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# **Prayers, Praise, and Plans**

## A WEEKLY PUBLICATION OF CHURCH FAMILY CONCERNS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PRAYER PARTNERSHIP

# Worship Today, September 3, 2023

This morning Pastor John De Vries will lead us in worship. There will be no coffee time following the worship. There will be a potluck lunch at Sully Christian School at 11:30 followed by a time of questions and answers.

There will be evening worship at 5:00 pm with Pastor Vis.

## Church Family Prayers

- We extend our sympathy to Vernon and Lucy Jansen in the passing of Lucy's sister-in-law, Nesta Schoonhoven. Our prayers also go out to Jud and Pam Vos and extended family. May God surround them with his perfect peace and love.
- Please keep Gary and JoAnn Fynaardt in your prayers as JoAnn will be having open-heart surgery for Aortic Stenosis on September 11 at Mercy Hospital in Des Moines. Pray for peace as they face this procedure, that the valve may be repaired, and for healing.
- > This will be the final week for the baby basket celebrating the birth of Bowen Jace Lowry.
- > 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 Pete Van Soelen, Anna Mae Van Wyk and Sheryl Cooling.

## Next Week Sunday, September 10

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. Joel has been a quadriplegic since an accident when he was three years old. He is now a web developer, disability awareness speaker, substitute minister and more. We look forward to gathering as a community to hear the message Joel will bring. <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.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(Bulletin Deadline Thursday Noon.)

### Budget Giving

Total Congregational Giving since June 1, 2023: \$97,150.00

Budgeted goal by August 31, 2023: \$106,717.05 Budget Giving Goal by May 31, 2024: \$426,868.22

Today, September 3 Pastor John De Vries will lead morning worship.

- There will be no coffee time after church.
- Lunch will begin at 11:30 at Sully Christian School.
  - \* Pork loin, buns, brownies, ice cream, drink, and table service will be provided.
  - \* Congregational members are asked to bring one side dish to share.
- Following the lunch, there will be a Q&A session with Pastor John.
  - \* The Q&A will be recorded, to allow those who cannot attend that day an opportunity to hear the questions and answers.
    - Nursery care will be provided on the playground during the Q&A. Alternate location due to weather will be announced if needed.
  - \* To ensure those watching can hear and to assist with time management, questions will be read into a microphone by an MC.
    - Congregational members are invited to pre-submit questions via email to Rick Fopma (<u>rcfopma@netins.net</u>) or Dale Van Wyk (<u>dalevw@netins.net</u>).
      There will also be note cards provided for submission of additional questions before the Q&A session.
    - Follow-up questions will be welcome after the initial questions are given.

Congregational Meeting: There will be a congregational meeting, Wednesday, September 6 at 6:30 pm to vote on extending a call to a pastor as well as voting on proceeding with church expansion plans as presented.

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 <a href="mailto:lbmenninga@gmail.com">lbmenninga@gmail.com</a> 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.

The September Fellowship Findings has come out... Take note of the from the archives that has been included the last couple of months. This month's letter is from Wilford Laverman. Previous months have included letters from Zeke Zylstra, Case Van Soelen, and Nelson Geels. You will find this bit of history to be very interesting.

**SAVE THE DATE**: We will have our first quilt day on September 21, 2023. Watch your email for lunch planning!!!

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.

**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 (<a href="https://tinyurl.com/yrnh99wp">https://tinyurl.com/yrnh99wp</a>) and yearbooks (<a href="https://tinyurl.com/mvtfdpa4">https://tinyurl.com/mvtfdpa4</a>) 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.

# COUNCIL FUNCTION/DISTRICT ELDERS

Lawrence Van Zee (24)	Team 1
Mike Arkema (24)	Team 4
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)	
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#### **DEACONS**

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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	8:45 AM
Church School	10:45 AM
*Growing in Grace	7:00 PM
*Truth Seekers	7:00 PM
Tuesday	
*Coffee Break Ministry	9:30 AM
Wednesday	
*Ruth Circle	1:00 PM
*Share Your Faith	6:45 PM
*GEMS	6:45 PM
*Cadets	6:45 PM
*412 High School Youth Group	7:00 PM
* Indicates these groups meet September through March.	
Prayer Meeting7:00 P	M (year-round)
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### INFORMATION

Paston	
SecretaryGl	enda 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.
	Randy and Karen Altena – 641-840-1235
Fellowship Findings	
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Right Now Media Access: Cu	stom Link: https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/sullychristianreformedchurch

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