

March 8, 2020

**Welcome to the Peoria Christian Reformed Church.** We are glad you have joined us for worship today. "I will give thanks to the LORD because of his righteousness and will sing praise to the name of the LORD Most High." Psalm 7:17 (NIV)

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
Greeters	Grant & Amber Fynaardt Leon & Sherry Veldhuizen	Russ & Myrna Fynaardt Bernie & Nella Veenstra
Missionary Correspondents	Gifford - Marcia Wouterse; Huyser - Carolyn Bandstra; Le Mahieu - Ben Bouwkamp; Vander Wal - Le Ann Bouwkamp	
Morning Prayer Team	Sandy Fynaardt Carm Reitsma	Mark Franje Glen Fynaardt
Nursery	<b>a.m.</b> Rachel Jochems, Madi Veenstra <b>p.m.</b> Stacie Fynaardt, Jocelyn Veenstra	<b>a.m.</b> Kelli Kruid, Marleigh De Boer <b>p.m.</b> Krystal Lefevre, Alyson De Bruin
Offering	<b>a.m.</b> Resonate Global Mission <b>p.m.</b> Mission Uganda	<b>a.m.</b> Christian Education Fund <b>p.m.</b> Appalachia Reach Out

### 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 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

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Prayer Day Service at Cedar CRC

Thursday 7:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study, Hebrews 7:11

### NEXT WEEK

In the morning, Pastor George will preach on **Matthew 18:21-35**.

In the evening, we will continue a series "Hiding in Plain Sight" through the book of Esther, looking at **Esther 3**.

### CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

The **minutes of Classis Central Plains meetings** held in February may be found on our church's website under *Resources ~ Classis & Denomination Materials*.

During **Lent**, we are using readings and prayers in the services to explore and deepen a "baptismal spirituality" that centers on our union with Christ, seeking to deepen our piety, devotion, and readiness to mark the death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Our offering this evening is for **Mission Uganda**. Ron (Nuper) Nunnikhoven, the local coordinator for this ministry, partners with the Golden Heart Foundation in the Mukono District of Uganda. Their goal is to provide humanitarian aid, ranging from school uniforms to porridge to geometry sets, in order to open the door to share the gospel of Christ with the children who receive these gifts. For more information, visit [www.mission2uganda.org](http://www.mission2uganda.org).

**PRAYER DAY SERVICE:** Please join the congregations of Cedar, Leighton, Peoria, and Tracy Christian Reformed Churches at Cedar CRC on Wednesday, March 11, 7:00 p.m., for an evening of prayer for the needs of our families, churches, communities, and our world.

The **Youth Group will collect pop cans/bottles for a fundraiser** on Wednesday, March 25. If you would like pick-up service, please sign up on the east basement table or contact Spencer & Maria Fynaardt. Or you may place your donations in a trailer available near the youth building. Thank you for your support!

### CHURCH FAMILY

Recent test results for **Sydney Van De Kieft** indicate her BNP levels are elevated, which means that she could be in rejection, or the test results were a fluke (which has happened before), or she is fighting an infection. All of her other blood results were perfect. Please pray for good health for Sydney's heart and for peace for her parents and family.

### SCHOOL NOTES

**Peoria Christian School** is again making **Dutch Letters**. Orders will be accepted through March 15 and may be placed in the container on the church basement table or brought to the school. Each letter is \$4.25, or 6/\$25, or 12/\$48. Letters will be made on Saturday, March 21, and must be picked up that day at the school or at Chris and Lisa Ver Meer's home in Pella. Any questions may be directed to Michelle De Haan or Nella Veenstra.

**Pella Christian High School** invites all parents of 8th graders to the annual **Parent Preview Night** to be held Tuesday, March 10, at 7:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Information about high school (academics, extra-curriculars, costs, financial aid, etc.) will be shared. Refreshments and a time of fellowship and tours of the building will follow the meeting. Anyone who knows of a family considering PCHS (for any high school aged student) is encouraged to personally invite them to this meeting.

