

August 20, 2023

**Welcome to the Peoria Christian Reformed Church.** We are glad you have joined us for worship. “Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music; make music to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing, with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn – shout for joy before the LORD, the King.” Psalm 98:4-6 (NIV)

|                           | TODAY   | NEXT SUNDAY  |
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| Greeters                  | Grant Fynaardt family<br>Dennis & Donna Van Wyk   | Glen & Sandy Fynaardt<br>Earl & Marcia Van Gorp                                  |
| Missionary Correspondents | Gifford - Davona Fynaardt; Ippel - Amber Fynaardt;<br>Mark & JinHee - Glen Fynaardt; Vander Wal - Marshall Fynaardt |  |
| Morning Prayer Team       | Norman De Jong<br>Mark Franje   | Tim Franje<br>Mike Vander Hart   |
| Nursery Attendants        | <b>a.m.</b> Maria Fynaardt, Brady Van Wyngarden<br><b>p.m.</b> Kathy Franje, Quinten Veenstra                       | <b>a.m.</b> Nicole Vos, Taylor Klyn<br><b>p.m.</b> Carm Reitsma, Alyson De Bruin |
| Offering                  | <b>a.m.</b> Christian Education Fund<br><b>p.m.</b> Freedom House   | <b>a.m.</b> Child Evangelism Fellowship<br><b>p.m.</b> Joshua Christian Academy  |

TODAY

We welcome **Rev. Ralph Pontier** as he leads our morning worship service.

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: Luke Roose and Taylor Roose (SE Asia)

We welcome **Pastor Jamie Bogaard** as he leads our evening worship service.

CALENDAR

Monday 7:00 p.m. Elders' Meeting  
Tuesday 6:30 p.m. Church League Softball Tournament in Sully (Prime Country serving meals)  
Thursday TBD Church League Softball Tournament in Sully

NEXT WEEK

**Rev. Mark Vander Hart** will lead our morning and evening worship services.

An **Adult Church School Class** will begin next Sunday morning. Jeremy Copenhaver will lead a study beginning with Genesis 1.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Parents of high school catechism class students**, please join your son/daughter in the Youth Building for the first ten minutes of our first meeting TODAY.

Parents and/or students, please inform Kathy Franje by August 27 of addresses (please include e-mail address) for your **college students** or **young adults** living away from home so a new **address list** can be made.

Next week is the last week to submit **deacon and elder nominations**. Comments given with the nomination forms are very helpful when the Council selects the nominees for the congregational vote. The Council does not add any names beyond those presented by the congregation. Please take this opportunity to think about the needs of the church and to submit names of individuals who you believe can serve the church in this capacity. Extra forms are available in the bulletin racks. Place your nominations in a box in the entryway by next Sunday, August 29. Thank you.

**Family visits** scheduled for this week follow. All calls will last approximately one hour.

- Aug 20, 2:00 p.m., Franje & Warden: Isaac Vander Hart, Calvin Bandstra

Thank you for taking time to reflect on the theme *All God's Benefits*. *Using Psalm 103 as a reference, please meditate on the following:*

- *What are some of the benefits mentioned in this passage?*
- *What comfort(s) do I enjoy that are mentioned throughout this passage?*
- *What other benefits do I receive from God?*
- *What am I most grateful for as a blessing in my life?*

### CHURCH FAMILY

We extend our sympathy to:

- **Nancine Bruxvoort** in the death of her brother-in-law Bob Van Houwelingen; and
- family and friends of **Joyce Star**, who was taken to her heavenly home on Monday, August 14.

May God provide His comfort and peace through the gospel hope we have in Jesus Christ.

“Thank you for remembering me on my 96<sup>th</sup> birthday. I so appreciate my Peoria church family.” ~ **Ruth Vander Hart**

### SCHOOL NOTES

Join **Peoria Christian School at Culvers** in Pella on Tuesday, August 29, 5:00-8:00 p.m., for a fundraising and tip night. Our 7th/8th grade students will be running orders and serving customers. Skip cooking supper and join us for a fun evening of fellowship!

Parents, grandparents, and friends are invited to join **Pella Christian High School** students and staff in kicking off the new school year at **chapel** on Thursday, August 24, at 8:20 a.m. in the Vermeer Auditorium. We will be digging into this year's PC theme of Rooted in God's Story | Arraigado en la Historia de Dios as we spend time in worship and hear from Mr. Herdegen.

