

February 21, 2021

Welcome to the Peoria Christian Reformed Church. We are thankful for another opportunity to gather for worship, to hear God's Word, and to fellowship together.

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
Greeters	Glen & Sandy Fynaardt Jayme Veenstra family	Gary & Carol Jochems Leon & Sherry Veldhuizen
Missionary Correspondents	Gifford - Bret Fynaardt; Huyser - Carol Fynaardt; Le Mahieu - Davona Fynaardt; Vander Wal - Erin Fynaardt	
Morning Prayer Team	Norman De Jong Mark Franje	Tim Franje Glen Fynaardt
Nursery Attendants	a.m. Davona Fynaardt, Madi Veenstra p.m. Stacie Fynaardt, Alyson De Bruin	a.m. Erin Fynaardt, Marleigh De Boer p.m. Maria Fynaardt, Dan De Bruin
Offering	a.m. Christian Education Fund p.m. Pella Area Teams to Honduras (PATTH)	a.m. Geneva Campus Ministries p.m. Teen Challenge of the Midlands

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 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)

Home Builders will meet in the basement at 7:30 p.m. (Lesson 5)

CALENDAR

- Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Elders' Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Bible Searchers, Esther 2:19-3:15
- Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Cadets
- 7:00 p.m. GEMS
- Thursday 7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study, Hebrews 12:18

NEXT WEEK

In the morning, Pastor George will continue a Lent series focused on being "Owned by Christ" and the results of being owned. He will preach on **John 14:15-27**, "Filled."

Doug Boender, who represents **Love INC of Mahaska County**, will give a presentation following the morning worship service for all who wish to learn more about this ministry.

In the evening, Pastor George will continue our series through Paul's letter to the Romans, looking at **Romans 14:1-12**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Third quarter **Church School classes** will begin on February 28. Materials for teachers, helpers, and substitutes are available from your church mailbox or the west basement table. Please return materials from the current quarter to the same table.

NURSERY ATTENDANTS: As best as possible, please lead a devotion (*Follow Me* devotional provided), prayer, and song with the children in attendance. Please contact Amber Fynaardt or Stacie Fynaardt with questions. Thank you!

It is with thankful hearts for God's grace to us for good health for this congregation and for the loosening of some **COVID-19** restrictions as the result of Governor Reynolds' February 7 proclamation that the Peoria CRC Council makes the following changes:

- We will continue to use every other bench in the center section and the front/back west sections. The front/back east sections will now be open to full seating as needed.
- The offering plates will remain in the hallways.
- The basement water fountain will be available for use.

CHURCH FAMILY

"Thank you for the many expressions of sympathy, cards, and prayers as we traveled for our grandpa's funeral. We are so blessed by the love and support of our church family." ~ **Ben & Krystal Lefevre and family**

"Thank you for the prayers offered for Phil and his family during this time of trial in their lives. Thank you to our church family for cards and words of comfort expressed to us. We thank God for comfort found in the promises in His Word." ~ **Hank & Ruth Vande Voort**

SCHOOL NOTES

The **Pella Christian High** Music Department will hold their annual **Winter Concert** on Thursday, February 25, in the PCHS gymnasium. The choirs will perform at 6:30 p.m. followed by the band at 7:15. Unfortunately, the general public is not invited to attend. Only households with a band or choir student currently involved will be allowed, plus two additional guests per household of their choosing.

The **PCHS Junior Class** is selling soup and cookies as a **fundraiser**. Soup will be frozen in half gallons. Choose from Chili or Chicken Noodle (\$15 each) or Cheeseburger Chowder (\$20). Chocolate chip cookies are also available, 1 dozen for \$15, 2 dozen for \$25. Orders will be taken through Sunday, February 28, and will be ready for pick up on Saturday, March 6. To order, contact Rochelle McClellan (mccllelanr@pceagles.org or 515-205-8353).

Peoria Christian School is making **Dutch Letters** this spring! Orders are being accepted through March 7 and may be placed in the bucket in the church basement or brought to the school. Each letter is \$4.25, 6 for \$25, or 12 for \$48. Letters will be made on Saturday, March 13, and need to be picked up that day at the school or at Chris & Lisa Ver Meer's in Pella. Any questions can be directed to Michelle De Haan (641-660-7373) or Nella Veenstra (641-295-1586).

Pella Christian High School is actively looking for **board members**. Five seats need to be filled, and eight additional able and willing candidates are needed. We are obligated to put up two candidates for each seat, and this continues to be a challenge, so much so that last year we had a candidate run unopposed. While that is certainly not preferable, we will take the same path if we cannot find enough volunteers. Please prayerfully consider serving in this much needed capacity. Currently, we do have one board member who will run for a second term from District 2, and we have one candidate for District 4, leaving us needing eight additional candidates. At present, we need four candidates from District 1 (Faith, Calvary, Covenant, Pella II / Cornerstone, Connect); three candidates from District 2 (Peoria, Leighton, Tracy, Grace, Third); and one candidate from District 4 (Cedar, Bethel, Osky I). This election cycle we do not have any openings in District 3 (Newton, Prairie City, Sully) or our at-large seats. If you are interested and willing, please contact Troy Hugen (hugent@pceagles.org). In your e-mail, please include the district you occupy. Thank you!

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have unanswered questions about your will, you are not alone. Adam Lopez, a Christian attorney from **Barnabas Foundation**, will be meeting with Christian families in our area February 24-25. Adam will be happy to provide easy-to-understand will planning information. If you would like to meet with Adam, please contact Ann Zacek at Barnabas Foundation (888-448-3040 ext. 121) to schedule your complimentary conversation with Adam.

Have you been heard? Our congregation has a once-in-five-years opportunity to participate in the **2021 CRC denominational survey**. This survey helps denominational leadership understand the concerns and needs of local congregations like ours. It is crucial that as many people from our congregation as possible participate. Please visit www.crcna.org/survey/8170 to answer the survey questions by March 31.