

September 3, 2023

Welcome to the Peoria Christian Reformed Church. We are glad you have joined us for worship today. On this Labor Day weekend, God’s Word reminds us to “Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.” (Matthew 5:16 NIV)

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
Greeters	Russ & Myrna Fynaardt Mark Van Wyngarden family	Marge Fynaardt & Marshall Fynaardt Bernie & Nella Veenstra
Missionary Correspondents	Gifford - Carol Jochems; Ippel - Jon Klyn; Mark & JinHee - Frank Reitsma; Vander Wal - Lois Klyn	
Morning Prayer Team	Kathy Franje Sandy Vander Hart	Sandy Fynaardt Sarah Vande Voort
Nursery Attendants	a.m. Paige Roos, Marleigh De Boer p.m. Sandy Vander Hart, Greta Vos	a.m. Pam Vander Linden, Mack Veenstra p.m. Angie Vander Molen, Ben Van Wyngarden
Offering	a.m. Resonate Global Mission p.m. Christian Education Fund	a.m. Mobility Worldwide p.m. Sheepgate

TODAY

We welcome **Pastor Will Verhoef** 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 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)

We welcome **Alex Foley** as he leads our evening worship service.

CALENDAR

Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting
Thursday 2:00 p.m. God in the Life of Abraham Study at Pella Manor, Genesis 21

NEXT WEEK

Pastor Will Verhoef will lead our morning worship, and **Pastor Jamie Bogaard** will lead our evening worship service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- ▶ Sep 3, 2:00 p.m., Franje & Fynaardt: Ruth Vander Hart, Carol Fynaardt
- ▶ Sep 7, 7:00 p.m., Fynaardt & Vande Voort: Jayme Veenstra, Ernie Roose

Thank you for taking time to reflect on the theme *All God’s Benefits*. Using *Psalms 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.

Bible Searchers will begin a new season on September 19. We will continue our study of *Ten Women of the Bible* by Max Lucado, beginning with Lesson 8. Please contact Esther Roose or Sue Van Ee if you need a book or have questions. We meet the first and third Tuesday evenings of each month. Ladies of all ages are cordially invited to join us!

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.

AUGUST RECEIPTS:

Resonate Global Mission	\$ 637.00	Freedom House	\$ 735.00
Christian Education Fund	365.00	Child Evangelism Fellowship	861.55
Peoria Chr. Sch. General Fund	1,286.50	Joshua Christian Academy.	912.00
Hope Ministries	837.00	Building Fund	120.00
Christian Education Fund	515.00	General Fund	9,009.00

Monthly amount needed to fulfill 2023 General Fund budget obligation:	\$15,625.33
Year-to-date amount needed to fulfill 2023 General Fund budget obligation:	\$125,002.67
Year-to-date 2023 General Fund budget receipts:	\$100,622.36

OFFERING SCHEDULE:

Sep 10 a.m. Mobility Worldwide	p.m. Sheepgate
Sep 17 a.m. Christian Education Fund	p.m. Disability Concerns
Sep 24 a.m. Gideons	p.m. Dordt University
Oct 1 a.m. Resonate Global Mission	p.m. Christian Education Fund

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

CHURCH FAMILY

We give thanks to God with **Rachel Vander Molen** on the occasion of her 85th birthday on September 9.

“Thank God with us that we had a very successful first consultation with the neuro-oncologist at Mayo. We found her to be very knowledgeable, kind, and caring. We have a revised plan going forward, which will be easier on Keith, and we are thankful for that. Please continue to pray for healing mercies, patience, and strength for the whole family.” ~ **Keith & Sue Van Ee**

“Thank you to all who helped us celebrate our 50th anniversary. We especially thank God for the years He has given us.” ~ **Bob & Deb Bruxvoort, Bernie and Nella Veenstra**

DIRECTORY UPDATE: **Ken & Arene De Jong**, Independence Village, 2604 Fifield Rd., Apt. 208, Pella, IA 50219.

SCHOOL NOTES

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.

A **Pella Christian High School Football Breakfast** will be held on Saturday, September 23, 7:30-10:00 a.m. Join us for pancakes, sausage, cinnamon rolls, and beverages. Freewill donations for the Eagles football team are welcome.

The Pella **Christian Grade School** and **Pella Christian High School** boards will host **discussion sessions on the proposed merger** at the following times and locations:

- ▶ Tuesday, September 12, 7:00 p.m., at Oskaloosa First CRC and
- ▶ Thursday, September 14, 7:00 p.m., at Sully CRC.

Future sessions will be planned at other locations in the region. Please contact Dan Zylstra (zylstrad@pceagles.org; 628-4440) if you have any questions.

We are cleaning out the archives! **PCHS** has **VHS recordings** (<https://tinyurl.com/yrnh99wp>) and yearbooks (<https://tinyurl.com/mvtfdpa4>) that are no longer needed. We would like to pass these along to those that may find them useful or entertaining! Stop in the office if you would like one for your personal collection.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Men and women are invited to the **Growing Inward - Reaching Outward conference** hosted by the Bible League Volunteers on Thursday, September 14, at Pella Calvary CRC. Hear from keynote speaker Carol Kent as she shares God's Word and her family's story of growing an enduring faith when life sends its worst. Register today at www.bibleleague.org/tickets. (Deadline: September 11)

WORLD RENEW PLANS RESPONSE TO HURRICANE IDALIA: The Florida panhandle was hit by Category 3 Hurricane Idalia this week with 6-12 inches of rain, 120 mph winds, a 12-foot storm surge, and widespread power outages. World Renew Disaster Response Services is making plans for long-term response through our existing area partners to help homeowners in need recover as soon as possible. Please give to help low income, elderly, and under-insured Idalia survivors at www.worldrenew.net, call 800-552-7972, or send your check, made out to World Renew DRS with Hurricanes 2023 in the memo line, to: World Renew, 8970 Byron Commerce Dr. SW, Byron Center, MI 49315.