

January 10, 2021

Welcome to the Peoria Christian Reformed Church. We are glad you have joined us for worship. "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	Elders	Jon Klyn family Keith & Sue Van Ee
Missionary Correspondents	Gifford - Susan Veenstra; Huyser - Jerry Veenstra; Le Mahieu - Nicki Veenstra; Vander Wal - Joel Veenstra	
Morning Prayer Team	Mark Franje Frank Reitsma	Carmen Reitsma Sandy Vander Hart
Nursery Attendants	a.m. Caitlin Veenstra, Jocelyn Veenstra p.m. Pam Vander Linden, Dan De Bruin	a.m. Nicki Veenstra, Kora Kruid p.m. Jessica Van Wyngarden, Lily Lefevre
Offering	a.m. Peoria Christian School General Fund Ecumenical Cupboard (Communion) p.m. Elim Christian Services	a.m. Bethany Christian Services (Iowa) p.m. Pathways of Pella

TODAY

Today we celebrate the **Lord's Supper**. We welcome to this communion all who have publicly professed their faith in Jesus Christ and who are members in good standing in a Christian church. Others are asked to refrain from partaking (1 Corinthians 11:27-29). When the elements are passed, please wait so that we can all partake at the same time.

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 11:45. Preschool class meets in the church basement; classes for grades K-8 meet in the school; high school class meets in the youth building. Visitors are welcome! Offering: Doug & Benita Le Mahieu, Papua New Guinea (transportation expense for Bau storybook Bible dedication)

Vespers communion will be provided at 5:30 p.m. in the Council room for those who are not able to participate in the morning celebration.

CALENDAR

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Cadets
7:00 p.m. GEMS
7:00 p.m. Youth Group, Snack ~ Ethan
Thursday 7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study, Hebrews 10:26

NEXT WEEK

In the morning, on Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, Pastor George will preach on **Psalm 72**, "Pushing Back Against Death".

In the evening, Pastor George will continue our series through Paul's letter to the Romans, looking at **Romans 12:3-8**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The January Council highlights and various newsletters are available in your **church mailbox** today.

Women who volunteered to be a **GEMS Secret Sister**, please be sure to check your church mailbox today. The name of your GEMS girl is in your box along with a brief description of what to do. Please contact Richarla Den Oudsten or any other GEMS Counselor with questions. Thank you!

Please make additions or deletions to the **nursery attendant** sign-up sheet on the basement table by January 17. Nursery attendants must be in the 5th grade or older.

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

- ▶ Jan 11, Van Wyk & Veenstra: Andrew Vander Hart, Marshall Fynaardt
- ▶ Jan 12, Pastor & Van Wyk: Larry Rozenboom, Jim Warden
- ▶ Jan 13, Reitsma & Veenstra: Doug Vande Voort, Carrol Bandstra
- ▶ Jan 13, L. Roose & Rozenboom: Jon Klyn, Barb/Rachel Jochems
- ▶ Jan 14, Reitsma & E. Roose: Bryce De Vries, Earl Van Gorp

Thank you for taking time to reflect on the theme *Living Sacrifice*. *Using Romans 12:1-8 as a reference, what does it mean to be a living sacrifice as you follow Jesus? What is meant by "renewing your mind"? What is God's will for our lives?*

Because the **Bible Searchers** are almost finished with studying Ruth, we have decided to study Esther for the remainder of this year, D.V. The book we will be using is *Wisdom for Today's Woman: Insights from Esther* by Poppy Smith. Next year, we will transition to *Ten Women of the Bible* by Max Lucado. If you would like to join us, please contact Sue Van Ee (641-780-6620) by January 17 so we order enough Esther study guides.

TODAY DEVOTIONALS: Many of you receive the *Today* daily devotional booklet at your home address, and a limited number of *Today* booklets are available in the bulletin racks for visitors (Jan/Feb issue is late because of holiday mailing delays). Back to God Ministries International states that it is more cost efficient to send devotional booklets directly to individuals rather than by bulk mailing to churches. Subscriptions are for two years (your expiration date is listed on the mailing label). If you no longer receive your copy in the mail and/or wish to renew your subscription, please call 1-800-626-3060 (also listed on the back cover of the booklet). If you have questions, please contact Kathy Franje.

CHURCH FAMILY

"Dear Congregation of Peoria CRC, Thank you so much for your generous Thanksgiving offering to New Life Prison Church! You are a blessing to us, and we appreciate your prayers and support. Blessings to each of you in 2021!" ~ **Pastor Rick & Rose Admiraal**

"Thank you for Christmas cards, goodies shared by the Bible Searchers, and the music of carolers. I love this time of year. *'Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!'* *Philippians 4:4*" ~ **Thressa Deur**

"Thank you to the Peoria congregation for your prayers and cards I received after the passing of my wife Mary. *'The Lord is close to the brokenhearted.'* *Psalm 34:18*" ~ **Sid Klyn**

"Thank you to the Bible Searchers for the care package, to the Home Builders for caroling, and to our church family for your many cards and letters received. We appreciate your care and concern for us." ~ **John & Betty Veenstra**

SCHOOL NOTES

The **Pella Christian High School** Board is grateful for the donations received for the **Annual Fall Drive** and thank all who supported this fundraising effort. Our goal was met due to God's faithful provision and the gracious giving of our constituency! This drive is instrumental in providing financial assistance to families so all parents who desire Christian education for their children can afford to do so.