



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!

January 8, 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, JANUARY 8

- 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, JANUARY 9

- 9:30 a.m. Faithfully Fit Exercise Class, Y.H.
- 5:45 p.m. Evening Coffee Break,
 - Group 1:** Lesson 9, The Power of a Praying Parent—"Developing a Hunger for the Things of God, Part 1"
 - Group 2:** Lesson 5, Discover Psalms—"Hope When We are Hurting—from Sinfulness to Salvation," Part 2
 - Group 3:** Lesson 6, John 15—"The True Vine" Part 1
- 5:45 p.m. Men's Life, Youth House
- 7:00 p.m. Evangelism Team, Youth House

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

- 9:45 a.m. Morning Coffee Break, Large Group Social
- 7:00 p.m. OASIS Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

- 9:30 a.m. Faithfully Fit Exercise Class, Y.H.
- 1:30 p.m. Mission Circle, Lesson 1: Reasons, Sects and Culture with Christian Roots
- 7:00 p.m. GEMS, Cadets, UTH Group

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

- 9:00 a.m. OASIS Bible Study

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13

- 9:30 a.m. Faithfully Fit Exercise Class, Y.H.

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 Vande Kieft Courtney Veenstra	Lori Vande Zande Deanne Sytsma
11:00 a.m.	Sara Johnson Angela Vande Zande Marla Vermeer	Sandy Veenstra Eric Vande Zande Cassidy Bush
6:00 p.m.	Pam Gallaher	Addison Van Weelden

PROJECTIONIST & SOUND FOR JANUARY 9-15

Projectionist:	Kevin Herdegen	628-1985
Sound AM:	Craig Roose	628-9175
Sound PM:	Bill Strong	628-4974

GREETERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

- AM (8:45)** – Paul & Marilyn Vos (E. Narthex)
Jason & Melissa Wehrle (W. Narthex)
David & Phyllis Zylstra (Intersection of south & west classroom Hall),
Keith & Katherine Roozeboom (Narthex Roving Greeter)
Jerry & Deb Bandstra (F.H. Roving Greeter)
- AM (11:00)** – Howard & Cathy Vroom (E. Narthex)
Jeff & Marsha Wetter (W. Narthex)
Dawn & Andy Wood (Intersection of south & west classroom Hall),
Galyn & Lori Vande Zande (Narthex Roving Greeter)
Amy Bandstra (F.H. Roving Greeter)
- PM** – Junella Beerends & Jo-Ann Blom (E. Narthex),
Bob & Elma Beyer (W. Narthex),
Arlene Bogaards & Goldie Dingeman (Intersection of south & west classroom Hall),
Paul & Karla Hofman (Narthex Roving Greeter)

MINIBUS DRIVER FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Marv De Boef 780-0066

LIBRARY NEXT SUNDAY:

AM – Krista Van Gelder, Judy Kelderman
PM – Sue Theune, Karla Hofman

OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY:

AM – **Christian Reformed Home Missions:** Gives leadership to the Christian Reformed Church in its task of bringing the gospel to the people of the United States and Canada and of drawing them into fellowship with Christ and his church.
PM – **Community Connections:** Community Connections is a ministry serving all of Marion County and surrounding areas connecting people with needs to volunteers in area churches or agencies who can help. Areas of skills offered include health care, office skills, construction or repair, maintenance, food preparation, child care, transportation, operating or repair of equipment, and domestic skills.

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: HOPE: Hope seems to be in short supply today. The world is unstable, with terrorism and war looming large. And many people today experience family problems, health issues, money challenges. Ultimately, can we experience any kind of real personal hope in the face of inevitable death? Join the January 15 Groundwork conversation based on Romans 5 and 15. 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: REALLY

KNOWING JESUS: CBI students explain what they think it means to really know Jesus in this week’s Letters from Prison. 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: Larry & Carol Vos, Curtis & Robin Vink, Kevin & Robin Vos

January 15: Jason & Melissa Wehrle, Paul & Marilyn Vos, Howard & Cathy Vroom

ABOUT OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

- Calvary wishes the following members a happy birthday:
 - **Gertrude De Kock** (81), **Kathryn Vroom** (89), Thursday, January 19
 - **Martha De Boef** (91), Saturday, January 21.
- **Donna Bouwers** is scheduled for back surgery on Tuesday at Methodist Hospital in Des Moines.
- Next Sunday at our 11:00 service we will witness the baptism of **Randy Schneider**.

