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# **Prayers, Praise, and Plans**

# **A WEEKLY PUBLICATION OF CHURCH FAMILY CONCERNS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# PRAYER PARTNERSHIP

### Worship Today, September 10, 2023

Sunday morning will be our annual Rededication Service with the service being held in the First Reformed Church at 9:30 AM. Joel Vander Molen will be the speaker. <u>Parents Note</u>: Joel will be delivering a children's sermon and would like the children to wear flip flops or sandals. Offering: East Jasper Food Pantry, The Well and the Lynnville Food Pantry Sunday evening worship will be at 5:00 as usual with Pastor Vis leading us.

#### **Church Family Prayers**

> Keep JoAnn and Gary Fynaardt in your prayers as JoAnn undergoes open heart surgery to replace a valve on Monday, September 11. We pray for peace as she goes into surgery, successful surgery, and a quick and complete recovery.

> Out of a desire to care for all our members, each week we will be placing names of shutins for you to remember in prayer. This week we want to specifically remember Carla Zylstra, Nellie Zylstra, and Brian Beyer.

#### Next Week Sunday, September 17

Pastor Bill will lead both services. Offering: Christian Education Encouragement Fund Greeters: (N) Jamie and Michelle Van Kooten (S) Darrell and Angela Veenstra Nursery Assignment: Candice Vos, Adri Vos, Bethany Kramer Coffee Servers: Kevin and Melanie Van Maanen Dan and Sharla Dunsbergen

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(Bulletin Deadline Thursday Noon.)

#### **Budget Giving**

Total Congregational Giving since June 1, 2023: \$109,095.00 Budgeted goal by September 30, 2023: \$142,289.40 Budget Giving Goal by May 31, 2024: \$426,868.22 **From the pastor search team** - Thank you, congregation, for the positive vote to extend a pastor call to Pastor John De Vries. We also thank you for surrounding us in your prayers on behalf of our team through the search process. Pastor John will be given 3 weeks, after receiving the letter of call, to prayerfully consider the pastor position at Sully CRC. To encourage Pastor John through this time of discernment, he has allowed us to provide you with contact information.

Cell number: 269-277-4589 Email: johnrdevries@gmail.com

Sunday School begins Sunday, September 17! A huge thank you to all who have volunteered to teach. Information will be sent to teachers and students (and families), but please contact Jana Van Zante with any questions. We are looking forward to a great year of growing in Christ!

**The choir** will be singing in the evening service of September 24 as part of the Vis's last service with us. We will practice on September 17 and 24 at 4:00. All ages are welcome! Come join us as we wish Pastor Bill and Betty farewell.

**Coffee Break** will start Tuesday, September 12 and we need someone to lead the Bible study. This is a one-hour commitment each week from September through April. Please pray that God is putting this calling on your heart and join us in September. Please contact the church office (594-3491) or Norma Beerends (594-3498) if you are willing to consider leading.

**Ruth Circle** will begin meeting on Wednesday, September 13 at 1:00 P.M. We meet every other week to study God's Word and have lunch afterwards. Marilyn Vander Griend is our leader, and we would welcome women of all ages to join us.

**All girls in 5th through 8th grade** are invited to join our GEMS Girls' Club! GEMS is a club just for girls that focuses on activities that girls love to do! Whether it is singing, crafts, learning new skills, finding out more about God, or interacting with other girls, we do it at GEMS!

We would love for you to join our club! Contact Linda @ 641-521-2539 or <u>Ibmenninga@gmail.com</u> to register and get more details! Our Kick-Off is September 27 and weekly meetings begin October 4, 2023.

**GEMS Girls' Club Prayer Partners** - Every GEMS girl needs to be known and loved. Every GEMS girl needs a prayer friend! Would you be willing to partner with a GEMS girl, and pray for her and her family during the GEMS Season? Please contact Linda @ 641-521-2539 to be added to our group.

**Question regarding the chest freezer** in the church basement: If your group has placed the bars and cookies in the chest freezer would you please contact the church office or Steve Van Sant.