**Sully Christian School** is seeking a School Administration Manager for the 2023-2024 or 2024-2025 school year. The School Administration Manager would work three days per week, with the primary function to assist the head teacher with non-instructional administrative duties of the school. Please visit <https://sullychristian.org/contact-us/employment-opportunities/> for more information or to submit an application.

### REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Over the years you have been part of the Bible League family, providing the life-transforming Word of God to people around the world. You are invited to join us for **Bible League International's 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner Celebration** on Thursday, September 14, 6:00 p.m., at the Central College Graham Conference Center. Dinner is complimentary. There will be opportunities to partner with us. For more information and to register, email Deanna Van Swol ([dvanswol@bibleleague.org](mailto:dvanswol@bibleleague.org)). Kindly RSVP before Tuesday, August 29. Space is limited.

*The grass withers and the flowers fade, but the Word of our God stands forever.* (Isaiah 40:8 NLT) Join us on Thursday, September 14, at Pella Calvary CRC as we explore ways to grow a firm foundation and build the Kingdom of God throughout our life's journey. At the **Growing Inward - Reaching Outward conference**, you will hear from keynote speaker Carol Kent as she shares God's Word in multiple sessions and her family's story of growing an enduring faith when life sends its worst. Also, Christopher Thetswe joins us from South Africa to share testimony of God's work through the **Bible League** and how we reach outward to impact the world for Christ. An offering will be received to support the ministry of Bible engagement. Cost is \$40 for a single registration or \$70 for married couples. Register today at [www.bibleleague.org/tickets](http://www.bibleleague.org/tickets). (Deadline: September 11)

**Mid-America Reformed Seminary** is hosting its annual **2023 Center for Missions and Evangelism Conference** in Lansing, Illinois, on October 6-7. This year's conference promises to be an encouraging time to learn how to fulfill the Great Commission together. Visit [www.midamerica.edu/cme/conference](http://www.midamerica.edu/cme/conference) for details about the conference and speakers.

Rolling Fork, Mississippi, needs help reconstructing homes from tornado damage. **World Renew** has asked for help with **construction in Rolling Fork, Mississippi**, on October 7-14. If you would be interested in helping there, please contact Jean DeWaard ([jeandewaard@hotmail.com](mailto:jeandewaard@hotmail.com)) by August 23 for more information. World Renew is working with a church in Rolling Fork to have all the plans made and supplies available. Please prayerfully consider this volunteer opportunity.

When disaster strikes, **World Renew** offers both immediate assistance and long-term support. In the aftermath of destruction, food and shelter are essential. We connect participants with necessities and voucher programs to boost local economic activity and provide a sense of normalcy. Long-term, after assessing needs we create a plan with the community to help rebuild and to be stronger and healthier, in order to better withstand future disasters.

### WORLD RENEW PRAYER REQUESTS

**HAWAII WILDFIRES:** World Renew Disaster Response Services (DRS) requests prayers for those affected by wildfires on Maui, Hawaii. The fires were fueled by wind from Hurricane Dora, which passed south of the islands, and persistent dry conditions across the area. Pray for God's presence to be known among those who have lost homes and loved ones. Pray for those who are injured and for medical personnel on the islands. Please pray for safety for emergency crews and search and rescue teams. You can find out more about World Renew's work at [www.worldrenew.net](http://www.worldrenew.net).

**NORTHWEST TERRITORIES WILDFIRES:** Yellowknife, the capital of Canada's Northwest Territories (NWT), and residents of the First Nations communities of N'Dilo and Dettah were ordered by regional authorities to evacuate ahead of more than 230 wildfires spreading throughout the area. World Renew Disaster Response Services is currently monitoring the situation and response. Please pray for people who are affected by the fires: pray for residents' safety while evacuating; pray for those affected by smoke inhalation or with pre-existing conditions; pray for weary people trying to stay safe. More than half of the NWT population has been impacted by evacuations due to wildfires this season; pray for military personnel and emergency crews staying behind to build firebreaks and stop the fires; pray for wisdom and swift action among authorities and leaders in the worst fire season on record in Canada. To help World Renew respond to disasters like this, please go to [www.worldrenew.net](http://www.worldrenew.net) to support our Disaster Response programs.