



Mission: Connect People to Jesus

Vision: Disciples Made, Matured, Multiplied

Sunday, December 8, 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:
December 8	AM ~ Connect Christmas Caroling ~ 1:00pm
December 15	AM ~ Connect (Communion) PM ~ Children's Christmas Service @ Connect
December 22	AM ~ Connect PM ~ Candlelight service @ Faith CRC
December 25	AM ~ Connect Church Christmas Day
December 29	AM ~ Connect PM ~ Combined Old Year's Service @ Calvary

Christmas caroling: Everyone is invited to join us for a light lunch and caroling to our shut-ins today. Lunch will be served immediately following the Sunday school hour and caroling will follow. Even if you did not sign up, you are encouraged to join us. This is in place of our evening worship service.

Christmas Cookie Donations are requested once again for fellowship time after the Children's Christmas Worship Service on December 15. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for those of you willing to once again share your holiday treats. If you could drop them off at church the morning of December 15 and label them for the Christmas program, that would be appreciated. ~ Thank you.

FUTURE PM WORSHIP SERVICES: The Councils of Calvary, Connect, Faith & Second have decided to begin worshipping together with the arrangement being that our permanent PM Worship location will be Calvary CRC. The Council of Connect Church sees blessing in this since it will include all Christian Reformed Churches in Pella that currently host an evening worship service and the location of Calvary provides nursery, video-streaming, and provides easy handicap accessibility. This will start happening on December 29 and continue through August 2020. The Councils of the represented churches will then individually review whether this is the direction each church would like to continue with in the future. If you have any questions, please feel free to speak to an elder or Pastor Brad.

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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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Monday: noon - 2pm (note change)
Thursday: 4-6pm

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

The church will be open:
Mondays ~ 7:30am—2:30pm
Tuesdays ~ 7:30am—2:30pm
Wednesdays ~ 7:30am—2:30pm
Thursdays ~ 7:30am—2:30pm

In Our Faith Family

Happy belated birthday to Marilyn De Jong, yesterday, December 7, and Happy Birthday to Bill Van Waardhuizen tomorrow, December 9.

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, Dave and Darlene Vande Lune, and Case De Haan, 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.

The **Pella Pro-Life Cookie Sale** will be Thursday, December 12. We're looking for more volunteers to make cookies and/or decorate and box cookies on **December 12**. If you are willing to help, please contact Jocelyn Meinders, jclyn-mndrs@gmail.com or 515-346-8016. We appreciate your support!

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:

The music department of Pella Christian High School invites you to join them for an evening of music focused on the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on **Tuesday, December 17, at 7:00 p.m.** in the PCHS Vermeer Auditorium. The concert will present the message of Christmas in word and song. Please join us for an evening filled with the musical joy recognized as part of the Christmas season.

Sign up for Advent Devotions today! - It's not too late! Take time to reflect on Christ's birth during this season of Advent with Monday, Wednesday, and Friday devotions sent to your inbox from World Renew and the CRC Office of Social Justice through Christmas Day. This year's devotional series, *How Long, Lord?*, explores how destruction and injustices can lead us to ask the question that God's people and prophets in the Bible asked: "How Long, Lord?" and how we can have hope that our pain will not be forever; the God who made us is with us, now and forever. Don't miss out: Sign up today at crcna.org/advent.

A Theology of Star Wars - Are you excited about The Rise of Skywalker, the final installment of the Star Wars enneade? Some of the sharpest thinkers on theology and pop culture explore key themes in the preceding films in "A Theology of Star Wars," an ebook from Think Christian. Simply sign up to receive Think Christian articles by email and the ebook is yours! Learn more at thinkchristian.net/starwars.

Looking Forward at Connect

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

~ Thank you!

Sunday, December 8, 2019

10:50am-11:30am.....Christmas
Program Practice

Noon.....Lunch

1:00pm.....Caroling to our
shut-ins

Monday, December 9, 2019

1:00pm.....Happy Quilters

Tuesday, December 10, 2019

6:30pm.....Worship Team

Wednesday, December 11, 2019

6:30pm.....YACS

Thursday, December 12, 2019

7:00pm.....Praise team
practice

Sunday, December 15, 2019

Next Sunday Morning: As we continue in our Advent sermon series entitled Show Up, we turn to Matthew 1:20-21 and Hebrews 10:32-39 through a message called The Evergreen and Endurance. During this service, we will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper together.

Next Sunday Evening: Please join us as the Sunday school children lead us in a program entitled, "Tell Me the Story". There will be a meditation by Pastor Brad as well as candle lighting at the very end. Homemade Christmas goodies will be served following the program.

Greeters: Case and Helen Vande Ree, Barb Kopaska

Nursery: Miss Leanna, Matthew Ver Meer,
Maisy Meinders

Sound: Wayne Van Walbeek

Projection: Conner Van Walbeek

Fellowship: Pete and Darlene Keuning

Bulletin Delivery: Judy De Vries

Offering: AM: Connect Christian Education

PM: Pella Christian Grade School