WEEK

The Cadets will participate in our morning worship centered on their theme from **2 Corinthians 9:8**, "Blessed to Be a Blessing.

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 27**.

CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is **Sanctity of Human Life Sunday**. Decisions made by the Supreme Court 46 years ago have resulted in the deaths of 60 million unborn babies in the U.S. alone. Abortion was the number one cause of death worldwide in 2018, making it the “social justice cause of our time.” Worldometers reports that there have been 41.9 million abortions in the course of the year. Today we celebrate God’s gift of Life, commemorate the millions of lives lost to abortion, and commit to protect life at every stage.

Family visits scheduled for this week follow. All calls will last approximately one hour.

- Jan 20, 2:00 p.m., Franje & E. Roose: Holly Haugen, Harlan De Boer
- Jan 20, 2:00 p.m., Bouwkamp & L. Roose: Iris Vander Wal, Eugene De Jong
- Jan 24, 7:00 p.m., Franje & Pastor: Dennis Van Wyk, Dona Fynaardt

Thank you for taking time to reflect on the following theme: *Using John 12:24-26 as a reference, what does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus?*

FEBRUARY USHERS:

East Door	a.m.:	Tim Kruid, Byron Vander Molen, Jayme Veenstra	
	p.m.:	Carl De Jong, Marshall Fynaardt, Gary Jochems	
West Door	a.m.:	Mike Vander Hart; 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

“Thank you for the cards, letters, and pictures sent for Christmas. I enjoyed them very much. May God bless you.” ~ **Thressa Deur**

“Thank you remembering us with cards and letters at Christmas and throughout the year. We truly appreciate your love shown to us.” ~ **Joyce Star & Rachel Vander Molen**

“Thank you for your generous support of our ministry in 2018! Thank you, too, for your most recent gift. We are grateful for your involvement in our ministry with Wycliffe Bible Translators. In Christ, **Jon, Trista, Anya and Mercy Vander Wal**”

“Thank you to everyone who helped us welcome Brock into our family. Thank you for your prayers, cards, gifts, and food. We appreciate all the love and support we have received and feel so very blessed to be a part of such a wonderful church family.” ~ **Mark & Jessica Van Wyngarden**

SCHOOL NOTES

Pella Christian High School invites you to attend their **Homecoming** activities on Friday, February 1, beginning with chapel at 1:00 p.m. sharp in the Vermeer Auditorium. Class competitions will follow in the gym, and the activities will conclude with the introduction of the Homecoming Court at approximately 3:00 p.m. The PCHS constituency is welcome to join us for these activities, as well as the evening basketball games with Dallas Center-Grimes. The varsity girls game will begin at 6:15 p.m. with the varsity boys to follow at 7:45 p.m.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Winter coats for adults and children are available at Crossroads through the month of January. Contact **Crossroads of Pella** for more information (712 Union Street, Suite #30; 628-1212).

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 with questions.

Please save the date and plan to join us at Pella Christian High School on February 8, 2019, for **818 Forward With Faith's 2nd Annual Dessert Dash!** The evening will begin with a silent auction from 5:00-6:00 p.m., followed by supper and dessert. We will also hear an inspirational message from John O'Leary. Please RSVP to promotion@forwardwithfaith.org or visit our website (www.forwardwithfaith.org) for more information. We look forward to seeing you!

The H. Henry Meeter Center for Calvin Studies at **Calvin College** would like you to know that the February 1 deadline for submissions to our 27th annual **High School Senior Scholarship Essay Contest** is fast approaching. This year's topic is John Calvin and Preaching. Scholarships will be awarded to our winners, so if you know of any high school seniors who may attend Calvin College, Dordt College, The King's University in Canada, Kuyper College, Redeemer University College in Canada, or Trinity Christian College, please let them know about this opportunity. Details are available on our website at calvin.edu/centers-institutes/meeter-center/fellowships-scholarships/high-school-seniors/

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION TIP: In *Families at the Center of Faith Formation*, John Roberto shares eight things that form faith in the home: caring relationships; celebrating the liturgical seasons; celebrating rituals and milestones; learning the Christian tradition and applying it to life; prayer, devotions, and spiritual formation; reading the Bible; serving and working for justice; and worshiping God. How is your family doing? What would you like to focus on more in this new year? (Faith Formation Ministries; www.crcna.org/FaithFormation)