



# SULLY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

**Cultivating space for people to experience the transforming love of Christ.**

## **Prayers, Praise, and Plans**

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

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### **PRAYER PARTNERSHIP**

*Worship Today, December 3, 2023*

Rev. Ralph Pontier will lead us in both services today.

#### ***Church Family Prayers***

- Irene Moes was moved to The Cottages this past week. While her pneumonia has cleared, she is extremely weak. Please keep Irene in your prayers that she may be comfortable and experience peace in her new surroundings.
- Out of a desire to care for all our members, each week we will be placing names of shut-ins for you to remember in prayer. This week we want to specifically remember Irene Moes, Marcia Nikkel and Dan Pastoor.

#### **Next Week Sunday, December 10**

Next week Sunday Mr. Scott Roose will lead our morning worship.

We will have small group on Sunday evening.

Offering: Sully Christian School with SCS Envelope Offering

Greeters: (N) Gary and JoAnn Fynaardt

(S) Ed and Joyce Dieleman

Nursery Assignment: Michelle Van Kooten, Averie Plowman, Lily Vander Leest

Coffee Servers: Stuart and Sheila Pleima

Ed and Judy Van Kooten

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(Bulletin Deadline Thursday Noon.)

#### **Budget Giving**

Total Congregational Giving since June 1, 2023: \$196,454.82

Budgeted goal by November 30, 2023: \$213,434.10

Budget Giving Goal by May 31, 2024: \$426,868.22

**Congregational Meeting:** There will be a congregational meeting tomorrow, Monday, December 4, 2023, at 6:30 in the evening to vote on the direction we desire the New Building committee to go. Absentee ballots will be allowed which means there will be no discussion. There are extra

agendas in the bottom, right-hand mailbox. If turning in an absentee ballot, please sign your name.

**Angel Tree:** Be sure to check the Angel Tree today for any remaining Angels, there are still several remaining. The gifts are due to be returned to church next week Sunday, December 10.

**Upcoming opportunities:** On Christmas Day there will be three opportunities for different ages to be involved in the service.

**K-5** will be ringing colored bells for the prelude. Practice right before the service on December 25.

**6-12** will be ringing chimes for the offertory. Practice yet to be determined.

**Adults** will be singing a special number in the choir. Practice at 4:00 on December 10 and right after the service on December 24.

Please consider being part of this special service. A signup sheet will be in the quilt room to get an idea of how many bells and chimes will be needed. Thank you!

**Be sure to join us for Sew Day, December 7!** You will have a great day knotting and putting together quilts, all while visiting with friends and enjoying GREAT food! The **food list** is on the table in the quilt room, more items are needed. Please consider helping out

**Sully CRC church family**, during this Advent season, I sincerely want to thank everyone in the congregation who helps me from week to week prepare for each service either at church or in prayer. I am truly thankful for each of you, and I pray that God blesses you during this Christmas season. Jodi De Berg

**Sully Christian School invites you to "The Christmas Story"** as presented by our TK-8th grade students on Thursday, December 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the SCS gym. Using instruments and voices, our students will share the beautiful Christmas story and the joy of the Christmas season. Please join us this evening as we offer praise to our Savior.

**New Life Prison Church invites you** to come say goodbye to Pastor Rick & Rose. There will be an open house on Sunday, December 10 from 3-5 PM at the Calvary Youth House.

**Celebrate the birth of our Savior with Pella Christian Schools:**

Pella Christian Schools invites you to enjoy the sounds of the Christmas season at their upcoming Christmas Programs. As we celebrate the birth of a Savior, may we also live in anticipation of His second advent. Merry Christmas from the Pella Christian family to yours!

**Pella Christian Early Education Christmas Program**

Title: Jesus is the Light of the World

Featuring: 3s Preschool, 4s Preschool, 4/5s Spanish Immersion Preschool and 5s Preschool

Details: Thursday, December 7 at 6:30pm

**Pella Christian High School Christmas Concert**

Title: Sounds of Christmas

Featuring: Pella Christian High School's band and choirs

Details: Tuesday, December 12 at 7:00pm

**Programa Navideño de Español por Inmersión**

**Pella Christian Grade School Spanish Immersion Christmas Program**

Featuring: Preschool through 5th graders in the Spanish Immersion program at PCGS

Details: Thursday, December 14 at 6:30pm

All programs are held at the Pella Christian High School Vermeer Auditorium at 300 Eagle Lane.

