

September 8, 2019

**Welcome to the Peoria Christian Reformed Church.** We are glad you have joined us for worship today. "O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise because of your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger." Psalm 8:1-2 (NIV)

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
Greeters	Glen & Sandy Fynaardt Jayme Veenstra family	Grant & Amber Fynaardt Dennis & Donna Van Wyk
Missionary Correspondents	Gifford - Tim Franje; Huyser - Adam Fynaardt; Le Mahieu - Stacie Fynaardt; Vander Wal - Dale Fynaardt	
Morning Prayer Team	Tim Franje Frank Reitsma	Sandy Fynaardt Sandy Vander Hart
Nursery	<b>a.m.</b> Krystal Lefevre, Marleigh De Boer <b>p.m.</b> Carm Reitsma, Dan De Bruin	<b>a.m.</b> Kim Van De Kieft, Caitlin Veenstra <b>p.m.</b> Sandy Vander Hart, Kora Kruid
Offering	<b>a.m.</b> Gideons <b>p.m.</b> Voice of the Martyrs	<b>a.m.</b> Christian Education Fund <b>p.m.</b> Mid-America Reformed Seminary

TODAY

This morning we have the privilege to witness the baptism of **Chloe Elizabeth Fynaardt**, daughter of Spencer and Maria Fynaardt. May God continue to protect and guide you all your lives for the honor of His name.

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: Dave & Blanca Gifford (Seminary teacher salary, Ciudad Juarez, Mexico)

CALENDAR

- Monday 2:00 p.m. Weighted Comfort for Kids Sewing Day (snack/supper provided)
- Wednesday 1:30 p.m. Queen Esther Circle, Session 5, *The Rabbi* (p. 117)
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Group Kick-Off at Spencer/Maria Fynaardt home
- 7:00 p.m. Cadets Game Night
- 7:00 p.m. GEMS
- Friday 4:00 p.m. Father-Son Camp-Out (meet at Peoria Gym)

NEXT WEEK

In the morning Pastor George will preach on **Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**.

Following the morning worship service, Paul Abbott will speak about what The Way, The Truth, The Life **(WTL) Ministries** is doing in the Peoria neighborhood through the Restart House. Please plan to join us!

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 48**.

## CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**Family visits** scheduled for this week follow. All calls will begin at 7:00 p.m. and last approximately one hour.

- Sep 9, L. Roose & Vander Molen: Ben Lefevre
- Sep 10, Pastor & Warden: Ken De Jong, Gretta Veenstra
- Sep 11, Bouwkamp & Warden: Marcia Wouterse, Lois Klyn
- Sep 12, Bouwkamp & L. Roose: Joh Klyn, Barb & Rachel Jochems

Thank you for taking time to reflect on the theme *Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23)*. *What fruit has the Holy Spirit been producing in your life? What kind of fruit would The Fruit Inspector find in your life? What fruit do you wish for in greater abundance?*

Please join us for refreshments, fellowship, and a **baby shower** for Chloe Elizabeth, daughter of Spencer and Maria Fynaardt, after the evening worship service on September 22. (Because the Fellowship Committee displays gifts received, unwrapped gifts are preferred.)

### ANNUAL REMINDERS:

- Do you enjoy the **photos** that are posted on the church web site or used in the end-of-year video? If so, and you have a digital camera, please snap some photos occasionally at church activities in which you are involved and send them to Deb Bruxvoort ([rdb Bruxvoort@bruxvoortag.com](mailto:rdb Bruxvoort@bruxvoortag.com)). Thank you for your help with this!
- **PRIVACY NOTICE**: Photos of church activities are occasionally posted on the church web site, on the home page or under various group photo galleries. Perhaps it is your desire to not be included in web site displays of group photos and/or photos of you or your family (with or without names attached). If so, please contact Deb Bruxvoort (637-2324) with your preferences.
- Each week, the **church website calendar** is e-mailed to all with e-mail addresses. If you have mistakenly “unsubscribed” from this service and would like to continue receiving these weekly reminders, or if you would like to be added to this list, please contact Kathy Franje.
- All **prayer requests** are shared through the church website. If you do not have Internet access and wish to receive an e-mail when prayer requests are posted; or if you don’t have computer access and wish to receive a phone call; or if you are willing to help make phone calls to pass along prayer requests, please contact Helen De Jong and the proper arrangements will be made.

### CHURCH FAMILY

“We want to express our sincere thanks to everyone who offered kindness, support, and words of comfort in our time of sadness at the passing of Ken, our dear husband, father, and grandfather. Your generous acts of sympathy and giving are deeply appreciated. *‘May the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge, reward you fully for what you have done.’ (Ruth 2:12)*” ~ **Marge Fynaardt and family**

“Thank you for all your expressions of sympathy in the loss of our brother Dave. They were much appreciated. *‘Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.’*” ~ **Frank and Carm Reitsma**

### REMEMBERING 125 YEARS AGO

**6 August 1894 – Consistory Meeting**: The Consistory was informed that the church building will be only 14 feet high. Expectations had been for it to be 15 feet. A proposal was made to increase the height by 2 feet at an approximate cost of \$70. This proposal was very strongly opposed on the grounds that such a change would affect the entire specifications given in the plan, and there would consequently be no guarantee as to the cost.

Two members of the congregation appeared at this Consistory meeting, urging that at this stage of the building process, the change could be made. One member commented that the parsonage was to be 16 feet high, thus two feet higher than the church building.

It was decided that the carpenter who was in charge of accepting the bid must explain what the cost would be if a change was made. If he could not provide this estimate, then no change was to be made. However, if a set cost was given and the contract remained unchanged, then the height of the church was to be increased to 16 feet. The Clerk of the Consistory was mandated to write an evidence of the change order which was to be signed by the contractor.

