



CALVARY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

408 Maple Street, Pella, Iowa 50219

www.calvary-crc.org

Our Mission is to call the lost and equip followers of Jesus Christ through the work of the Spirit for God's glory!

February 5, 2012

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Note: The deadline for this week is **noon on Thursday**. Items can be dropped off in the church office, my mailbox at church or by e-mail at secretary@calvary-crc.org. Thanks, Heidi Vande Kamp, 628-4552. If you would like to receive the weekly newsletter by e-mail send a message to secretary@calvary-crc.org or visit our website at www.calvary-crc.org. Office hours: Tues. 8:30-noon, Wed. & Thurs. 8:30-3:30, Fri. 8:30-noon.

TODAY, FEBRUARY 5

- 7:30 a.m. Prayer Meeting, Room 13
- 8:45 a.m. Praise & Worship Service
- 10:00 a.m. Church School Classes
- 11:00 a.m. Praise & Worship Service
- 5:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Room 13
- 6:00 p.m. Praise & Worship Service

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6

- 5:45 p.m. Evening Coffee Break,
Group 1: Lesson 10, "Power of a Praying Parent – Becoming a Person God Made You to Be" Part 2
Group 2: Lesson 2, "Discover the Parables of Jesus – The Great Banquet" Part 1
Group 3: Lesson 8, John 17—"Final Prayers"
- 5:45 p.m. Men's Life, Youth House
- 7:00 p.m. Administrative Council, Council Room

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

- 9:45 a.m. Morning Coffee Break, Acts – Lesson 4
- 7:00 p.m. OASIS Bible Study, Gathering Place

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

- 1:30 p.m. Mission Circle, Sects and Cults: Lesson 3, Hostess: Dorothy Van Kooten
- 7:00 p.m. GEMS, Cadets, UTH Group

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9

- 9:00 a.m. OASIS Bible Study, Gathering Place

MINIBUS DRIVER FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Jerry & Corrine Verschuure 780-2225

NURSERY FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

You can find the nursery schedule on Calvary's Website under – inside Calvary – schedules.

	Infants	Toddlers
8:45 a.m.	Carol Ribbens Alexa Zylstra	Bruce Ribbens Connie Roozeboom
11:00 a.m.	Sue Blom Megan Vande Voort Janis Van Wyk	Margaret Duren Shane Vande Voort Cody Gritters
6:00 p.m.	Linda Van Wyk	Levi Jungling

GREETERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

- AM (8:45)** – Ryan & Michelle Kelderman (E. Narthex)
- Jim & Phyllis Lanser (W. Narthex)
- John & Jana Magnussen (Intersection of south & west classroom Hall),
- Marvin Veenstra (Narthex Roving Greeter)
- Matt & Katie Miller (F.H. Roving Greeter)
- AM (11:00)** – Marc & Jodi Menninga (E. Narthex)
- Steve & Jenessa Kaisand (W. Narthex)
- Ivan & Ruth Mulder (Intersection of south & west classroom Hall),
- Bryan & Becky Bandstra (Narthex Roving Greeter)
- Brad Nikkel (F.H. Roving Greeter)
- PM** – Ken & Dottie Monsma (E. Narthex),
- Norma Nibbelink & Gladys Nieuwsma (W. Narthex),
- Joyce Nikkel & Winnifred Pommer (Intersection of south & west classroom Hall),
- Kevin & Robin Vos (Narthex Roving Greeter)

LIBRARY NEXT SUNDAY:

- AM** – Krista Van Gelder, Sue Robinson
- PM** – Library not staffed

PROJECTIONIST & SOUND FOR FEBRUARY 6-12

Projectionist:	Kevin Herdegen	628-1985
Sound AM:	Evan Van Gelder	628-1241
Sound PM:	Roger Jansen	628-8318

OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY:

AM – Bethany Christian Services: A quality social services agency that provides Christian compassion, restoration, reconciliation and healing to children and families through counseling, adoptive placement, and temporary foster care.

PM – Pella Ministerial Association: Promotes unity among the various congregations of Pella through ecumenical services and ministry projects, and provides assistance for transients who find themselves in our city with no resources.

BROADCASTS FOR THE WEEK:

KRLS 92.1 FM 6:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. – Calvary CRC Worship Service.

PELLA CABLE CHANNEL PTV12

Monday 7:00 p.m. – Calvary's Morning Service

Friday 7:00 p.m. – Calvary's Evening Service

GROUNDWORK: HOW TO READ THE HARD

STORIES: If you are a long-time Christian, the Bible may be very familiar and comforting to you. Perhaps it's so familiar that it no longer surprises you. But the Bible ought to startle us—even shock and upset us. Join the February 12 Groundwork conversation on 2 Peter 3:15-18 and you'll see what we mean. You can listen to Groundwork anytime on your computer at www.GroundworkOnline.com, or on KBOE 740 AM on Sundays at 8:00 a.m.