**Thank You!!** We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to each and every one of you for your tremendous support and heartfelt contributions at the SCS Hostess Supper held on August 26th. Your presence, generosity, and unwavering prayers have sustained Sully Christian School for 110 years. It is during events like these that we experience the beauty of unity and fellowship within our SCS family, but beyond the entertainment and support, these gatherings allow us to come together to glorify Christ and continue the work of educating students with the Word of God. Thank You from the SCS School Board, Advancement team, Staff, and Students.

**Merger News:** 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: 7:00pm on Tuesday, September 12, 2023, at 1st Christian Reformed Church of Oskaloosa 7:00pm on Thursday, September 14, 2023, at Sully Christian Reformed Church Future sessions will be planned at other locations in the region. Please contact Dan Zylstra at <u>zylstrad@pceagles.org</u> or 641-628-4440 if you have any questions.

**Pella Christian High School** is seeking a part-time or full-time Building Services Associate for immediate hire. Pella Christian High School is also seeking candidates for our full-time Head of Maintenance position to begin as early as January of 2024. Interested applicants for either application should contact Doug Van Wyk at 641-628-4440 or <u>vanwykd@pceagles.org</u>.

**Bible League Retreat:** Men and women are invited to the *Growing Inward-Reaching Outward* conference hosted for you by Bible League Volunteers on Thursday, September 14 at Calvary CRC in Pella. Hear from Keynote speaker Carol Kent and friends of Bible League. For registration details go to Bibleleague.org/tickets. You can find a couple of Carol Kent's books in the church library.

**Save the Date:** We will have our first quilt day on September 21, 2023. Watch your e-mail for lunch planning!!!!

**PCHS Alumni Night:** All Pella Christian 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 which will be just south of the Eagle Boosters concessions to join in the fun.

We are cleaning out the archives! PCHS has VHS recordings (<u>https://tinyurl.com/yrnh99wp</u>) and yearbooks (<u>https://tinyurl.com/mvtfdpa4</u>) 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.

**Pella Christian Football Breakfast**: Saturday, September 23 serving 7:30-10:00am. Join us for pancakes, sausage, cinnamon rolls, and beverages. Free will donations for the Eagles Football team are welcome.

# COUNCIL FUNCTION/DISTRICT ELDERS

Lawrence Van Zee (24)	Team 1
Mike Arkema (24)	
Rick Vos (24)	Vicar
Roger Zylstra (25)	Team 6
Gary Christensen (25)	Team 5
Landon Van Zante (25)	Clerk
Dale Van Wyk (26)	Chairman
Tim Vander Schel (26)	Team 2
Nolan Vos (26)	Team 3

#### DEACONS

Rick Jansen (24)	.Collection Fund, Team 5
John De Berg (24)	General Fund
Kyle Van Kooten (24)	B & G, Team 2
Mike Vander Molen (25)	)Benevolence, Team 3
Trevor Nikkel (25)	Secretary, Team 6
Dennis Schut (26)	Chairman
John Kramer (26)	Vicar/Auditor, Team 4
Zach Dunsbergen (26)	Team 1

#### CHURCH PROGRAM

Sunday	
Men's Bible Study 8:00 AM	
Prayer Meeting	
Church School 10:45 AM	
*Growing in Grace	
*Truth Seekers	
Tuesday	
*Coffee Break Ministry 9:30 AM	
Wednesday	
*Ruth Circle1:00 PM	
*Share Your Faith	
*GEMS	
*Cadets	
*412 High School Youth Group	
* Indicates these groups meet September through March.	
Prayer Meeting	

#### INFORMATION

Pastor	
Secretary Glend	a Vander Leest—Office 594-3491 (cell-641-780-6166), bulletin deadline Thursday, 12:00am
Worship Coordinator	
Cancellations	
Church Use	
Communion	Good Friday, third Sunday of February, June, September, and the last Sunday of December.
Custodian	
Fellowship Findings	
	Rick Vos
	m Link: https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/sullychristianreformedchurch

#### Missionaries