



Connect CHURCH

Sunday, May 19, 2019

Mission: Being transformed by Jesus, leading people to Him.

Vision: A world transformed by the Gospel of Jesus.

For a list of today's schedules, please see the back of your bulletin.

Location of Upcoming Worship Services:

Please note that all morning worship services start at 9:30am. All evening services start at 6pm.

Date:	Location:
May 19	AM ~ Connect Church YACS Sunday PM ~ Calvary CRC (Gospel Singers Male Choir)
May 26	AM ~ Connect Church PM ~ Faith CRC
June 2	AM ~ Connect Church (at West Market Park) PM ~ 2nd CRC (Praise and Worship Night)
June 9	AM ~ Connect Church PM ~ Second CRC (Davis Folkerts organ recital)

Our Church contact info:

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For bulletins, schedules, sermons, and other information, please visit our website:

www.connectchurchpella.org

***Announcements must be turned in by 2:00pm on Wednesdays.**

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Summer Office Hours: Wednesdays ~ 10am-4pm
Thursdays ~ 10am-3pm

The church will be open:

Mondays ~ 8:30am-4:30pm

Tuesdays ~ 8:30am-4:30pm

Wednesdays ~ 10am-4pm

Thursdays ~ 10am-3pm

It will be locked on Fridays. If you need to be in the church, please make prior arrangements with Janice De Graaf. She is willing to come and unlock it for you.

In Our Faith Family

Happy belated birthday to my cousin, Sid Rooda on May 15.

Prayer Items:

Give thanks to God that He has provided for us our next Worship/Discipleship Leader in Mary Van Wyk! She will be beginning this role in June. Pray for her as she makes this move into our community and church family.

Be in prayer for Joe & Analu Reigstad as Joe has accepted a pastoral position in Minnesota and will be moving in August. Give thanks for them and all they have been and done at Connect. Also pray for them as they make preparations for this transition.

Continue to be in prayer for those who continue to face ongoing health concerns or are in the process of healing and recovery, such as Marilyn De Jong (home), Ria Branderhorst (home), and Andy Uitermarkt (home).

Please pray for all our shut-ins and their loved ones: Grada De Bruin, Gerald Hoekstra, Edith Meppelink, Bill Van Waardhuizen, Ken Van Wyk, and Al Van Zee.

Continue to be in prayer for Luke Callahan as he serves our country in Iraq.

Name Change:

Work is still being done to switch over our name to Connect Church. Please be patient as this work is completed. When this is being done, we ask of you to be bold witnesses of Jesus as people as you why we changed our name. Tell them that we DESIRE PEOPLE TO BE CONNECTED TO JESUS BECAUSE JESUS TRANSFORMS LIVES. Therefore, we strive here at Connect to make everything we do about Jesus. We have a window where people are wondering and may we use it well to declare the wonder of Jesus who will one day give us each a new name (Revelation 2:17)!

Care and Share:

Anyone interested in assisting the Care and Share Team, please contact Marge Kuiper (641-780-2366) or Helen Vande Ree (641-416-0037).

Website Update: We LAUNCHED OUR NEW WEBSITE. Please visit www.connectchurchpella.org and let people know this is our new URL. The reason this update is important is because many people will open up a web page about a church before they open up the front door of a church. Take a look and enjoy!

Prayer chain update: Members who previously signed up with Pastor Jeff's prayer chain; that prayer chain is no longer kept up, but it has monthly updates. If you wish to not receive those emails, go to the bottom of the page and click unsubscribe, that should take care of those updates.

Lift up these members in prayer:

Brad, Melanie, Braden, Morgan, Brock, Maisy, and Beckett Meinders, Rick Vos, and Mavis Vos.

"Come and join us at a time of **Praise and Prayer** at West Market Park on **Wednesday, May 29 from 7-8 pm**. We will meet by the North Shelter and use it in case of rain. Please bring your lawn chairs. We will begin with song and end with a prayer walk around the neighborhood."

Coming in May: Marriage Night conference. This will be on Friday, May 31 at First CRC in Pella. Check-in and dinner start at 5:45pm. Conference starts at 7:00pm. For more information and to register, please visit the following website: MarriageNight.Org.