CROSSROAD CONNECTION: PLANTING SEEDS

AT ANY AGE: A ninety-two-year-old woman reached out to a man in prison and planted a seed of God's Word that has blossomed. You can listen to Crossroad Connection – a ministry of Crossroad Bible Institute, anytime at www.cbi.fm, or on KCWN 99.9 FM on Sundays at 7:45 a.m.

COFFEE SERVER SCHEDULE:

A schedule of Sunday morning coffee servers is located on the kitchen south wall. If you exchange with someone, please update this schedule accordingly. Servers, please arrive approx. 25 minutes before the 8:45 am service to prepare coffee time. Instructions are located on the south wall. Thank you for your service.

Today: Rick & Sue Blom, Arlene Bogaards, Kevin & Kim Bolt

February 12: Joe & Jennifer Braafhart, Don & Karen Branderhorst, Mark & Lois Branderhorst

WELCOME CENTER SCHEDULE:

8:45 a.m. Service:	Gladys Nieuwsma
11:00 a.m. Service:	Bonnie Deur
6:00 p.m. Service:	Larry Rozenboom

ABOUT OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

- Calvary wishes the following members a happy birthday!
 - **Gary De Graaf** (82), Tuesday, February 14.
 - **Grace Van Ryswyk** (83), Wednesday, February 15.
 - **Beulah De Graaf** (84), Thursday, February 16.
 - **Leona Menninga** (90), Friday, February 17.
- **Louise Nikkel and Grace Van Kooten** continue their recuperation at Skilled Nursing Care in the local hospital.
- We extend our sympathy to **Wilma Vandevoort** in the death of her husband John a week ago Saturday.
- **Natalie Daining** had her procedure on Monday, and hoped to return home by Friday.
- **Marge Zondervan** had surgery on Friday.
- **Margaret Roozeboom** is scheduled for surgery this Wednesday, February 8 at Mercy in Des Moines.
- Next Sunday at our 11:00 service we will witness the profession of faith of **Brett Hofman**.

WORDS OF THANKS:

Thank you to everyone who turned out to make the Bibles for Missions Thrift Center clothing sorting event a big success! The help of each and every one of you was sincerely appreciated. In 2011, the Pella Center has been able to contribute \$201,140 to the Bible League. This would not be possible without the help of many willing volunteers. If you enjoyed sorting and would like to help again, sometime, contact Heidi Vande Kamp or Jean Starkey for future opportunities.

I want to thank the many people who remembered me with greetings at Christmas time. A very special thanks for all the prayers, cards, visits, calls, and food items before and after my back surgery. Your care and consideration is very much appreciated.

~ Donna Bouwers

Many thanks and appreciation for remembering us with prayers, cards and concerns in the passing of our sister, Dirkie Bandstra recently.

~ Paul and Marilyn Vos

OUR CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS:

DOUG AND PRISCILLA HIGBY will be at Calvary next Sunday, February 12. Everyone is invited to join the adult/11th & 12th grade Sunday School class at the Youth House between morning services that morning to hear more about the Higby's ministry with Wycliffe.

NEXT SUNDAY at our morning services Doug Higby will bring us God's Word from 2 Timothy 2:1-10, "Ministry of Multiplication." In the evening we will cover lesson 8 in the How People Change Series, "Thorns 2: Why Do You Get Entangled?"

CADET SCHEDULE

February 8	7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting
February 15	7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting
February 22	7:00 p.m. Pine Wood Derby Car Prep

GEMS CALENDAR

February 8	7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting
February 15	7:00 p.m. GEMS & Mom's Valentine's Game Night, Wear pink or red
February 22	7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting

CALVARY'S BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP will be discussing the book, "Someone Knows My Name" by Lawrence Hill. The author follows the life of a black slave kidnapped from her home in Africa. We learn of the injustice done to our black friends. It is like turning the pages of history. The discussion will be led by Gerry Harms on February 21 at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

CHASE AWAY WINTER CHILLS - WARM UP WITH GOOD READING

- We are making great progress with our goal of 50,000 pages. Already on January 29, 17,790 pages were read! Participants can also read magazines from our library - each magazine will count for 100 pages.



NEW IN OUR LIBRARY - The DVD *Courageous* and the children's book *Heaven is for Real*.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS has available a 15 foot wide vertical blind that was hanging in the Council Room. If you can put it to good use, please call Jerry Verschuure at 780-2225.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ARE YOU A SPECIAL-NEEDS MOM? If your child (of any age) struggles with physical, intellectual, emotional, mental, or behavioral challenges you are invited to join other moms for a 6-week Bible study, ***Unlocking the Treasure***. We will be meeting on Monday evenings from 7:00-8:30 pm, beginning February 6 at The Sanctuary, 717 Main St., in Pella. Call Bev Roozeboom at 780-1076 to register. Books will be available at the first meeting.

