



First Christian Reformed Church

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

Vision: A world transformed by the Gospel of Jesus.

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

Sunday, January 13, 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:
January 13	AM ~ Pella I PM ~ Second CRC
January 20	AM ~ Pella I (Communion) Cadet Sunday PM ~ Faith CRC
January 27	AM ~ Pella I PM ~ Faith CRC
February 3	AM ~ Pella I PM ~ Faith CRC

Office hours: Mondays ~ 1-3pm
Wednesdays ~ noon-4pm
Thursdays ~ 10am-3pm

The church will be open:
Mondays ~ 8:30am-4:30pm
Tuesdays ~ 8:30am-4:30pm
Wednesdays ~ noon-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

Prayer Items:

Be in prayer for Henry and Betty Schutte as Henry is receiving radiation treatments five days a week. They are grateful for all those who have offered rides.

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 Joyce Lubbers (home), Ria Branderhorst (home), Edith Meppelink (Oskaloosa), and Andy Uitermarkt (home).

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

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

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

Rides for Henry and Betty Schutte: Please see the calendar in the narthex if you are available to give rides to Henry and Betty. Please contact Dolores Rooda with questions. ~ Thanks

Please pick up a yearly devotional plan from the table in the narthex.

A **Congregational Meeting** will be held on **Sunday, January 27** where there will be a vote for the congregation to inform the Council of their desire to change the name of the church. The meeting will take place after the morning worship service.



Member DIRECTORY

The directory is laying on the table in the narthex. Please take a minute to update your information or to mark okay if everything is correct. ~ Thanks! Miss Leanna

Lift up these members in prayer:

Joe and Shirley Schutte, Berneda Steenhoek, and Fred and Sandy Van Den Broek.

January family night supper is scheduled for Wednesday, January 16. Menu is lasagna, lettuce salad, garlic bread and jello cake. We welcome you to participate in this social event with our church family, friends and coworkers. There is a sheet on the table in the narthex where we ask you to sign your name and number in your party if you plan to share the meal, that will be served for the cost of a free will donation. Thank you.

Come and join us for a **Praise and Worship Night** at First CRC. We will be worshipping as we sing songs together on **Tuesday, January 22 from 7-8 pm**. This event is open to the whole community, so please come and invite your friends. Hope to see you there!

Come to the January Series live streamed from Calvin College at Third Reformed Chapel every weekday from 11:30-12:30. Broaden your knowledge with these outstanding speakers!

Nicholas Kristof ~ Lessons from 30 Years of Covering the World, Monday, January 14

Leland Melvin ~ Chasing Space: An Astronaut's Story of Grit, Grace, and Second Chances, Tuesday, January 15

William Powers ~ Sustainability, Happiness and the "Slow" Movement, Wednesday, January 16

Erik W. Carter ~ Incomplete without You: The Church and People with Disabilities, Thursday January 17

Ruth Carter ~ The Art of Storytelling Through Costume Design, Friday, January 18

Please **SAVE the DATE** and plan to JOIN US, on **February 8, 2019**, for 818 Forward With Faith's 2nd Annual Desert Dash! The evening will start with a silent auction from 5pm - 6pm, followed by supper and desserts. We will also hear an inspirational message from John O'Leary. The event will be held at Pella Christian High School. Please RSVP to promotion@forwardwithfaith.org OR go to our website at www.forwardwithfaith.org for more information. We are looking forward to seeing you!

Peoria Christian School is having their Pre-K / Kindergarten Round-Up on March 6th. The time is from 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM. Please make sure to send them with a packed lunch and a parent meeting will follow starting at 12:35. If you have children or know of any children that is going to be in Pre-K or Kindergarten, this would be a great way to see if Peoria is the school for you. Please make sure to RSVP by March 4th. For any questions or to RSVP, please contact the school at Office@peoriachr.org or call (641) - 625-4131

DC4K ~ DivorceCare for Kids is a support group for children that has been around for over 20 years. In the past it has only been offered in locations such as Des Moines and Cedar Rapids. There is now a more local option to provide hope and healing for children. The website www.dc4k.org has a lot of good information. Parents are welcome to make themselves comfortable at the church while their children attend the program. There are several comfortable seating areas all through the church and on the 3rd Sunday of each month, there is a worship service in the auditorium at 6:10. Parents are welcome to come and utilize these areas while their children attend the program. Please contact us with any questions you have on this important resource for children. Call Becky @ 641-990-2789 for more information. There are also two fliers on the bulletin boards in the narthex with more information.

Conference: The Prodigal Love of God - Join us April 4-6, 2019, at Dordt College for The Prodigal Love of God Conference: Reencountering Dordt at 400 and Beyond. Through invited plenaries and panel discussions, this conference will feature conversations about the historical legacy and the future of Protestantism as well as the opportunities facing the global church in the decades ahead. Confirmed speakers include Marilynne Robinson, Richard Mouw, James K.A. Smith, Timothy George, Paul Lim, Suzanne McDonald, Jemar Tisby, and Tish Harrison Warren. For info go to www.dordt.edu/plg. Register at prodigalloveofgodregistration.eventbrite.com/

Looking Forward at First—

Today

10:50am—11:30am.....Sunday school and Catechism

10:50am—11:30am.....Choir practice

Monday, January 14, 2019

1:00pm.....Happy Quilters

6:00pm.....Council dinner with wives

7:00pm.....Council meets

Wednesday, January 16, 2019

5:00pm.....Family Night Supper

6:30pm.....GEMS/Cadets

Friday, January 18, 2019

6:00pm.....GEMS Sleepover

Sunday, January 20, 2019

Next Sunday Morning: We are excited to gather with our Cadets and their families on this Cadet Sunday and to gather for the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. We will spend time in God's Word by turning to Acts 5:12-16 (found on page 1172 of your pew Bibles) in a message entitled **Be the Contact**.

Next Sunday Evening: We will transition our location to **Faith CRC** for the next 3 weeks. We will also continue in our sermon series on I Peter by turning to **I Peter 1:22-2:3** as Pastor Ryan Faber will deliver the message.

Greeters: Ralph and Lu Ann De Haan, Judy De Vries
Nursery: Sandy Van Den Broek, Marti Van Walbeek, Brock Meinders

Sound: Bruce Bandstra
Projection: Celia Stouwie
Fellowship: Tim and Pat Callahan
Bulletin Delivery: Marilyn De Jong
Offering: Pella I Cadets

Crossroads of Pella would like you to know ~ winter coats for adults and children will be available at Crossroads through the month of January. English Language Classes begin on February 6. All are welcome!

Thanks for spreading the word about our Adopt a Family for Christmas Program! Our community gave Christmas to 92 local families, purchased toys for hundreds of children across Marion County, wrapped, sewed, crocheted, bought food, dug in closets for coats, boots and snow pants of every size, wrote encouraging notes...sweetly gave this Christmas. ~ the staff of Crossroads of Pella