

August 27, 2023

**Welcome to the Peoria Christian Reformed Church.** We are glad you have joined us for worship today. "I will declare your name to my brothers; in the congregation I will praise you." Psalm 22:22 (NIV)

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
Greeters	Glen & Sandy Fynaardt Earl & Marcia Van Gorp	Russ & Myrna Fynaardt Mark Van Wyngarden family
Missionary Correspondents	Gifford - Melissa Copenhaver; Ippel - Myrna Fynaardt; Mark & JinHee - Maria Fynaardt; Vander Wal - Rachel Jochems	
Morning Prayer Team	Tim Franje Mike Vander Hart	Kathy Franje Sandy Vander Hart
Nursery Attendants	<b>a.m.</b> Nicole Vos, Taylor Klyn <b>p.m.</b> Carm Reitsma, Alyson De Bruin	<b>a.m.</b> Paige Roos, Marleigh De Boer <b>p.m.</b> Sandy Vander Hart, Greta Vos
Offering	<b>a.m.</b> Child Evangelism Fellowship <b>p.m.</b> Joshua Christian Academy	<b>a.m.</b> Resonate Global Mission <b>p.m.</b> Christian Education Fund

TODAY

We welcome **Rev. Mark Vander Hart** as he leads our worship services 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 adult classes meet 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)

The **Adult Church School Class** led by Jeremy Copenhaver will begin with Genesis 1.

CALENDAR

Monday 7:00 p.m. Deacons' Meeting

NEXT WEEK

**Rev. Will Verhoef** will lead our morning worship, and **Alex Foley** will lead our evening worship service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parents and/or students, please inform Kathy Franje TODAY 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.

This is the final day to return the **deacon and elder nomination forms** to a box in the entryway. Please participate in this important process, as the Council very much appreciates the congregation's input in this task of choosing leadership for the Peoria CRC.

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

- Aug 27, 2:00 p.m., Veenstra & Warden: Harlan De Boer, Austin Roose
- Aug 28, 7:00 p.m., Veenstra & Warden: Dona Fynaardt & Marge Fynaardt, Russ Fynaardt
- Aug 28, 7:00 p.m., Franje & Vande Voort: Matt Vander Hart, Dennis Van Wyk
- Aug 29, 7:00 p.m., Vande Voort & Veenstra: Joel Veenstra, Grant Fynaardt
- Aug 30, 7:00 p.m., Fynaardt & Veenstra: Lawrence Roose, Leon Veldhuizen
- Aug 31, 7:00 p.m., Vande Voort & Warden: Mary Roose, Vera Franje

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?*

A new season of **Bible study on the life of Abraham** will begin on Thursday, September 7, 2:00 p.m., at the Pella Manor Social Room. We will begin at Genesis 21 and welcome anyone who would like to join us!

On Thursday, September 7, we are planning a fellowship opportunity for our church members to go to the **Iowa Flower Farm** near Maxwell (northeast of Bondurant). We will meet at church at 3:30, travel to the flower farm and spend about an hour there, and then stop in Newton to eat supper at Perkins. If you are interested, please contact Dennis Van Wyk (660-0740) for all the details.

The Building Committee plans to brighten the **church nursery** with a fresh coat of paint. The mural will become a hidden piece of history unless someone volunteers to replace it. Please contact Frank Reitsma if you would like to share your artistic talents.

#### **SEPTEMBER USHERS:**

East Door     a.m.: Terry Fopma, Adam Fynaardt, Andrew Veenstra  
                  p.m.: Daryl Bouwkamp, Leon Veldhuizen  
West Door    a.m.: Ethan Klyn; p.m.: Matt Vander Hart  
Elevator     a.m.: Wynne Veenstra; p.m.: Norman De Jong  
Substitute   a.m.: Spencer Fynaardt; p.m.: Tim Franje

#### 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!

All **Pella Christian High School alumni** are invited to join us Friday, September 22, at the PCHS home football game vs. Eddyville-Blakesburg-Fremont. Enjoy an evening of fellowship and supporting our PC football teams. The night will be sprinkled with fun events including prizes and free snacks. Stop by the alumni registration table (just south of the Eagle Boosters concessions) to join in the fun.

#### 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.

In the last two weeks, wildfires have forced more than 50,000 people from their homes in Kelowna, British Columbia; Yellowknife, Northwest Territories (NWT); and the First Nations communities of N'Dilo and Dettah. **World Renew Disaster Response Services (DRS)** is currently monitoring the situation and response. Please pray for people affected by wildfires in Canada this year: pray for safety for families evacuating danger zones; pray for those who have been injured. Pray too for military personnel and emergency crews; pray for wisdom and swift action among authorities and leaders. To help World Renew respond to disasters like this, please visit [www.worldrenew.net](http://www.worldrenew.net) to support World Renew DRS programs.

**TOUR THE BIBLICAL LANDS OF ISRAEL** (February 26-March 8, 2024): Experience a refreshing renewal of your faith and gain a deeper understanding of the Bible as you tour the biblical lands with teaching host, Pastor Peter Tuininga, and Sindbad Tours of Israel. See many of the biblical places (Jerusalem, Galilee, Caesarea, Jericho, and much more) and gain spiritual and historical insights which will make the Bible come alive for you. For complete information, cost, and registration, visit [www.toursofisrael.wordpress.com](http://www.toursofisrael.wordpress.com) or contact Peter Tuininga (289-877-8433; [peter.tuininga@gmail.com](mailto:peter.tuininga@gmail.com)).