WELCOME CENTER SCHEDULE:

8:45 a.m. Service:	Kevin Vos
11:00 a.m. Service:	Carol Vos
6:00 p.m. Service:	Marge Zondervan

WORDS OF THANKS:

Thanks for all the Christmas cards that you sent to us in this holiday season. They were of great encouragement to us. We wish each of you a blessed New Year in the Lord.

~ Joel and Jeannie Huyser

Thank you for letting the Lord’s goodness flow through you in the recent loss of our mother Esther Zondervan through the cards received, phone calls, personal expressions of sympathy and the home visit by Pastor Sheldon. The caring thoughts and words of encouragement were greatly appreciated.

~ Gratefully, Lee and Marge Zondervan

OUR CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CADET SCHEDULE

January 11	7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting
January 18	7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting
January 25	7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting

GEMS CALENDAR	
January 11	7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting
January 18	7:00 p.m. Special Activity/Individual Class Badge Night
January 25	7:00 p.m. Individual Class Meeting Night/7 th & 8 th Grade Meet Night

TODAY WE BEGIN, “Pray to the Lord of the Harvest,” a 28-day prayer vigil. Today, and for the following three Sunday’s, you will find in your mailbox a bookmark with prayer requests focused on the ministries of Home and World Missions and their partners around the world. We encourage you to use the power of prayer to implore God to send more workers for the global harvest.

CHASE AWAY WINTER CHILLS - WARM UP WITH GOOD READING - TODAY is the beginning



of our reading marathon. Come to the library and check out books. Some of the new books our library has just put on the shelves are:

- Biography: Nearing Home – Billy Graham
Under the Overpass – Mike Yankoski
- Juvenile: Scripture Sleuth #4 & #5 – Mat Halverson
Concord Cunningham Coast to Coast
Concord Cunningham Pursues the Clues
- Fiction: The Christmas Note – Donna Van Liere
Longing – Karen Kingsbury
Don’t Look Back – Lynette Eason
A Killer Among Us – Lynette Eason
Deadly Pursuit – Irene Hannon
Wonderland Creek – Lynn Austin
Lydia’s Charm – Wanda Bruinstetter
The Search – Suzanna Woods Fisher
The Waiting – Suzanna Woods Fisher
The Choice – Suzanna Woods Fisher
Private Justice – Terri Blackstock
Shadow of Doubt – Terri Blackstock
Word of Honor – Terri Blackstock
Cape of Refuge – Terri Blackstock
Julia’s Hope – Leisha Kelly
Emma’s Gift – Leisha Kelly
Katie’s Dream – Leisha Kelly
- Christian Living: God’s Story, Your Story

OASIS INVITES YOU TO WINTER BIBLE STUDY!

We will be studying **James...Mercy Triumphs**, by Beth Moore. This 8-week study will be offered on Tuesday evenings, 7:00-9:00 p.m., beginning January 10 and Thursday mornings, 9:00-11:00 a.m., beginning January 12 (no child care). Workbooks are available at Branches Christian Store. Please register at the Welcome Center or contact Bev at 780-1076 or sbroozeboom@iowatelecom.net.

NEXT SUNDAY at our morning services Pastor Art’s message will be from Luke 10:25-37, “Reaching Out: Love.” In the evening Pastor Todd will be preaching. The Trinity Christian College praise team will be assisting us in worship.

PARENTAL GUIDANCE REQUIRED! Join us for a 6-week study on what God has to say about the task of raising our children. This is a very practical resource that will teach us and encourage us as we wrestle with the following questions:

1. Am I developing a quality relationship with my child that will go the distance?
2. How am I influencing key relationships in my child’s life?
3. How am I responding to today’s culture that pressures us to make our children “experience-rich” yet “relationship-poor?”

