

August 9, 2020

**Welcome to the Peoria Christian Reformed Church.** We are thankful for another opportunity to worship together. "Praise the LORD, all you nations; extol him, all you peoples. For great is his love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD." Psalm 117:1-2 (NIV)

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
Greeters	Adam Fynaardt family Doug & Barb Vande Voort	Tim & Kathy Franje Bret Fynaardt family
Missionary Correspondents	Gifford - Jon Klyn; Huyser - Lois Klyn; Le Mahieu - Kelli Kruid; Vander Wal - Krystal Lefevre	
Morning Prayer Team	Kathy Franje Sandy Vander Hart	Glen Fynaardt Frank Reitsma
Offering	<b>a.m.</b> Hope Ministries <b>p.m.</b> Wycliffe Bible Translators	<b>a.m.</b> Focus on the Family Option Ultrasound <b>p.m.</b> Christian Education Fund

TODAY

Please join us as we **fellowship** outdoors over a cup of coffee or lemonade after the morning worship service (weather permitting).

CALENDAR

Tuesday 6:30 p.m. Church League Softball in Sully

NEXT WEEK

In the morning in our "Songs and Prayers for the Journey" series, Pastor George will preach on **Psalm 32**, "Silence unto Death.

In the evening, Pastor George will continue our series through Paul's letter to the Romans, looking at **Romans 5:1-11**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The August Council Highlights and various newsletters are available in your **church mailbox** today. Take special note of an article written by Calvin Bandstra about Kent Henne in the *Breaking Barriers* newsletter.

**Doug and Benita Le Mahieu** are not able to be with us today as planned. They hope to reschedule a visit for later this Fall.

You are encouraged to complete a **nomination form for deacons and elders** (available in your church mailbox) prior to our annual congregational meeting. Extra forms may be found in the bulletin racks in each entry.

Due to COVID-19 and recommendations from the Education/Protocol Committee, **Church School** classes will begin three weeks later on September 13.

**Bible Searchers** will begin a new season of Bible study in September (D.V.). We meet the first and third Tuesdays of each month. This year, we plan to study the book of Ruth using *Ruth, Relationships that Bring Life*. We welcome anyone that would like to join us! Please contact Sue Van Ee (780-6620) by next Sunday, August 16, if you would like to have a book. The order will be placed Monday, August 17.

## FROM THE DEACONS

**Hope Ministries** of Des Moines is offering a Matching Challenge donation program through August 15, in which donations received will be doubled by a matching gift. Our morning offering today is for this urban ministry that provides meals, safe shelter, and clothing for those in need of assistance. Please not only consider supporting this ministry financially, but also pray that the gift of material needs will sow the seeds of more permanent spiritual blessings as well.

Our offering this evening is for **Wycliffe Bible Translators**. This organization has received notice that a matching gift of up to \$15,000 will be given on all donations received before August 31. Wycliffe provides the framework for our missionaries Doug & Benita Le Mahieu and Jon & Trista Vander Wal to spread the Good News, and we ask that you consider giving to this ministry to help ensure its viability in these times that are becoming more difficult for charitable organizations.

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought an issue back to the forefront of our culture – the value of every life. However, in the midst of all our efforts to save lives over the past several months, Planned Parenthood and others are still intent on taking lives. You can do something about it. You can save a baby from abortion! Our offering next Sunday morning will help save the lives preborn babies through **Focus on the Family's Option Ultrasound™** program. And your gift will be doubled through a generous \$700,000 matching opportunity. The Option Ultrasound program equips pregnancy medical clinics with ultrasound machines, nurses' sonography training, and other resources to help moms see the child growing inside of them and hear their tiny heartbeat. For more information visit <https://www.focusonthefamily.com>.

## CHURCH FAMILY

On August 25, **Tress Deur** will celebrate her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Her family invites you to help commemorate God's goodness and faithfulness in her life by sending a card or note to Tress Deur, 607 E. 3rd St., Apt. 216, Pella, IA 50219.

"Thank you for your cards, thoughts, and prayers following the death of my father, Dale Van Veldhuizen. *The Lord is my light and salvation. Psalm 27:1*" ~ **Sherry and Leon Veldhuizen**

## SCHOOL NOTES

Looking to help our students grow in Christ? This could be the opportunity for you!

**Peoria Christian School** is seeking a part-time Spanish 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)).

**Pella Christian Grade School** has an opening for a full-time **learning support teacher** for the 2020-2021 school year. The staff member in this role would work with classroom teachers to identify and meet the learning needs of individuals and small groups of students in reading or mathematics. The candidate for this position would need to hold or be able to acquire an Iowa Teaching License in Elementary Education. Candidates may download and complete the application packet found on the employment opportunities portion of the PCGS website.

## REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Come support **Forward With Faith** at our BBQ! Enjoy a pulled pork sandwich and chips, served curbside at our first home (812 Lincoln St., Pella) on Saturday, August 15, 2020, from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Freewill donations accepted.

The **2020 Bible League Retreat** planned for Thursday, September 17, has been canceled.

**Freedom House** is celebrating their 4th birthday by holding a **5K Run/Walk** on Saturday, October 31, at Federated Fellowship Church in Pella. Registration is 7:45-8:45 a.m., and the race begins at 9:00 a.m. Cost before September 15 is \$20 (students), \$25 (adults), \$70 (family – immediate/same household). Fees increase by \$5 September 16-October 16. After October 16, fees increase \$10. Sign up online at <https://runsignup.com/Race/IA/Pella/FreedomHouse5K>. T-shirts guaranteed if signed up by October 16.