

October 8, 2023

**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	Kody Roos family Leon & Sherry Veldhuizen	Elders
Missionary Correspondents	Gifford - Mark Van Wyngarden; Ippel - Bernie Veenstra; Mark & JinHee - Dennis Veenstra; Vander Wal - Gretta Veenstra	
Morning Prayer Team	Linda Franje Carm Reitsma	Sandy Fynaardt Sandy Vander Hart
Nursery Attendants	<b>a.m.</b> Ruth De Bruin, Erin Fynaardt <b>p.m.</b> Amber Fynaardt, Gerrit Vos	<b>a.m.</b> Davona Fynaardt, Marleigh De Boer <b>p.m.</b> Kathy Franje, Alyson De Bruin
Offering	<b>a.m.</b> CRCNA Faith Formation <b>p.m.</b> Pella Pro-Life	<b>a.m.</b> Christian Education Fund Benevolent Fund (Communion) <b>p.m.</b> New Sharon CARE Food Pantry

TODAY

We welcome **Pastor Sheldon Starckenberg** 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 **Dr. Terry Kleven** as he leads our evening worship service.

CALENDAR

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. GEMS  
7:00 p.m. Cadets  
7:00 p.m. Youth Group (Lesson 2); Devotions ~ Lillian, Snack ~ Alyson

NEXT WEEK

The **Pastor Search Committee** will meet at 8:15 a.m.

Next Sunday we plan to celebrate the sacrament of the **Lord's Supper**. This week let us evaluate our love for God and one another. Let us remember to pray for the Holy Spirit to show us our sin and then trust that our sins are forgiven because of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. Then, when we come to take of the Lord's Supper, it will be a celebration of our forgiveness and God's love in our lives.

**Vespers communion** will be provided at 5:30 p.m. in the Council room for those who are not able to participate in the morning celebration.

**Pastor Kevin Vryhof** will lead our morning worship, and **Dr. Terry Kleven** will lead our evening worship service.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Please prayerfully consider the gifts God has given and how you can serve the church. The Council asks that you fill out a 2024 **committee preference survey**, which is available in your church mailbox today for 5th graders through adults (extras in the bulletin racks). Please return completed sheets to the boxes in the hallways by October 22.

Our offering this morning is for **Faith Formation**, a ministry of the Christian Reformed Church. Faith formation provides resources and coaching to support CRC churches as they help people grow in faith. More information may be found at <https://www.crcna.org/FaithFormation/about-us>.

The **Pastor Search Committee** reports that the two pastors interviewed have indicated they are not currently interested in a call. Members are welcome to suggest names to the committee at any time.

The **choir** plans to sing on Reformation Sunday, October 29. Please plan to join us for practice at 5:00 p.m. on October 15 and October 22.

## CHURCH FAMILY

**Kenneth De Jong** was released from the Comfort House and returned to his home at Independence Village on Monday.

The membership of **Morgan (Fopma) Veach** has been released for her affiliation with the Soteria Church in West Des Moines. May God provide continued growth in the faith in this new church home.

## SCHOOL NOTES

The **Pella Christian Grade School** and **Pella Christian High School** boards will host a **discussion session on the proposed merger** at Pella Calvary CRC on Monday, October 9, 7:00 p.m. Please contact Dan Zylstra ([zylstrad@pceagles.org](mailto:zylstrad@pceagles.org); 628-4440) if you have any questions.

On Tuesday, October 10, at 7:00 p.m., the **Pella Christian High School** Music Department will premier its curricular ensembles at the annual **Fall Concert**. Concert Band, Cantabile, Concert Choir, and Chamber Choir will perform music of varying styles, both sacred and secular. Come and enjoy the musical gifts of our Pella Christian High School students. Donations will be accepted via offering during a brief intermission.

The **Pella Christian** 2023-24 theatre season opens with Broadway's perfectly magical musical **Mary Poppins**. Produced by Disney Theatrical Productions, look for flying over the stage, kites over the audience, magical illusions, lots of energetic choreography including tap dancing, and a creative stage set that rotates. Popular musical numbers include "Chim Chim Cher-ee," "Spoonful of Sugar," and "Step in Time." The family-friendly performance will be directed by Marlo Van Peurseem with assistance from Aaron Fitzgerald (music), Paulina Loaiza (choreography), and Daryl Van Zee (Tech). Production dates are October 26, 27, and 28, 2023, with reserved tickets available for purchase on-line beginning October 16. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$8 for students (\$2 more at the door). All sales are final.

Your delicious baked goods and confections are needed for the **bake sale** at the annual **Peoria Christian School Bazaar** on November 10. Cookies, bars, pies, bread, rolls, cupcakes, fudge, Christmas cookies and candy, jelly, jam, home canned fruit, vegetables, salsa, etc., are all welcome! Your items must be in the gym by noon on November 10. Please label your items. Styrofoam trays, bags, and labels will be available at school and in the church basement. Questions? Please contact Clarice Meinders (641-780-0126; [glennmeinders@iowatelecom.net](mailto:glennmeinders@iowatelecom.net)).

**PEACE Homeschool** group invites you to shop local at **A Touch of Home Handcrafted Goods and Used Curriculum Sale** on Friday, November 3, 2:00-6:00 p.m.; and Saturday, November 4, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., at Liberty Evangelical Free Church in Pella. Our homeschool community and friends are putting on our first ever vendor fair. It will feature established small businesses as well as up and coming small businesses and some student made items. For more details, check out our Facebook event page or contact Jentri Van Wyngarden (641-780-2191; [al.jen2010@gmail.com](mailto:al.jen2010@gmail.com)). Items for sale include freeze dried candy, handcrafted jewelry and wall art, crocheted items, hand sewn aprons and clothing, bakery items, beeswax candles, 3-D printed toys, and much more.

### REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Hospice of Pella** will celebrate 40 years of care and 20 years of the Comfort House with a celebration event and fundraiser on Thursday, November 2, 2023. The business-casual event will be held from 5:30-8:00 p.m. at Central College Graham Conference Center. The evening will include cocktails and hors d'ouvres, silent auction, a locally-sourced dinner, and a program to honor and thank those who have served over the last 40 years. Seats are \$75 per person. If you are a business or organization and would like to sponsor a table, please reach out to Jenny Hesseltine, Foundation Coordinator (621-2290). For more information and to reserve a seat for the event, visit [www.pellahealth.org/hospice40years](http://www.pellahealth.org/hospice40years). Silent auction and event proceeds will benefit the Hospice Day of Care program, which provides the opportunity for those in need of care, but who cannot afford it, to be blessed with the generosity of our community.

**Keith and Kristyn Getty** will launch their Christmas tour "**Sing! An Irish Christmas**" on Monday, December 18, 2023, in Cedar Falls, IA, at the Gallagher Bluedorn Performing Arts Center. This year's tour will feature exciting new songs from Keith and Kristyn and the hymn writing team, beloved carols, modern hymns, and spirited Irish melodies celebrating our Savior's birth. For more information regarding tickets and group transportation, contact Glenda Van Woerkom (780-2637) or Wanda Roush (780-2186).