Why is community so important to your spiritual life? Because you can't grow spiritually unless you're connected relationally. God designed you that way. He wants to use other people to grow you, and he wants to use you to grow other people.

During this **eight-week study**—specifically designed for new small groups—you'll explore how building deep relationships with the people in your group and serving the larger community around you will grow your faith. You'll learn why your unique story matters to God and to the people you do life with.

Community provides a great opportunity for you to grow in your relationship with God, because life is better *connected*.

If you are interested in being part of a small group starting in **July**, please sign up by June 16 in the sign up sheet provided in the Narthex. Groups will be designed based on members availability of when they can meet. If you would like to know more about small groups, please speak to one of the members of the Discipleship Ministry Team: Ralph De Haan, Celia Stouwie, Mike Ver Meer, Leanna Van Zee, Kristi Pinegar, or Analú Reigstad.

The Fourth Annual Heartland Gospel Hymn Sing will be held Saturday, June 15, 2019, at 6:00 PM in the First Reformed Church, 603 Broadway, Pella, Iowa. You are invited to join us for this non-denominational, intergenerational time of singing the heartwarming traditional hymns of the faith. It is going to be a wonderful evening of worship as we all join in singing these familiar songs. The singing will be led by Mr. Tom Brown and a mass choir which will include anyone who wants to sing along with some of our local Gospel singers. Our pianist will be Mrs. Barbara Nunnkihoven. There will be a free will offering received to cover expenses. For additional information, or if you would like to be part of the mass choir, please contact Carol Houk at cardohouk@mahaska.org or Christy Van Zee at vanzeejc@gmail.com or 641-628-1068. The Choir will practice at 5:00 PM on June 15 prior to the hymn sing.



Vacation Bible School is coming!

The dates are June 10-14. Please pre-register your child/children. Pre-registration is so helpful to those who are

planning snacks and crafts! Just go to our website: vbspella.org

Worknight is scheduled for June 6 at 6:00pm at First Reformed. The donation list is coming soon!

If you would like to donate your time as a teacher, small group helper, rec helper, etc. please talk to Miss Leanna.

Looking Forward at Connect-

Noon.....Lunch at Fuji's

Monday, May 20

1:00pm.....Happy Quilters

Tuesday, May 21

5:15pm.....Discipleship Team Meeting

Sunday, May 26, 2019

Next Sunday Morning: We welcome to our pulpit Mr. Royce Spoelstra who will lead us in the Word. Pastor Brad will be on a Sabbatical week during the dates of May 20-26. He is granted four Sabbatical weeks a year. The design of these weeks is to provide a rhythm of rest for him throughout the year. These weeks are different from vacation because they are intentionally spent to refresh or refocus him as a pastor or he uses them to re-vision for the church. Often the time is dedicated to prayer, Scripture reading, focused book reading on a specific area of church life, drafting a three month preaching schedule, and studying and developing ministry for Connect Church. To maintain this focus, part of Sabbatical is to take rest from his other routine ministry opportunities like pastoral visiting and meetings. If you have any questions, feel free to talk to Pastor Brad or an elder. If you have any pastoral needs during this week, feel free to contact your Shepherding Elder and/or Deacon.

Next Sunday Evening: During this service, we will close out our sermon series on the book of I Peter by gathering at **Faith CRC**. Pastor Paul Bradford will walk us through the words of **I Peter 5:8-14** in a message entitled **Winning the War**.

Greeters: Ralph and Lu Ann De Haan, Judy De Vries
Nursery: Miss Leanna, Matthew Ver Meer, Maisy Meinders

Sound: Tim Callahan

Projection: Celia Stouwie

Fellowship: Tim and Pat Callahan

Bulletin Delivery: Marilyn Bokhoven

Offering: Worship and Discipleship Development



Our YACS are once again raising money for their mission trip this summer. They are going to Cincinnati, Ohio from July 20—27. Please pick an envelope with the amount you intend to give.

There is a box to place your checks in.

~ Thank you on behalf of the YACS and their leaders

You are invited to a **Memorial Day Service** to be held at the Peoria Cemetery at 9:00 a.m. on May 27. Al Bandstra will be the speaker. Please bring your lawn chairs. In case of inclement weather, the service will be held at the Peoria gym. Refreshments will be served.