



Connect
CHURCH

Sunday, December 29, 2019

Office hours for next week:

Monday, December 30: 11:30am-3:30pm

Thursday, January 2: 10:00am - 2pm

These hours are subject to how Dad is doing. Thank you all for your prayers! Please remember you can always call my cell phone and e-mail. Blessings, Leanna

Deadline for January's Get Connected is today.

Congregational Meeting is scheduled for January 6, 2020 at 7:00pm. During this meeting, we will take time to confirm those who will serve in the office of deacon. Due to declines, there is no nomination for the office of elder. Cindy Blom and Dan Clark are both nominees for the office of deacon. We will also approve the annual budget for Connect Church. We want to thank Greg Van Walbeek for his service as an elder, and Jerry Janssen and Pete Keuning for their service as deacons.

The **Safe Church Policy** for Connect Church has been updated and posted on our website: connectchurchpella.org. A copy has also been posted in the Narthex for your information. Please contact Tim Callahan if you have any questions. Safe Church Committee

2020 BIBLE READING PLAN: Last week Sunday morning, we heard how we must "thrust" the Word of God deep into us every day, because "the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart" (Hebrews 4:12). Therefore, a Bible Reading plan has been placed in your mailbox and is also available on the shelves behind the sanctuary. Please join us in reading the Word and being shaped by God's Word.

Connect Groups are starting mid January! Sign up is available through the Connect Cards located in your worship folder or you can contact Mary at mary@connectchurchpella.org for more information. We will be going through *Community* by Andy Stanley.

Mission: Connect People to Jesus

Vision: 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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Office Hours:
Mondays ~ 1pm-3pm
Wednesdays ~ noon-4pm
Thursdays ~ 10am-2:30pm

In Our Faith Family

Pray for Vernon and Bonnie Vander Weerd, as Vernon suffered a stroke Monday night. He is the Powell Unit of Iowa Methodist.

Al Van Zee is being dismissed from the hospital Friday (as of the printing of the green sheet) Please keep both Al and Leanna in your prayers, as Al needs to continue to build up his strength.

Continue to be in prayer for Betty Schutte as she resides at the Jefferson Place (Room #20) to recover from her broken pelvis.

Pray for Ruby Hoekstra as she continues to recover after her time in the hospital last week. Pray for strength and recovery.

Keep Case and Paula De Haan in your prayers as Case heals from his surgery last week. We give thanks that Case was able to return home on Tuesday. If you desire to visit, you are asked to call ahead of time and keep the visit 10 minutes in length.

Continue to be in prayer for Daniel Lehigh (currently deployed), Luke Callahan and their families as both Daniel and Luke continue to service our country through the military.

Continue to be in prayer for Shirley Schutte, Lavonne Vande Kamp, and Dave and Darlene Vande Lune, and their families as they continue to face their health challenges.

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

INTERESTED??

Wanted people interested in learning more about prayer and spending some time in prayer. Hoping to meet either Thursday or Friday morning at either 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. or 8:00 to 9:00 a.m..

We will be studying the book, "The Joy of Prayer" by Alvin Vander Griend. If you are interested there is a sign up sheet in the Narthex.

When you sign your name please include the day and time you would like to meet. The day and time getting the most votes is when we will meet. We are hoping to begin after the first of the year. Watch the bulletin for the date. Questions? Call Celia S. (628-4172) or Judy D.V. (780-1017).

Pella Christian High Announcement:

If you have not yet responded to the **PCHS Annual Financial Drive** please prayerfully consider giving a gift by December 31 and help to provide Christ-centered learning for our covenant young people. Donations are tax-deductible and can be dropped off or mailed to 300 Eagle Lane, Pella.

PCHS Special Society Meeting: Pella Christian High Society members are invited to a special society meeting on **Thursday, January 9 at 7:00 p.m.** in the PCHS auditorium. The purpose of the meeting will be to report on our strategic work from the past year. The agenda will include a vote regarding a modification in board member elections, information about a Pilot Spanish Immersion program, and the latest steps in implementation of our strategic road map.

The **Dordt University Chamber Orchestra** will perform a concert at **7:00 p.m. Friday, January 3**, in the Pella Christian High School Vermeer Auditorium and are in need of host families for that evening. Host families would take the students home from the concert, provide a place for the night, serve breakfast, and bring them back to school on Saturday morning so that they can depart for their next destination. If you are interested in hosting students or would like more information, please contact Tim Van Voorst at vanvoorstt@pceagles.org.

Looking Forward at Connect

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

~ Thank you!

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NO Sunday school or Catechism

Sunday, January 5, 2019

Next Sunday Morning: How many of you have made a resolution on January 1? We may long to be healthier, so we are resolved to eat better or workout more. We may long to have more in our savings account, so we are resolved to live by a budget. We may long to kick a bad habit, so we are resolved to stop smoking or biting our figure nails. The question is: How many of you are still resolved to uphold it? As a church, we are going to make resolutions, and we will fight to keep it to build a Christ-like culture here at Connect. We will begin seeing **The Reason for Resolve** by turning to **Luke 9:51-56** and **Revelation 13:10**.

Next Sunday Evening: We begin a new evening sermon series since Calvary, Connect, Faith and Second CRC will now be worshipping together. Each Sunday we will be examining a book of the Bible, and we will follow the order of books chronologically. Therefore, Pastor Sheldon Starkenberg will begin the series for us by turning to the book of **Genesis**. Come join us as we dive into God's Word and worship Him for the gospel He has given us! Remember that we will now be gathering **at Calvary CRC**.

Greeters: Ken and Alberdina Kuiper,
Bill and Donna Vernooy

Nursery: Miss Leanna, Emma Keuning,
Maisy Meinders

Sound: Tim Callahan

Projection: Celia Stouwie

Fellowship: Tim and Pat Callahan

Bulletin Delivery: Helen Vande Ree

Offering: Connect Church Christian Education

Connect Church Giving Update 12/22/2019

General Fund	Actual	Budget	Difference
Last Week	\$7,560	\$4,480	\$3,080
Fiscal YTD	\$197,828	\$228,080	(\$30,252)

Offering Last Week

Budget	\$7,560
Benevolence	\$323
No evening service	