

September 17, 2023

Welcome to the Peoria Christian Reformed Church. We are glad you have joined us for worship. “But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.” 1 Peter 2:9 (NIV)

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
Greeters	Spencer Fynaardt family Dennis Veenstra family	Dona Fynaardt & Gretta Veenstra Gary & Carol Jochems
Missionary Correspondents	Gifford - Judy Rozenboom; Ippel - Nancy Terpstra; Mark & JinHee - Sandy Vander Hart; Vander Wal - Matt Vander Hart	
Morning Prayer Team	Tim Franje Glen Fynaardt	Frank Reitsma Mike Vander Hart
Nursery Attendants	a.m. Nicki Veenstra, Caitlin Veenstra p.m. Jessica Van Wyngarden, Madi Veenstra	a.m. Melissa Copenhaver, Quinten Veenstra p.m. Le Ann Bouwkamp, Jocelyn Veenstra
Offering	a.m. Christian Education Fund p.m. Disability Concerns	a.m. Gideons p.m. Dordt University

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

Home Builders (and all who would like to join us!), please meet in Room 2 following the evening worship service.

CALENDAR

- Monday 7:00 p.m. Elders' Meeting
- Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Bible Searchers, Lesson 8
- Wednesday 6:00 p.m. Youth Group Pop Can Fundraiser (supper provided)
- 7:00 p.m. Cadets
- 7:00 p.m. GEMS

NEXT WEEK

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Highlights of the September Council meeting and various newsletters are available in your **church mailbox** today.

Bible Searchers will begin a new season on September 19 and 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!

Gather your **pop cans**! The Youth Group will be collecting pop cans for a fundraiser on Wednesday, September 20. If you would like pick-up service, please sign up on the east basement table or contact Henry and Sarah Vande Voort or Suzy Veenstra. Or you may place them in a trailer available near the youth building. Thank you for your support!

ANNUAL REMINDERS:

- Do you enjoy the **photos** that are posted on the church web site or used in the end-of-year video? If so, and you have a digital camera, please snap some photos occasionally at church activities in which you are involved and send them to Deb Bruxvoort (rdbrux@bruxvoortag.com). Thank you for your help with this!
- **PRIVACY NOTICE:** Photos of church activities are occasionally posted on the church web site, on the home page, or under various group photo galleries. Perhaps it is your desire to not be included in web site displays of group photos and/or photos of you or your family (with or without names attached). If so, please contact Deb Bruxvoort with your preferences.
- Each week, the **church website calendar** is e-mailed to all with e-mail addresses. If you have mistakenly “unsubscribed” from this service and would like to continue receiving these weekly reminders, or if you would like to be added to this list, please contact Kathy Franje.
- All **prayer requests** are shared through the church website. If you do not have Internet access and wish to receive an e-mail when prayer requests are posted; or if you don’t have computer access and wish to receive a phone call; or if you are willing to help make phone calls to pass along prayer requests, please contact Helen De Jong and the proper arrangements will be made.

CHURCH FAMILY

Dan De Bruin will graduate from Army National Guard basic training on October 4. Mail to his current address must be sent by September 22.

PV2 De Bruin, Daniel
Charlie Company, 3-34th In Reg
165th BDE
3rd Platoon Wolf Pack
11953 Golden Arrow Road
Fort Jackson, SC 29207

SCHOOL NOTES

Join Peoria Christian School at Pella Motors in Pella on Saturday, September 23, for the **Test Drive for Peoria** event. Every person (one per household) that test drives a car 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. that day will earn \$25 for Peoria Christian School. Please take a moment out of your day to help “drive” up funds for our school. Please contact the office (office@peoriachr.org) with questions.

VAN DRIVERS NEEDED: Peoria Christian School is in need of individuals who can drive our van route to pick up and drop off students. If you are able to assist one or more days a week or mornings/afternoons, please contact Jeremy Copenhaver (principal@peoriachr.org).

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 a **discussion session on the proposed merger** at Peoria CRC on Tuesday, September 26, 7:00 p.m. Please contact Dan Zylstra (zylstrad@pceagles.org; 628-4440) if you have any questions.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Vermeer Charitable Foundation** invites you to the first **Leadership Alliance** event specifically focused on the health, development, and well-being of chaplains to be held Wednesday, October 4, 2023, at the Vermeer Global Pavilion. Chaplains from across the spectrum of chaplain ministry (hospital, hospice, military, law enforcement, fire department, corporate, prison, college, etc.) are invited to connect and be resourced for their special and unique ministries. Pastors, students, and individuals interested in chaplaincy are also invited to attend. Our conference speakers are professors Mary Glenn and Jaclyn Williams from Fuller Theological seminary. Both Mary and Jaclyn lead the Fuller MA program in chaplaincy. CEU credits are available. The conference, entitled *The Power of Presence*, does require pre-registration of \$25 on or before September 27, \$35 after September 27. More information can be found at www.vermeer.com or charitablefoundation@vermeer.com.

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 for details about the conference and speakers.

Lake View Camp invites everyone for a **Fall Camp Fun Day** on Saturday, October 7! This camp fundraiser will start off with a 5K Trail Run/Walk (\$25 pre-registration / \$35 on race day) at 9:00 a.m., followed by fall fun activities from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. (\$5/person). Activities include canoeing, fishing, mini obstacle course, hay bales, crafts, mini golf, and more! Fun for the whole family! More details at www.lakeviewconference.com/blazingthetrails. (Pre-registration is encouraged for the 5K Trail Run but not required; no pre-registration for the Fall Camp Fun Day.)

A memorial event for the **Empty Cradle** program at **Pella Regional Health Center** will be held on Sunday, October, 15, 3:00 p.m., at the Scholte Church in Pella Historical Village. The event will begin with a service at the Scholte Church, continue with a remembrance stroll through the Pella Historical Village, and end with a balloon release. For more information and to get a memorial sign made for your baby/babies to be displayed during the stroll, call Hospice of Pella (620-5050).