This class is intended for parents with children in the middle-elementary to high school years. We will meet Sunday’s beginning next Sunday, January 15 and will be facilitated by Brad & Jan Jungling.

CHURCH SCHOOL CLASS FOR ALL 11TH-12TH GRADE STUDENTS AND ADULTS: We will be looking at the book “Forgotten God” by Francis Chan.

Powerful. When is the last time someone used that word to describe you? It doesn’t make sense that Almighty God would have children characterized by fear and insecurity. He put His Spirit in us so we could be known for our power (Acts 1:8; 2 Timothy 1:7). Sadly, most believers and churches are known for talent or intellect rather than supernatural power. What’s worse is that we’re okay with it. Could it be that we’ve forgotten the One who distinguishes us from every religion and cult in the world? We will be reminded that we are not created and saved merely to survive our time on earth. It’s time for the beloved church of Jesus Christ to reverse the trend of neglect. Let’s pursue the Spirit-filled life of effectiveness God desires and we desire.

Classes will begin next Sunday, January 15 at 10:00 a.m. in the Youth House. You are encouraged to purchase a copy of the book “Forgotten God.” Branches Book store has copies available for \$14.99.

ATTENTION ALL COMMITTEES, SOCIETIES, CLUBS, DEACONS, ETC.: Please submit your yearly reports by Monday, January 22 so they can be included in the 2012 Directory. Please submit your report to Heidi or e-mail to secretary@calvary-crc.org.

CALVARY'S BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP will resume on Tuesday, January 17 at 7:00 p.m. Morey Blankenspoor will lead a discussion on the "Poisonwood Bible." This is a fictional tale by Barbara Kingsolver. The story is told by the wife and 4 children, daughters of Nathan Price, a fierce evangelical Baptist preacher intent on converting these black people. It is based on the Congo's fight for independence. Come join us... we do have a few extra books.

TWIN BABY SHOWER: YOU ARE INVITED!

Parents: Ashley and Eric Ashman

Babies: Hudson and Brinkley

Place: Calvary Youth House

Date: January 21, 2012

Time: 1:00 – 2:30 p.m., come and go as you like.

Registered at: Babies R Us and Target

Babies are wearing 3 - 6 month sizes right now,

and are 12 - 13 pounds. They were born on

10/11/2011.

CALVARY CRC has recently become an affiliate with KIDS HOPE USA, a national program dedicated to mentoring elementary school children. Calvary will be partnering with Lincoln Elementary School. If you are interested in learning more about mentoring one child one hour per week please call (628-3751) or email Laurie Nieboer at laurien@iowatelecom.net.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS:

THIRD CHURCH TO HOST CALVIN COLLEGE'S JANUARY SERIES! With topics ranging from technology and self to the future of Christianity to democracy in the Middle East, you are invited to the Calvin College January Series continuing weekdays through January 24 at Third Church. Each lecture will be shown via a "live feed" from Calvin College from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. There is no admission charge. Third Church is one of 34 remote webcast sites across the continent! For information about the speakers and topics, visit the January Series website at www.calvin.edu/january/2012. Don't miss out on this chance to hear fabulous lectures and experience a piece of Calvin College right here in Pella.

PARENTS OF JUNIORS AND SENIORS: Reserve Monday evening, January 9, for a financial aid meeting with Mike Epema, the financial aid administrator at Dordt College. Mike will present general information about college financial aid and will also walk us through the FAFSA form. This meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Pella Christian High music room. This invitation is open to all regardless of which college a student is planning to attend. Parents AND their junior or senior students are encouraged to attend. In a time of economic uncertainty, understanding the college financial aid process is more important than ever. This is an excellent opportunity to learn about the process.

SOUTHERN GOSPEL MUSIC GROUP "GOLD CITY" will be in concert on Sunday, January 15, 2:00 pm, at the Pella Christian High School Vermeer Auditorium. Ticket prices are \$17 in advance, \$20 after January 9, \$6 for children ages 2-12, and \$15 each for groups of 10 or more. For tickets to this "reserved seating" concert, call Cindy Drost at 641-660-0443, or visit the website of www.lowaSouthernGospel.com. God's plan of salvation will be presented in a real and powerful way through the music and testimonies of the members of Gold City.

