



**Connect
CHURCH**

Sunday, August 18, 2019

Mission: Connect People to Jesus

Vision: Disciples Made, Matured,
Multiplied

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 18	AM ~ Connect Church <i>With Communion</i> PM ~ Faith CRC
August 25	AM ~ Connect Church PM ~ Faith CRC
September 1	AM ~ Connect Church PM ~ Faith CRC
September 8	AM ~ Connect Church Kick-off of the Church Education Season PM ~ Connect Church
September 15	AM ~ Connect Church PM ~ Connect Church
September 22	AM ~ Connect Church <i>With Communion</i> PM ~ Connect Church
September 29	AM ~ Connect Church PM ~ Second CRC

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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)
Thursday: 4-6pm

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

The church will be open: PLEASE NOTE CHANGES

Mondays ~ 7:30am—2:30pm
Tuesdays ~ 7:30am—2:30pm
Wednesdays ~ 7:30am—2:30pm
Thursdays ~ 7:30am—2:30pm

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 Jr, Lanstraat on August 15th as well as Trudy Van Zee also on August 15th. **Happy birthday** to Grada De Bruin on August 20, Larry Terpstra on August 26, And Gerald Hoekstra on August 28.

Please be in prayer for Aaron, Devin, Zaylor & Korbyn Rus at the sudden death of Danelle. May both God's and our love surround this family during this time.

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.

Wednesday Night Ladies Bible Study:

Your books are available from Caryn Van Hemert for \$15.00. This year we will be reading and studying from the book Who Does He Say You Are? Please purchase as soon as possible so there is time to order more books if necessary.

A Congregational Conversation regarding women serving in the role of deacon at Connect Church will be held Monday, August 26, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Please plan to attend and participate in this conversation as the Council welcomes and appreciates your input.

Lift up these members in prayer:

Daniel, Starlie, and Scarlett Lehigh, Jean Lubbers, and Betty Schutte.

Executive Council Meeting Highlights of August 12

- Results of Spiritual Assessment Survey have not been completely evaluated
- Approved the revised mission and vision statements:
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- Work continues on the new exterior permanent signage for Connect Church
- Decided to schedule congregational conversation on Monday, August 26 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss women serving in the role of deacon at Connect Church
- Continued visioning process to discern how God is wanting our church to connect people to Jesus.

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 today ~ 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. 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.

Looking Forward at First—

Please remember to shut off the lights and lock the doors after all meetings and activities.

~ Thank you!

Monday, August 19, 2019

- 5:45pm.....Discipleship Team Meeting
- 6:30pm.....Shepherding Team Meeting

Tuesday, August 20, 2019

- 6:30pm.....Connect Small Groups

Wednesday, August 21, 2019

- 6:00pm.....Safe church meeting for Youth Leaders and Sunday School teachers

Thursday, August 22, 2019

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

Sunday, August 25, 2019

Next Sunday Morning: We welcome back to our pulpit Pastor Will Verhoef as he will lead us in God's Word by turning to **Psalm 73**. The message is entitled **That's Not Fair!** Pastor Brad will be on his third week of Sabbatical during the dates of August 19-25. Please be in prayer for him as he spends the majority of his time prayerfully planning the direction of preaching for the rest of the year. If there are any pastoral needs, please contact your Shepherding Elder and/or Deacon.

Next Sunday Evening: We will gather again at **FAITH CRC** as Pastor Ryan will lead us in our sermon series on the Ten Commandments. Our focus will be the tenth commandment which says, "You shall not covet." Come and join with members of Faith CRC and Second CRC in worship of Jesus and how He is our All-in-All!

- Greeters: Case and Paula De Haan, Marge Kuiper
- Nursery: Darlene Keuning, Judy De Vries
Logan Van Den Broek
- Sound: Wayne Van Walbeek
- Projection: Conner Van Walbeek
- Fellowship: Greg and Marti Van Walbeek
- Bulletin Delivery: Marilyn Bokhoven
- Offering: Denominational Ministry Shares

Connect Church Giving Update 8/11/2019			
General Fund	Actual	Budget	Difference
Last Week	\$9,170	\$4,480	\$4,690
Fiscal YTD	\$104,736	\$142,960	(\$38,224)
Offering Last Week			
Budget envelops			\$9,170
Worship and Discipleship Develop			\$367
No evening offering			