ANNUAL PROJECT SERVE PULLED PORK SUPPER at Faith Christian Reformed Church, 215 E. University St., will be held on Wednesday, February 8 serving from 5 to 7 p.m. The menu includes: BBQ pork sandwiches, sides, and homemade desserts. Proceeds are for in- and out-of-country mission trips.

SPIRITUAL RENEWAL DAYS AT PELLA

CHRISTIAN HIGH: This year the group Axis Worldview from Colorado Springs will be returning to lead Spiritual Renewal Days at Pella Christian High School February 15-17. The group's message is an "in-your-face" approach challenging students to rethink and re-examine their beliefs. They hope to move students from a general knowledge to a personal faith in Christ. Axis is an interactive group that believes in student involvement and interaction to get kids to grab a hold of their faith and make it real. They believe that a strong, biblical worldview will prepare young people to face the challenges that come with living the Christian lifestyle. Parents and the community are invited to an event led by Axis, Wednesday, February 15, at 7:0 p.m. in the Pella Christian High School Vermeer Auditorium. (This evening event was originally advertised as a youth event but will now be geared to the parents.)

VOLUNTEER TRAINING for the Newton Correctional Facility will be on Thursday, February 16 from 6 pm to 9 pm. If you are interested in volunteering with New Life Prison Community and need the training, please contact Pastor Rick Admiraal @ 641-204-1954 or PastorRick@newlife-prison.org. These volunteer training sessions are very infrequent, so give this your prayerful consideration.

DO YOU REALLY BELIEVE THAT WHAT YOU BELIEVE IS REALLY REAL? Now you can help others develop a biblical worldview (and strengthen your own) by attending a training seminar for The Truth Project. The Truth Project is a DVD based small group worldview curriculum comprised of 13 one-hour lessons taught by Dr. Del Tackett of Focus on the Family. Newton Christian Reformed Church is hosting a training seminar on Saturday, February 18 from 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. the cost is \$99.00 per person (spouses attend for free), which includes the training as well as the complete DVD curriculum. Snacks and refreshments will also be provided. Learn more and register at www.thetruthproject.org (click on the events tab and scroll down to Newton, IA), or call Dave Barnett at 515-263-3495.

CENTRAL PLAINS CLASSIS has planned a work trip through CRWRC February 17-March 3 to Alabama, in or around Scottsboro in NE Alabama, approximately 750 miles from here. There is still time and room to sign-up. We'll leave on Friday, arrive on Saturday and start work on Monday. There are sleeping and eating accommodations in a church, work and supplies are available by a well organized system and ready to put us to work! Call or email Jo-Ann Blom at 780-0505, e-mail: joann1937@live.com; Gary Van Engelenhoven 641-0107, email: gvanengelenhoven@landolakes.com.

THEOLOGY PROFESSOR JASON LIEF will deliver a public address on "Generation Next" at 7:00 p.m. February 24 at First CRC, Oskaloosa, IA. There's been a mass exodus. The statistics are staggering. 70% of evangelical young adults age 18-22 are leaving the church. We need to figure out what's wrong and what we might do to reclaim them for Christ and His Kingdom. Jason taught Bible at Pella Christian High and while pursuing his Ph.D. at Luther Seminary, teaches theology and youth ministry courses at Dordt College. First CRC is located 815 N 11th St. in Oskaloosa. All are welcome, especially young adults!

WALKING WITH GOD

The essence of the Christian life is knowing God and walking with him. It's about sticking with him when the sky is blue and also when it's filled with clouds or choked with smoke. It's about walking with the Lord through thick and thin, and pressing on through every heartache and trial that happens to come our way.

—Greg Laurie

John 14:27...*"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid"*.

As you pray, ask the Father to help you implement these guidelines to bring the peace of Jesus into your life.

- **Stop Worrying**...I am here to take all your burdens and carry them for you.
- **Put it on MY list**...I can't help you until you turn your burdens over to ME.
- **Talk to ME**...I want to be your best friend and hear all about your day.
- **Leave it alone**...Place your burdens with ME and forget about them.
- **Trust ME**...Know that when you ask I will answer.
- **Love yourself**...You are very precious to ME just the way you are.
- **Have Faith**...That I will do the best for you in all circumstances.
- **Share**...Giving is not a money problem—it's a faith problem.
- **Be Patient**...MY timing is in your best interest and perfect.
- **Be Kind**...To yourself and to all others.

DISABILITY AWARENESS

A friend tearfully shared how an usher asked her to leave a church service because of her squirmy toddler. But the boy wasn't just having a bad morning; he was born with a genetic disorder called Fragile X, which makes it nearly impossible to sit quietly.

It was nearly a year before that mother attended a church again. Then she found one with a shepherd program, where trained volunteers help children with special needs participate in worship, Sunday school and church activities.

As we look for ways to reach out to people with disabilities, remember that God's love has no limits. How can we, as God's church, reflect that love?