PELLA CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL invites you to attend their Homecoming activities on Friday, January 20, beginning at 1:00 p.m. sharp in the Vermeer Auditorium. We'll begin with a praise & worship chapel led by PCHS alumni. Class competitions will follow in the gym and the activities will conclude with the introduction of the Homecoming Court at approximately 3:00 p.m. The PCHS constituency is welcome to join us for these activities as well as the evening's basketball games with Knoxville. The JV boys will begin at 4:45 p.m. with the varsity girls and boys to follow.

PSALMS IN WORSHIP WORKSHOP: First CRC in Pella is hosting "Opening the Treasury: A celebration of the Psalms," a worship workshop, on Saturday morning, January 21. Registrants will receive a copy of the new psalter, *Psalms for All Seasons*, which will debut at the workshop. Dr. James Schaap from Dordt College, Dr. Martin Tel from Princeton Seminary, and Dr. Christiaan Teeuwesen from Redeemer College will be presenters. Registration is \$15 and includes the book and lunch. Register by January 15 to assure your copy of the psalter via email to pastorjeff@iowatelecom.net or call 641-628-2568.

PSALMS WORSHIP FESTIVAL: Sunday, January 22, at 3:00 p.m., First CRC in Pella will be hosting a Psalms Worship Festival, led by Dr. Martin Tel of Princeton Seminary, Dr. Christiaan Teeuwse of Redeemer College, and Dr. James Schaap of Dordt College. Psalms in a variety of settings from the new psalter, *Psalms for All Seasons*, will be used.

BIBLES FOR MISSIONS THRIFT CENTER NEEDS YOUR HELP! A clothing sorting event is planned for **Saturday, January 28 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. in our Youth House.** Due to the generosity of the Pella and surrounding communities, the BFM Thrift Center has received more donations of good clothing than our regular store volunteers can possibly process by themselves. We need help sorting through all these donations to find the clothing that can be sold through the Thrift Center. Profits from the Center are used to purchase Bibles and scripture materials distributed through The Bible League to the Romania area. The rest of the clothing is sold to a reseller who ships them overseas for use by people in poor countries around the world.

This is an opportunity for you to help those in this world who are physically and spiritually needy, without leaving the comfort of your home church. Processing instructions will be provided, so invite your friends, and let's have some fun and fellowship together as we practice good stewardship of God's generous provision of these resources! An added perk – shop while you sort, items you like can be purchased at Thrift Center prices! Come and go as your time permits.

We need and can use many helpers including men to help haul boxes of clothing! There is no obligation, but if you think you can help or are able to provide coffee time or lunch for the workers, please add your name to the sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center. Questions? Contact Heidi Vande Kamp 204-2302, secretary@calvary-crc.org or Jean Starkey 628-3136.

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 Engelhoven 641-0107, email: gvanengelhoven@landolakes.com.

WHAT NOT TO TAKE INTO THE NEW YEAR

- Self-help books – Trust in God first; don't turn to him as a last resort. (See Proverbs 3:5-6.)
- Tape measure – Consider only God's standards; don't compare yourself to other people. (See Luke 18:9-14.)
- Rearview mirror – Don't live in the past. You'll miss out on what God is doing in your life now. (See Philippians 3:12-14.)
- Gavel – Stop wasting time judging others. Instead, pray for them, help them and team with them. (See Luke 6:37-38.)
- Life vest – Don't be overly cautious spiritually. Peter experienced Jesus in a real way because he dared to step out of the boat. (See Matthew 14:22-33.)
- Garage-door opener – We think we're networked but often isolate ourselves. God intended for us to live in community with one another. (See Hebrews 10:23-25.)
- Handcuffs – Don't offer excuses about why you can't help out. God can do amazing things through – and despite – us. Just follow him, with no excuses. (See Mark 6:35-44.)

–Gregg McCaslin

WITHOUT FAIL

"I was once young and now I am old, but not once have I been witness to God's failure to supply my need when first I had given for the furtherance of his work. He has never failed in his promise, so I cannot fail in my service to him."

–William Carey