**Pella Christian High School** will conclude their successful theatre season this spring with one of Oscar Wilde's most popular comedies, ***The Importance of Being Earnest***. The Victorian farce is set in 1894 and deals with the adventures of two care-free gentlemen both posing as 'Ernest' to win the girl of their heart. Under the direction of Marlo Van Peurse, *The Importance of Being Earnest* will be presented March 27-28, with reserved tickets available for purchase on-line beginning March 9.

The **Peoria Christian School PreK/Kindergarten Roundup** will be held on Wednesday, March 11. If you have any questions or are interested in sending your child to Peoria Christian School, please contact the office ([office@peoriachr.org](mailto:office@peoriachr.org); 641-625-4131) no later than Tuesday, March 10, to sign up for this event.

**Peoria Christian School** is seeking a part-time **Spanish teacher** and a part-time **Resource teacher** for the 2020-2021 school year. If you are interested or know someone who is, please contact Jeremy Copenhaver ([principal@peoriachr.org](mailto:principal@peoriachr.org)). Please remember these needs in prayer.

**SONshine Preschool**, an interdenominational Christian Preschool housed in Oskaloosa Christian School, is seeking applications for a teacher position for the 2020-2021 school year. Please visit [www.sonshinepreschool.org/home/employment-opportunities](http://www.sonshinepreschool.org/home/employment-opportunities) for more information. E-mail [directorsonshineps@gmail.com](mailto:directorsonshineps@gmail.com) with further questions.

## REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Men and women alike are invited to the **Bible League Spring Salad Luncheon** to be held on Monday, March 23, 11:45 a.m., in the Trinity Reformed Church Connection Center (enter on the south; an elevator to the basement is available in the SW corner). A mini-concert will be given by a local young singing group, *Molta Voce*. The speaker will be Brian McLemore, who oversees the development of easy-to-read Bibles into the world's most needed languages for Bible League International. A freewill offering will be received for the Bible League.

**Dad's Belgium Waffles** is coming to Pella Faith CRC on March 25, 5:00-7:00 p.m. A freewill offering will be received, with proceeds benefitting the Faith GEMS program.

The 2020 **Hawkeye Council Cadet-O-Rama** will be held on Saturday, March 28, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., at Vermeer Pavilion. Come to enjoy a display of Cadet projects, pinewood derby car races, carnival games, mini-golf tournament, delicious food, prizes and awards. This is a fun family event and gives the opportunity to support your Cadets, your Club, and the Hawkeye Cadet Council. Additional information is posted on the basement bulletin board.

The 47-voice **Rehoboth Christian High School Choir** from northwest New Mexico invites you to a time of worship entitled "My Song Forever" on Saturday, March 28, 7:00 p.m., at Pella Calvary CRC. Songs will range from lament that explores personal and global suffering to a celebration that places confidence in a God of love. A freewill offering will be received, with proceeds going toward Rehoboth's ambitious goal of replacing six school buses in the next school year. For more information about this concert, contact Rehoboth Christian School (505-863-4412).

The 59th annual **Iowa Prayer Breakfast** will be held on Wednesday, April 8, 7:15-8:45 a.m., at the Veterans Memorial Community Choice Credit Union Convention Center. Senator Ken Rozenboom invites you to join him and the Governor at this event. This year's breakfast will feature dynamic pastor and speaker Dr. Jim Garlow. Dr. Garlow is passionate about bringing Biblical principles to governance and has been cited as an influential evangelical leader. His ministry, Well Versed, has ministered to many lawmakers, ambassadors, and government officials. For more information, contact Ken at [ken.rozenboom@legis.iowa.gov](mailto:ken.rozenboom@legis.iowa.gov).

**LENT AT-HOME FAITH FORMATION TIP:** Many Christians practice giving something up for Lent in order to make more space for God. If you have kids in your household, think together about how you might make more space for God this week. For example, you might take a technology break each day and spend the time reading about Jesus' life and ministry in *The Jesus Storybook Bible* or *Growing in God's Love: A Story Bible* and talking about the stories together. (Faith Formation Ministries; [www.crcna.org/FaithFormation](http://www.crcna.org/FaithFormation))