

April 7, 2019

Welcome to the Peoria Christian Reformed Church. We are glad you have joined us for worship today. "Great is the LORD, and most worthy of praise, in the city of our God, his holy mountain. Within your temple, O God, we meditate on your unfailing love." Psalm 48:1, 9 (NIV)

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
Greeter	Grant Fynaardt & Marshall Fynaardt John & Betty Veenstra	Carol Fynaardt & Dona Fynaardt Lawrence & Helen Roose
Missionary Correspondents	Gifford (giffmex@gmail.com) - Nicki Veenstra; Huyser - Jerry Veenstra; Le Mahieu - Joel Veenstra; Vander Wal - John Veenstra	
Morning Prayer Team	Kathy Franje Carm Reitsma	Norman De Jong Mark Franje
Nursery	a.m. Michele De Boer, Madi Veenstra p.m. Kelli Kruid, Jocelyn Veenstra	a.m. Nicki Veenstra, Caitlin Veenstra p.m. Leah Bruvvoort, Alyson De Bruin
Offering	a.m. Cadets / GEMS Home Office p.m. Christian Education Fund	a.m. Christian Education Fund p.m. 818 Forward With Faith

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)

The **preschool-2nd grade Church School students** will practice in Room 2 immediately after the morning worship service for their participation in our Palm Sunday morning worship.

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

We welcome **Rev. Kevin Vryhof** as leads our evening worship service due to Pastor George's attendance at the Gospel Coalition National Conference in Indianapolis earlier this week.

CALENDAR

Monday 7:00 p.m. Council meeting
Wednesday 1:30 p.m. Queen Esther Circle, Session 4: *No Greater Love* (p. 92);
Offering: Crossroad Bible Institute
7:00 p.m. GEMS
Thursday 7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study

NEXT WEEK

Pastor George will continue a series on prayer that will bring us through Easter, "**Praying with Jesus.**" In the morning he will preach on Matthew 26:39, 42.

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 34.**

CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you wish to purchase a **flower** (6½-inch mum) in memory of a loved one for **Easter Sunday**, please sign a sheet on the basement table or in any of the hallways TODAY. Cost is \$7.50 and may be paid to Helen Roose or Carla Vander Molen. If writing a check, please make it payable to Peoria CRC.

Announcements for the **April 14 bulletin** should be submitted to Kathy Franje by Wednesday, April 10.

The movie "**Unplanned**" will be showing in Oskaloosa beginning April 12. The Issue Awareness Committee encourages you to support this pro-life movie based on the true life story of Abby Johnson. Pray that hearts and minds will be changed to recognize the sanctity of all human life.

ADVANCE NOTICE: Rolls, coffee, and juice will be served in the church basement on Sunday, April 21, 8:00 a.m., until time for our **Easter morning** worship service.

ADVANCE NOTICE: Reserve Sunday, June 2, for a celebration of **Peoria Church's 125th anniversary**. Three former pastors will participate in our morning worship service, followed by a fellowship dinner at noon. Our evening worship will be a special service of praise.

A **pictorial church directory** will be printed as part of Peoria Church's 125th anniversary celebration. We plan to use the individual/family photos already posted on the church website directory and are giving opportunity for you to update your photo for use in the printed directory. You are welcome to submit a newer photo by April 28 to office@peoriacrc.org, or we will take your picture after a worship service on April 7, 14, or 28. Please contact Deb Bruxvoort, Ruth De Bruin, or Kathy Franje with questions or to request photography services. If you have misplaced the card that was given when the online directory was introduced, logon information to check your current photo is posted on the basement bulletin board. Thanks for your help with this church family project.

Our VBS planning season has begun! **Vacation Bible School** will take place July 9-12. Please pray about this opportunity to serve the children in our community. Sign-up lists are available on the basement table.

Doing any spring cleaning? **VBS needs your donations!** We can use your remnants of lace, rick-rack, braid, fringe, tassels, buttons, sequins, cord, yarn – any type of leftover notions from your sewing or tidying your scrapbooking area. Donations may be placed in the VBS box on the basement table. Thank you!

MARCH RECEIPTS:

Peoria GEMS	\$635.00	Christian Education Fund	\$ 403.25
Christian Education Fund	316.00	Wycliffe Bible Translators	438.00
Resonate Global Mission	609.31	Weighted Comfort for Kids	882.00
Appalachia Reach Out	306.25	Many Hands for Haiti	608.25
Mobility Worldwide	569.00	Building Fund	385.00
Missionary Support	4,061.00	Church School	84.97
New Life Prison Community	679.50	General Fund	14,948.25

Monthly amount needed to fulfill 2019 General Fund budget obligation:	\$17,236.50
Year-to-date amount needed to fulfill 2019 General Fund budget obligation:	\$51,709.50
Year-to-date 2019 General Fund budget receipts:	\$55,990.25

OFFERING SCHEDULE:

Apr 14	a.m. Christian Education Fund	p.m. 818 Forward With Faith
Apr 19		p.m. The Bible League
Apr 21	a.m. Resonate Global Mission	p.m. Trinity Christian College
Apr 28	a.m. World Renew Disaster Relief	p.m. Hope Ministries
May 5	a.m. Resonate Global Mission	p.m. Christian Education Fund

PASTOR GEORGE'S SUMMARY OF
THE GOSPEL COALITION 2019 NATIONAL CONFERENCE

At the Gospel Coalition 2019 National Conference, the theme was “Conversations with Jesus.” Each of the eight keynote speakers looked at different narratives from the gospels, seeking to see what Jesus made clear about the nature of salvation, that is himself, and how we should proclaim him. John Piper, Tim Keller, Ligon Duncan, H.B. Charles, Kevin DeYoung, Trip Lee, David Plat, and D.A. Carson were the speakers. I also went to a lunch session called “Why We Love the Small Places”, which focused on encouraging missions and church work in rural settings, as well as three breakout sessions: “Helping Doubters Doubt their Doubts”, “The Joy of Shepherding People for a Lifetime”, and “Disruptive Witness: Speaking Truth in a Distracted Age.” There was bookstore where everything was a minimum 40% off (I may have come home with eight more books to read).

