



FIRST

Christian Reformed Church

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

Vision: A world transformed by the Gospel of Jesus.

Sunday, March 17, 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:
March 17	AM ~ Pella I (Communion) PM ~ Faith CRC
March 24	AM ~ Pella I PM ~ Calvary CRC (Rehoboth Christian Band)
March 31	AM ~ Pella I PM ~ Faith CRC
April 7	AM ~ Pella I GEMS Sunday PM ~ Pella I
April 14 (Palm Sunday)	AM ~ Pella I PM ~ Pella I
April 21 (Easter Sunday)	AM ~ Pella I PM ~ Calvary CRC

We are invited to **Calvary CRC on Sunday, March 24, at 6:00 pm for a combined CRC worship service that is being led by Rehoboth Christian School Band under the direction of Pella native, Kevin Zwiers.** The band will be performing a program called "Come to the Water".

Our next Family Night Supper will be on Wednesday, March 20 from 5-6:30pm. Please **sign up on the sheet in the narthex**, so the ladies can get an accurate count. Delivery is also available for those living in town. Questions, please call Bonnie Vander Weerd @ 780-6604.

Easter lily donations are being accepted again! Please place your donation and the name of your loved one in the glass bowl in the narthex.

The Shepherding Team is in the process of updating the prayer chain. Anyone willing to serve as a vital link in the chain is invited to sign the sheet in the narthex as a phone call recipient and/or as a caller. Please include your contact phone number. Thanks for your willingness to serve!

Tulip Time is just around the corner! We are looking for donations for our plant and craft sale. Questions, please see Karen Ver Meer.

Lift up these members in prayer:
Greg, Brittany, Nile, Mina, and Vivienne Dieleman, Wally Fopma, and Trudy Van Zee.

Our Church contact info:

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For bulletins, schedules, sermons, and other information, please visit our website: www.firstcrpella.org

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

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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

Happy birthday to Arie Vink on March 30!

Prayer Items:

Please be in prayer for Brian & Gina Vander Wal and family and Joe & Jen Orton and family, as well as the many family and friends of Jan Vander Wal, who passed away this past Monday, March 11. Funeral services were held yesterday in our church. May the hope of Jesus Christ comfort all who mourn.

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 Marilyn De Jong (home), Ria Branderhorst (home), Henry Schutte, and Andy Uitermarkt (home).

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

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

Please support our GEMS/Cadets/YACS! We are currently having a fundraiser for our clubs. We are selling a variety of popcorns and cookie doughs! If you are interested in purchasing, please ask Miss Leanna for details.

Our next lunch outing will be Sunday, March 31, at noon at George's. Please sign up on the table in the narthex. **Please note change in date!**

Check it out...we want/need you!

We've been asked to provide a meal on Sunday, March 24 at 11:45am for the band group from Rehoboth. Hot ham sandwiches, chips and dessert will be provided. We need at least 16 salads (9 x 13 or equivalent). We've been informed they like any kind of salad except Jello (not popular in their area). Let's show our friends from Rehoboth how great our Midwest hospitality is at First CRC and support them with one of our famous potlucks! Hope you will all join us (with or without a salad). Please sign up today if you will attend and let us know if you can bring a salad. Thank you!!

Notice to the ladies ~ The Bible League Luncheon is going to be held in our church on Monday, March 25. We need two salads from our church and four or five ladies to help set up and clean up after the luncheon. There will be a sign up sheet in the narthex. ~ Thank you!

The Spring Salad Luncheon for the Bible League will be held on Monday, March 25, Noon at Pella First Christian Reformed Church. The speaker for this event will be Chaney Rader, Senior Regional Field Director for Bible League in the Midwest. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend, including men who would also be blessed by this vibrant speaker. A free-will offering will be taken for **Bible League**.

Pella Christian High Announcements:

Chamber Choir: The Pella Christian High Chamber Choir will be begin their spring choir performances Sunday, March 24 at the Second Reformed Church in Pella at the morning worship service. They will continue at the following churches for evening services: March 31-Sully CRC, April 14-Covenant Reformed (Pella), April 28-Second CRC (Pella) and finish at the May 5 Tulip Time Worship Service.

Parent-Teacher Conferences: Parents of Pella Christian High students are encouraged attend Parent-Teacher Conferences in the gymnasium Monday, March 25, from 6-8:00 p.m. (1:30 p.m. dismissal.) There WILL be classes Friday, March 29 for a snow make-up day.

Gene Van Wyk Memorial Run/Walk: Join the fun and be part of the 12th annual Gene Van Wyk 5k Run, April 20. All proceeds from the run go towards the Gene Van Wyk Memorial Fund and the Gene Van Wyk Weight Room at Pella Christian High School. Registration costs are \$15 for students, \$20 for adults, and \$70 for families **if you register by April 8**. Fees increase by \$5 per event after that date. Register on-line at www.genevanwyk.com or pick up a form at the high school office or at Home Realty located at 1212 Washington Street in Pella.

Ladies Wednesday Night Bible Study

Please study Lesson 10 for our next meeting on Wednesday, March 27 at 7:00pm.

You are invited to come and shop at **De Kinderen Kloset** on March 29 & 30! De Kinderen Kloset is a ministry of Pella II CRC where our goal is to exchange high quality used children's clothing and goods at affordable prices while benefiting local ministries. Proceeds from this year's sale will benefit Freedom House Ministries. Come shop on Friday, March 29 from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 30 from 9:00 a.m. - noon (with some ½ price items) at Pella II CRC's basement at 609 E First St.

Looking Forward at First-

Today

NO Sunday school, Catechism or choir practice due to spring break.

Monday, March 18, 2019

1:00pm.....Happy Quilters

Wednesday, March 20, 2019

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

Sunday, March 24, 2019

Next Sunday Morning: The season of Lent is a time to humble ourselves for the 40 days leading up to what is called Holy Week so that we can identify with the suffering Jesus endured by humbling Himself for us. To connect to the humility, we will turn to **Philippians 2:1-11** through a message called **Discipleship = Fellowship**.

Next Sunday Evening: We will gather at **Calvary CRC** where the Rehoboth Christian Band will be leading us in worship together. Rehoboth Christian School is located in New Mexico and has been a supported ministry by many in the area. The school aspires to "be light in our world by bring hope and opportunity through life-changing Christian education." Please join us as we gather in the name of Jesus together.

Greeters: Harley and Karen Ver Meer, Pat Callahan
Nursery: Bert Terpstra, Katie Van Den Broek, Morgan Meinders
Sound: Sandy Van Den Broek
Projection: Austin Van Soelen
Fellowship: Sid and Dolores Rooda
Bulletin Delivery: Helen Vande Ree
Offering: AM: Worship and Discipleship Development

Mobility Worldwide Dinner and Auction: Pella II CRC invites you to join them as they host their annual Dinner and Auction to support Mobility Worldwide (formerly PET). The event will take place on Wednesday, March 27, at Pella Christian High School. We will start with dinner from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Immediately following dinner there will be an auction featuring delicious food items and fun events. If you have any questions, please call Will an Wyngarden at 641-780-7015.

Mobility Worldwide-Leighton is in need of welders. We would appreciate competent welders willing to use their own shop and equipment to weld various parts for our PET carts. These carts are sent worldwide to give the disabled the gift of mobility. Please contact Pete Verhey at (641) 204-1972 with questions or amount of time you could donate to this project. Thank you!