



# FIRST

Christian Reformed Church

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

**Vision:** A world transformed by the Gospel of Jesus.

Sunday, April 14, 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:
April 14 (Palm Sunday)	AM ~ Pella I PM ~ Second CRC
April 18 MAUNDY THURSDAY	7pm ~ Faith CRC (Communion)
April 19 GOOD FRIDAY	Come between the times of 5:30pm-7:30pm @ FIRST CRC (Stations of the Cross)
April 21 EASTER SUNDAY	AM ~ Pella I PM ~ Calvary CRC
April 28	AM ~ Pella I PM ~ Second CRC (PCHS Chamber Choir)

**Our Church contact info:**

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For bulletins, schedules, sermons, and other information, please visit our website: www.firstcrcpella.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*

**Prayer Items:**

As we meet Mary Van Wyk and are led in worship by her, pray that the Lord will make clear to her and us where she can be used for the most Kingdom impact and whether that is here at FIRST Christian Reformed Church.

Be in prayer for Art & Marge Kuiper as they grieve the death of Marge's sister-in-law Viola Engbers. As Easter approaches, may the reality of the resurrection comfort them and their family.

Continue to be in prayer for both Arie & Joyce Vink. Arie remains weak and continues to be cared for at the Pella Regional Hospital.

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.

The Council decided on Monday to bring before the congregation on Sunday, April 28 (following the morning worship service) the name "**Connect Church**" for our new "Doing As ..." name. FOR MORE INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS DECISION, PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHURCH MAILBOX. Thank you for your patience, participation and prayers during this process! If you have any questions, we welcome and encourage you to talk to anyone on the Executive Council (Ralph De Haan, Pete Keuning, Dr. Russ Van Hemert, Brett Van Soelen, and Wayne Van Walbeek) or Staff (Darlene Keuning, Pastor Brad, and Analú Reigstad).

**Please join us for Praise and Worship Night** at First CRC on April 25, from 7-8pm!

If you would like to be included in the **Prayer Chain** list, please sign the sheet on the table in the narthex. The committee plans to activate the chain soon!!!

**Luke Callahan's address:**  
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**Lift up these members in prayer:**  
Pete and Darlene Keuning, Will. Karen, Emma, and Trenton Keuning, and Harley and Karen Ver Meer.

**Maundy Thursday:** As we begin a series of worship services that focus us on Jesus, the cross and the empty tomb, we take time to gather as disciples of Jesus to listen to some of His final words to His twelve disciples. As we gather at **Faith CRC**, we will listen through both Word and sacrament. Pastor Brad will give a message, based on John 15:4, entitled **Remain**. We will also celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper together. We will be gathering at 7:00pm.

**Good Friday:** The "Stations of the Cross" is a way for disciples of Jesus to walk through and experience what Jesus experienced on that first Good Friday. We will be providing an opportunity here **AT FIRST CRC** to worship Jesus through seven different stations. Please note that walking and stairs will be a part of this experience. This will take roughly 1 hour and you are welcome to come anytime between 5:30-7:30pm. All ages are welcome.

#### **Pella Christian High Announcements:**

**Pella Christian High School Openings:** PCHS has an opening for an upper level Spanish teacher. Please contact Principal Dan Van Kooten at [vankootend@pceagles.org](mailto:vankootend@pceagles.org) if you or someone you know is interested.

**Drive 4UR School Event:** Pella Christian HS and Ulrich Ford are once again teaming up to "Drive 4UR School" Saturday, April 20. This spring the baseball, girls basketball and boys soccer teams will be receiving the funding. This has been a successful fundraising event for us in the past. The school receives \$20 per test drive between 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. on the 20<sup>th</sup> and an extra \$10 if you take another test drive in the new Edge. You may designate what program you would like to support. Come and test drive a new Ford vehicle and support PCHS in the process!

**PCHS Society Meeting Thursday, April 25:** This year's society meeting will be preceded at 6:00 p.m. with a free pork dinner served by the FFA Club and the Ag Advisory Committee. The Society Meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. with reports on the recent strategic planning initiative, current financial status of the school, the upcoming Spanish Immersion program opportunity, and proposed board governance changes. Immediately following the society meeting there will be short meeting of the PCHS Endowment/Foundation Corporation Society.

Nominees are as follows:

District I: Michelle Brouwer (Faith CRC) and Chad Vink (Covenant Ref)

District IV: Mike Boender (incumbant) (Oskey I CRC) and Matt Groenendyk (Cedar CRC)

**PCHS Grandparent's Day:** All grandparents of PCHS students are cordially invited to our annual Grandparent's Day to be held on Tuesday, April 23. The day will start at **8:45am**. in the auditorium for chapel. Then grandparents will have opportunity to attend classes with your grandchildren, enjoy performances in the auditorium, see displays of student work, and eat a delicious lunch. Ample parking will be available along with handicapped parking on the west side of the building. No reservations needed.

**To reserve your Tulip Time parking space,** please contact Miss Leanna.

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

## Looking Forward at First-

### **Today**

10:50am-11:30am.....Sunday school for Miss Leanna's class

Q & A with Mary Van Wyk directly after the am service Downstairs in the fellowship area

11:15-11:45am.....Choir practice

Noon.....Lunch at El Charro

### **Monday, April 15, 2019**

1:00pm.....Happy Quilters

### **Tuesday, April 16, 2019**

5:15pm.....Discipleship Team Meeting

### **Wednesday, April 17, 2019**

6:30pm.....GEMS Fun Night

7:00pm.....Wednesday Night Ladies Bible Study Dinner at Country Club

### **Sunday, April 21, 2019**

**EASTER Morning:** On this Sunday morning where we have the opportunity to shout in victory, "He is risen! He is risen indeed," we will turn to Philippians 3:12-16 in a message entitled "**Discipleship = War-ship**". Invite your friends, family, neighbors, co-workers and classmates to come celebrate with us the resurrection of Jesus Christ!

**Next Sunday Evening:** As we close out this Easter Day, we will gather at Calvary CRC with other Christian Reformed Churches in Pella. Dr. Tom Wolhuis of Geneva Campus Ministry at the University of Iowa will be preaching from God's Word to us. Come and join us as we celebrate that Jesus is alive and has given us life!

**Greeters:** Case and Paula De Haan, Marge Kuiper  
**Nursery:** Cindy Blom, Bert Terpstra, Brock Meinders  
**Sound:** Sandy Van Den Broek  
**Projection:** Austin Van Soelen  
**Fellowship:** Greg and Marti Van Walbeek  
**Bulletin Delivery:** Henry and Betty Schutte  
**Offering:** AM: Pella I Christian Education

**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

**Save the Date:** The Heartland Gospel Hymn Sing will be held on Saturday, June 15, 2019 at 6:00 PM at the First Reformed Church, 603 Broadway, Pella, Iowa. A time of singing the faithful hymns of the church.