I connected with a dozen or so CRC pastors all the way from Washington and Oregon in the west to Ontario in the east, with Illinois, Indiana, Minnesota, and Michigan in the middle. And my Greek professor Wayne Kobes was there representing Dordt College in the exhibitors hall. It was a wonderful surprise to see him and share several meals together! The days were filled with powerful singing, reminders of the glory of the gospel, the wonder of God’s grace, the call to share the good news, and encouragement to trust the power of God’s Word to transform lives.

CHURCH FAMILY

“We thank our church family for your prayers, cards, memorial gifts, food, and words of comfort at the time of Dad’s passing.” ~ **Mark & Linda Franje**

SCHOOL NOTES

The **Pella Christian High Chamber Choir** spring choir performances continue at the following churches’ evening services: April 14 at Covenant Reformed (Pella), and April 28 at Pella Second CRC. They will conclude the series on May 5 at the Tulip Time Community Worship Service.

PELLA CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL DINNER THEATRE GALA: Please join us for our Mystery Dinner Theatre event “Hawaiian Heist” at PCHS on Saturday, April 13, at 6:00 p.m. An entertaining evening and scrumptious meal are planned. Feel free to dress casually and wear your tropical shirt if you have one! This is our annual fundraiser to keep tuition affordable. Call the school office (628-4440) by noon Monday, April 8, to reserve a seat to enjoy a casual, fun-filled evening.

Join the fun and be part of the 12th annual **Gene Van Wyk 5k Run** on Saturday, April 20. All proceeds go toward the Gene Van Wyk Memorial Fund and the Gene Van Wyk Weight Room at Pella Christian High School. Registration costs are \$15 for students, \$20 for adults, and \$70 for families if you register by April 8. Fees increase by \$5 per person/group after that date. Register on-line at www.genevanwyk.com or pick up a form at the high school office or at Home Realty (1212 Washington St., Pella).

The annual **Pella Christian High School Society** meeting will be held on Thursday, April 25, preceded at 6:00 p.m. with a free pork dinner served by the FFA club and the Ag Advisory Committee. The Society Meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. with reports on the recent strategic planning initiative, current financial status of the school, the upcoming Spanish Immersion program opportunity, and proposed board governance changes.

Pella Christian High School is seeking a band instructor, an upper level Spanish teacher, and a part time Industrial Arts teacher. Please contact Principal Dan Van Kooten at vankootend@pceagles.org if you or someone you know is interested.

Pella Christian High School and Ulrich Ford are once again teaming up to “**Drive 4UR School**” on Saturday, April 20. This has been a successful fundraising event for us in the past, and this spring the baseball, girls basketball, and boys soccer teams will receive the funding. The school receives \$20 per test drive between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on April 20, as well as an extra \$10 if you take another test drive in the new Edge. You may designate what program you would like to support. Come and test drive a new Ford vehicle and support PCHS in the process!

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Do you need a **Date Night**? Who better to watch your kids than a group of moms?! The local **MOPS/MOMSnex**t group is hosting a fundraiser event on Friday, April 12, 6:00-9:00 p.m., at Federated Fellowship. We will provide a fun evening with games and snacks for your little ones (ages 6 weeks to 12 years) while you enjoy some alone time. Cost will be \$15 per child (\$10 per child after your first three kids!). E-mail mopsopfella@gmail.com by Monday, April 8, to sign up!

Hear about what God has been doing at Iowa State University through **Areopagus** and director Tyler Helfers, as well as our vision for the future of the ministry. Our Spring **Banquet** will be held on Friday, April 26, 6:00 p.m., at Oskaloosa First CRC. A BBQ meal prepared by Pastor Jon Spronk and the Areopagus board will precede the program, and there will be an opportunity to partner financially with us in the ongoing work of the ministry. Please RSVP by April 24 at www.isu-areopagus.org/rsvp, contact Tyler Helfers at director@isu-areopagus.org, or call First CRC at 641-673-4272.

TULIP TIME OUTREACH: With thousands of visitors at Tulip Time, we have the opportunity to share the gospel message and glory of God with many. Training will be provided each morning and the opportunity to learn from others as we pair up and go out. For more information visit www.TulipTimeOutreach.com or contact Jon Neifert (TulipTimeOutreach@gmail.com; 641-780-4839).

Ruth Harbor’s Annual Walk for Life will be held on Saturday, May 11, 9:30 a.m., at the Carlisle City Park (805 N. 1st St., Carlisle, IA). Additional information is posted on the basement bulletin board. You may register at www.RuthHarbor.org or call 515-279-4661 for more information.

SAVE THE DATE: The **Heartland Gospel Hymn Sing** will be held on Saturday, June 15, 2019, 6:00 p.m., at Pella First Reformed Church. Join us for a time of singing the faithful hymns of the church.

The annual appeal for **The Banner**, the monthly magazine of the Christian Reformed Church, is coming to your mailbox this month. Although *The Banner* is delivered free of charge to every household in the CRC in print and online, our annual donation appeal makes this possible. To keep the conversation going, look for the annual appeal in your mailbox or give online now at www.thebanner.org/donate.