### SCHOOL NOTES

**PELLA CHRISTIAN HIGH ALUMNI FOOTBALL NIGHT:** You are invited to attend the PCHS home football game against Regina of Iowa City on Friday, September 13, at 7:00 p.m. You will receive some freebies at the gate, including a complimentary concessions food coupon.

**COLLEGE PLANNING NIGHT:** On Monday, September 16, parents of juniors and seniors at Pella Christian High School are invited to a presentation and question/answer session about navigating the college admission and financial aid process. This information will be especially valuable for parents who have had no experience with the process previously. We will meet in the school library at 7:00 p.m.

**Peoria Christian School** is selling **sub sandwiches** (ham & Pella bologna or ham & turkey, both with Swiss and American cheese on a hoagie bun). Cost is \$3 per sandwich or 13 sandwiches for \$36. We are also selling **Butter Braid pastries and cookie dough**, with online ordering available at <https://store.myfundraisingplace.com/4ba638ac-dbd5-4d15-ac80-16a1f97e74fe> (choose a student to submit order). Orders are due by Wednesday, September 11, and payment **MUST** be collected when orders are placed. For questions or to place your order, please contact any Peoria student, the school office (625-4131; [office@peoriachr.org](mailto:office@peoriachr.org)), or submit order forms available on the church basement table. Orders should be picked up at the school on September 25 after 4:00 p.m.

### REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are about to embark on the 50th season of the **Gospel Singers Male Chorus**. Our theme this year goes along with our legacy, Find Us Faithful. We invite all men who have a desire to sing God's praises to join us on Saturday, September 14, 7:00 p.m., at Oskaloosa First CRC for a great selection of songs centered around our theme. Members present and past are asked to find a friend and invite him to the first rehearsal. For more information, call director Gary Verhoef (628-9593).

Many times the role of the Hospice of Pella Comfort House and home hospice volunteers is behind the scenes. Whether it's reading to a patient, weeding the garden, or running errands for a home hospice patient, the volunteers are an important part of the team. **Hospice of Pella** will offer a **6-week training class** on Thursday evenings September 24 through October 29, 6:30-9:00 p.m, at the Comfort House meeting room. Each class will give participants the opportunity to learn more about the hospice program and philosophy, as well as explore their own feelings about life and death. The class is taught by experienced hospice staff members and experts in other disciplines. For more information or to sign up, please call Hospice of Pella (620-5050).

Sponsored by Crossroads of Pella, a free **"Welcome to Medicare" seminar** will be held on Tuesday, September 25, 5:30 p.m., at Pella Second Reformed Church Gathering Space. Registration is required by September 16, 2019 (628-1212). Additional information is posted on the basement bulletin board.

The **Pella Community Food Shelf** is seeking a few generous folks to add to our team! Your time commitment may be two hours a month, once a month, or even every other month . . . or more if you like! We have ways to serve that can fit anyone's schedule, age, and gifts:

- Wal-mart Pick-Up: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 1:00-3:00 p.m. Must be able to lift 50 lbs or more. Best to have a partner.
- Hy-Vee Pick-Up: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 8:00-9:00 a.m.
- Setting up for Tuesday mornings: Stocking non-perishables and other items. Perfect for families, youth groups, or small groups as many activities may be done on a flexible schedule from Wednesday to Monday each week.
- Helping at the Shelf with Clients: Sacking food, registration, or some other tasks on Tuesday mornings (7:45-9:30 a.m.) or evenings (6:15-8:45 p.m.). If you like people, this is the spot for you!
- Sorting Incoming Donations: Another great activity for families, youth groups or small groups. May be done any time!

If you are interested, please contact us at [volunteercoord@pellacomunityfoodshelf.org](mailto:volunteercoord@pellacomunityfoodshelf.org) or 780-1779.

**PAUL'S MISSIONARY JOURNEYS IN GREECE** (April 2-14, 2020): Travel by motor coach (8 days) and cruise ship (3 days) to sites connected with Paul's 2nd and 3rd missionary journeys, as well as visit other major sites of biblical, archaeological, and cultural interest. Jeff Weima, Professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading Pauline scholar, hosts this inspirational tour. For more information, visit [www.jeffreyweima.com](http://www.jeffreyweima.com) or contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or [weimje@calvinseminary.edu](mailto:weimje@calvinseminary.edu).

**FAMILY FAITH FORMATION TIP:** It's Grandparents' Day today! Invite the Christian grandparents in your life (both official and honorary) to share stories of how God has worked in their lives. Making space for these stories honors the elders in your family and encourages younger family members in their walk with Jesus. (Faith Formation Ministries; [www.crcna.org/FaithFormation](http://www.crcna.org/FaithFormation))



**O GOD BEYOND ALL PRAISING**

*(Morning Prelude)*

O God beyond all praising,  
 we worship you today  
 and sing the love amazing  
 that songs cannot repay;  
 for we can only wonder  
 at every gift you send,  
 at blessings without number  
 and mercies without end:  
 we lift our hearts before you  
 and wait upon your word,  
 we honour and adore you,  
 our great and mighty Lord.

The flower of earthly splendor  
 in time must surely die,  
 Its fragile bloom surrender  
 to you, the Lord most high;  
 But hidden from all nature  
 the eternal seed is sown

Though small in mortal stature,  
 to heaven's garden grown:  
 For Christ the man from heaven  
 from death has set us free,  
 And we through him are given  
 the final victory.

Then hear, O gracious Saviour,  
 accept the love we bring,  
 that we who know your favour  
 may serve you as our king;  
 and whether our tomorrows  
 be filled with good or ill,  
 we'll triumph through our sorrows  
 and rise to bless you still:  
 to marvel at your beauty  
 and glory in your ways,  
 and make a joyful duty  
 our sacrifice of praise.

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