



**Mission:** Connect People to Jesus

**Vision:** Disciples Made, Matured, Multiplied

Sunday, August 11, 2019

**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:
August 11	AM ~ Connect Church PM ~ Second CRC
August 18	AM ~ Connect Church <i>With Communion</i> PM ~ Faith CRC
August 25	AM ~ Connect Church PM ~ Faith CRC

***In Our Faith Family***

Pray for Bill Vernooy as he heals from heart repair surgery.

Be in prayer for Edith Meppelink and Judy De Vries as Edith has been placed under the care of hospice. She is still residing at Jefferson Place.

Continue to be in prayer for Case & Paula De Haan as Case has been recently diagnosed with cancer in the bladder.

Continue to be in prayer for both Luke Callahan & Daniel Lehigh as they are deployed for military service.

Pray for those who are shut in and unable to gather for worship with us, such as: Grada De Bruin, Gerald Hoekstra, Edith Meppelink, Bill Van Waardhuizen, Ken Van Wyk & Al Van Zee.

Pray for Connect Church as we strive to "Connect People to Jesus" so that there are "Disciples Made, Matured, Multiplied."

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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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**Mary's Office Hours**

Monday: 2-4pm; 4pm - Coffee Hour (all welcomed)

Tuesday: 8:30-10:30am

Thursday: 4-6pm

**Summer Office Hours:** Wednesdays ~ 10am-4pm  
Thursdays ~ 10am-2:30pm

**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.

**Membership Transfer:** Harriet and Beth

Vander Ploeg have joined First Presbyterian Church in Colorado Springs.

**Ice cream social:** You are invited to an ice cream social in the Fellowship Hall of Faith CRC after the joint evening service on August 25. You will have an opportunity to meet Raul and Adrianna Herrera and learn more about their work at the Nehemiah Center in Nicaragua.

**Lift up these members in prayer:**

Ken and Alberdina Kuiper, Henry, Jr. and Cynthia Langstraat, and Stan and Mona Roozeboom

Connect Church Family,

On August 27th, a group from our congregation will be handing out goodie bags to freshman and returning students at Central College. We would like to (along with some other items) make a homemade treat for the students. This is a great way for us to minister to these students.

- We are looking for the following donations:
- Pretzel sticks (NOT pretzel rods)
  - cashews (plain or salted)
  - honey nut cheerios
  - raisins (regular)
  - mini marshmallows
  - M&M's
  - white chocolate chips

Donations are needed by August 25th. There will be a box **outside of Mary's office that you can place them in!**

**Hope Ministries:** Needs our help! These are the top items we need all summer to help our homeless guests—as many as 200 each night—stay clean and comfortable. We are hosting a donation drive. They are requesting the following items: toothpaste, toilet paper, paper towels, laundry detergent, men's razors, men's deodorant. There will be a box in the narthex for your donations. **Deadline is August 18th.** ~ Thanks!

My name is Lois Van Houwelingen, and I serve as the coordinator of a mentor program called "**Everybody Wins-Iowa**" that provides a reading mentorship to a group of students in 1st and 2nd grades at Pella Christian Grade School who can benefit from an adult reading to them on Tuesdays at noon, while they eat their lunches. I am seeking some kind, Christian adults to serve as mentors on Tuesdays at noon. If you are interested, please contact me at [vanhouwelingen@pellachristian.net](mailto:vanhouwelingen@pellachristian.net). Thanks!

**Bible League:** Join Bible League Volunteers for "His Plan . . . Our Purpose" retreat on Thursday, September 12, 2019 from 9:30am-3:30pm at Calvary CRC in Pella. Among their guest speakers is author and former Mrs. Nebraska USA, Pam Schram. She will encourage you with humor, joy, and inspiration. Registration brochures are available from Dolores Rooda, or online at [bibleleague.org/retreat19](http://bibleleague.org/retreat19).

**We want to say thank you** for your continued prayer and financial support. We are so privileged to serve as your missionaries, partnering together to bring God's Word to people around the world in their heart languages. - Lauren and Connie Runia Wycliffe Bible Translators

## Looking Forward at First—

### Monday, August 12, 2019

6:30pm.....Executive Council Mtng

### Tuesday, August 13, 2019

6:30pm.....Worship Team Meeting

### Thursday, August 15, 2019

7:00pm.....Praise Team Practice

### Sunday, August 18, 2019

**Next Sunday Morning:** We will continue in our Monopoly sermon series on the book of Proverbs. In this series, we unashamedly declare that we are bought and paid for by Jesus. This means we are "not our own but belong body and soul, in life and death to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ" (*The Heidelberg Catechism*, LD #1). We have been looking at what that means when it comes to our money, work, and our roles of being a parent and a friend. Next we will see what being bought and paid for by Jesus means when it comes to sex. We will turn to **Proverbs 5:15-19** (found on page 683-684 of your pew Bibles) in a message called **Sex Street**. During this service, we will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

**Next Sunday Evening:** We will make a transition in our worship location by gathering at **FAITH CRC**. Pastor Brad Meinders will deliver a message on the ninth commandment, "You shall not bear false witness." Come join us as we bear witness to Jesus, the One who is the Way, the Truth and the Life!

Greeters: Ralph and Lu Ann De Haan, Judy De Vries  
Nursery: Sandy Van Den Broek, Marti Van Walsbeek, Brock Meinders  
Sound: Tim Callahan  
Projection: Celia Stouwie  
Fellowship: Tim and Pat Callahan  
Bulletin Delivery: Helen Vande Ree  
Offering: Connect Christian Education

### Connect Church Giving Update 8/4/2019

General Fund	Actual	Budget	Difference
Last Week	\$1,730	\$4,480	(\$2,750)
Fiscal YTD	\$95,566	\$138,480	(\$42,914)

### Offering Last Week

Budget envelops	\$790
Offering was for General Fund	\$940
Added together =	\$1,730