

April 14, 2019

Welcome to the Peoria Christian Reformed Church. The Palm Sunday crowds shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" (Matthew 21:9) May we also bring our praise and worship to God today.

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
Greeter	Carol Fynaardt & Dona Fynaardt Lawrence & Helen Roose	Gary & Carol Jochems Leon & Sherry Veldhuizen
Missionary Correspondents	Gifford (giffmex@gmail.com) - Wynne Veenstra; Huyser - Leon Veldhuizen; Le Mahieu - Randall Vos; Vander Wal - Jim Warden	
Morning Prayer Team	Norman De Jong Mark Franje	Sandy Fynaardt Sandy Vander Hart
Nursery	a.m. Nicki Veenstra, Caitlin Veenstra p.m. Leah Bruvvoort, Alyson De Bruin	a.m. Krystal Lefevre, Dan De Bruin p.m. Kim Van De Kieft, Sydney Bruvvoort
Nursery Good Friday	Adrienne Vander Molen, Kora Kruid	
Offering	a.m. Christian Education Fund p.m. 818 Forward With Faith	a.m. Resonate Global Mission p.m. Trinity Christian College
Offering Good Friday	The Bible League	

TODAY

Today in the Den Oudsten home we celebrate not only Palm Sunday but also the gift and blessing of **Marcia Van Ee's** 70th birthday! We praise and thank God for the woman God is continually molding her into as our Mom and Oma. This morning come and enjoy cookies with coffee or juice and be sure to wish her "Happy Birthday!"

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)

CALENDAR

Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Bible Searchers
Wednesday 7:00 p.m. GEMS

NEXT WEEK

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

The **Easter morning prelude** will begin at 9:20 a.m.

Pastor George will continue a series on prayer that will bring us through Easter, "**Praying with Jesus.**" In the morning he will preach on John 14:1-14.

Church School classes will not meet on Easter Sunday.

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 35.**

CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Highlights of the April Council meeting and other newsletters are available in your **church mailbox** today.

The movie "**Unplanned**" will be showing in Oskaloosa through April 18. 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.

At our **Good Friday** worship on April 19 at 7:00 p.m., we will meditate on "Listening at the Foot of the Cross: A Service on the Seven Last Words of Christ". We also plan to celebrate the sacrament of the **Lord's Supper**. This week let us evaluate our love for God and one another. Let us remember to pray for the Holy Spirit to show us our sin and then trust that our sins are forgiven because of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. Then, when we come to take of the Lord's Supper, it will be a celebration of our forgiveness and God's love in our lives.

ADVANCE NOTICE: Reserve Sunday, June 2, for a celebration of **Peoria Church's 125th anniversary**. Three pastors who served this congregation 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!

CHURCH FAMILY

We extend our sympathy to:

- **Joel & Lynda Veenstra** and family in the loss of Lyn's mother Viola Engbers
- **Judy Vos** in the loss of her brother-in-law Adrian Uitermarkt

May God provide His comfort through the gospel hope we have in Jesus Christ.

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.

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 \$20 for students, \$25 for adults, and \$75 for families. 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. Nominees are:

- District I: Michelle Brouwer (Faith CRC) and Chad Vink (Covenant Reformed)
- District IV: Mike Boender (incumbant, Osky I CRC) and Matt Groenendyk (Cedar CRC)

Immediately following the society meeting will be short meeting of the PCHS Endowment/Foundation Corporation Society.

Pella Christian High School is seeking an upper level Spanish 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!

All grandparents of **PCHS** students are cordially invited to our annual **Grandparent’s Day** to be held on Tuesday, April 23. The day will begin at 8:45 a.m in the auditorium for chapel. Then grandparents will have opportunity to attend classes with your grandchildren, enjoy performances in the auditorium, see displays of student work, and eat a delicious lunch. Ample parking will be available, along with handicapped parking on the west side of the building. No reservations needed.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Central College Students for Life are hosting a **Stand Up for Life Pro-Life Conference** on Saturday, April 27, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., in the upstairs level of the Central College Chapel. Three speakers will be featured: Caitlyn Dixson, executive director of Iowa Right to Life; Martin Cannon, attorney who represented Iowa in the Heartbeat Bill lawsuit; and Tim Overlin from Personhood Iowa. We will also be raising funds for both Pathways of Pella and The Growing Place through raffle baskets. Please join us to encourage boldly courageous students, great speakers, and support pro-life ministries!

Hear about what God has been doing at Iowa State University through **Areopagus** and director Tyler Helpers, as well as our vision for the future of the ministry. Our Spring **Banquet** will be held on Saturday, April 27, 5:00 p.m., at Oskaloosa First CRC (*note change of date/time due to an unforeseen conflict*). 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 Helpers at director@isu-areopagus.org, or call First CRC at 641-673-4272.

Freedom House is showing the movie **Gridshock**, a documentary about sex trafficking in Iowa. Please join us for the movie on Thursday, May 9, 7:00 p.m., at Pella Federated Fellowship Church. A freewill offering will be received to provide items needed for the home.

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.

Spring cleaning? If you have items you would like to donate for a **garage sale for Cary Christian Center**, please save them. The garage sale will be held on May 18. Please price your items and drop them off at Faith CRC after 2:00 on May 17.

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.

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION TIP: Without experiencing the darkness of Good Friday, we can't fully appreciate the joy of Easter. Let kids know that it's appropriate to be sad this week as we remember Jesus' suffering and sacrifice, but remind them that death does not have the last word in God's salvation story! (Faith Formation Ministries; www.crcna.org/FaithFormation)