**Support the 2024 Pella Christian Men's Golf team!** Bonnie and the kitchen staff will be preparing soup and cookies which will be for sale just in time for the holidays. The deadline to order will be Sunday, December 10. Pick up will be Saturday, December 16, between 9-10AM at PCHS. We will be using the entrance on the east side of the school by the loading dock. Please use this form for ordering. [PCHS Men's Golf Fundraiser](#)  
Contact Tara Fransman with any questions ([fransmant@pceagles.org](mailto:fransmant@pceagles.org)).

**PCHS Annual Financial Drive:** The Pella Christian High School Annual Financial Drive is currently underway. The goal for this year is \$80,000 and will be used to support the general fund of the school. You should have recently received a letter either via postal mail or at your church explaining the drive. Donations can be sent directly to Pella Christian High School, 300 Eagle Lane using the self-addressed envelope enclosed with the letter. Thank you for your ongoing support of the mission of PCHS.

**Legacy of Grace Donations:** The Legacy of Grace Student Tuition Organization (LOG/STO) is once again actively seeking donations. LOG-STO is in its 17th year of existence for the purpose of raising funds to provide tuition scholarships for eligible students to attend a Christian school. This year the state of Iowa has again given the LOG-STO an opportunity to raise \$552,935 with a **75% tax credit on all donations** to this great cause. You can also increase the 75% benefit of your gift by donating stock, grain, and any possible Required Mandatory Distributions (RMDs) if you are at least 72 years of age. The donation form is available on the school website home page, scroll down to the LOG-STO box. Questions Contact Mike Vermeer at 641-780-8089.

**Thanksgiving Offering:** The deacons gratefully acknowledge the generosity of the congregation in your Thanksgiving Offering. The amount for COC includes the loose offering.

Cause	Total
Dordt University	\$ 20.00
Ruth Circle	\$ 50.00
Forward with Faith	\$ 100.00
Bible League	\$ 100.00
Christian Opportunity Center	\$ 705.00

<b>Cadets</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>195.00</b>
<b>Heritage Christian School</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>200.00</b>
<b>Essential Instruction</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>200.00</b>
<b>Roots of Home</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>200.00</b>
<b>GEMS</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>225.00</b>
<b>Bethany Christian Service</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>250.00</b>
<b>Samaritan's Purse</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>260.00</b>
<b>Quilt Fund</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>300.00</b>
<b>Therefore Go</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>500.00</b>
<b>Amy Hooegeveen</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>500.00</b>
<b>Mid- America Seminary</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>500.00</b>
<b>Pathways of Pella</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>600.00</b>
<b>Baby Blessings</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>730.00</b>
<b>Benevolence</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>845.00</b>
<b>Christian Ed Encouragement Fund</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,050.00</b>
<b>Megan Hooegeveen Foundation</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,100.00</b>
<b>Holt International</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,195.00</b>
<b>New Life Prison Ministry</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,830.00</b>
<b>Together For Good</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,025.00</b>
<b>Mobility Worldwide (PET)</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,310.00</b>
<b>ReFrame Ministries (BTGH)</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,705.00</b>
<b>Sheep Gate (Teen Challenge)</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,900.00</b>
<b>Pella Christian High School</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3,355.00</b>
<b>Hope Ministries</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4,190.00</b>
<b>Gideons</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4,250.00</b>
<b>Children's Shelter of Cebu</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>5,200.00</b>
<b>Resonate Global Missions</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>5,980.00</b>
<b>Pregnancy Center of Central Iowa</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>6,615.00</b>
<b>World Renew</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>7,115.00</b>
<b>Sully Christian School</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>13,095.00</b>
<b>Building Renovation Fund</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>15,767.82</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>87,162.82</b>

**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)..... 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 ..... 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 Meeting ..... 7:00 PM (year-round)

**INFORMATION**

Secretary ..... Glenda Vander Leest—Office 594-3491 (cell-641-780-6166), bulletin deadline Thursday, 12:00am  
..... Office Hours – Monday-Friday - 8:00 a.m. – 12:00, email [sullycrc@netins.net](mailto:sullycrc@netins.net)  
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Cancellations ..... KCWN (99.9 FM), WHO (TV 13), and KCCI (TV 8)  
Church Use . ..... Church Office – 594-3491  
Communion..... Good Friday, third Sunday of February, June, September, and the last Sunday of December.  
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