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# **Prayers, Praise, and Plans**

# **A WEEKLY PUBLICATION OF CHURCH FAMILY CONCERNS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# PRAYER PARTNERSHIP

## Worship Today, March 17, 2024

Pastor Jack will lead us in morning worship as we continue the Lenten series of *Following Jesus*. This morning, we have the privilege of witnessing the baptism of Josie Faith, daughter of Brennan and Shelby Veenstra

This evening, we will continue the Ten Commandment series.

#### **Church Family Prayers**

> We extend our sympathy to Gary and Dena Van Wyk in the death of Gary's brother Orville Van Wyk this past week. We pray for comfort and peace as they mourn this loss.

> The elders joyfully heard the profession of faith of Adri Vos this week. We rejoice with Adri and her family and look forward to her public profession of faith on April 28.

> The council accepted the membership transfer of Loren Vander Wilt from Calvary Christian Reformed Church of Pella. Loren has been worshipping and serving as part of our congregation for a while, now we want to officially welcome him as a member.

> Out of a desire to care for all our members, each week we will be placing names of shut-ins for you to remember in prayer. This week we want to specifically remember Henrietta Laverman, Melissa Laverman, and Irene Moes.

### Next Week Sunday, March 24

Next week Sunday will be the celebration of Palm Sunday, Jesus triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

We will not hold an evening service so that the congregation can attend The Gospel Singers concert at the Sully Community Church. (See the complete announcement below.)

Offering: Seminary Offering

Nursery Assignment: Norma Beerends, Harlan Beerends, Alli Pleima

Coffee Servers: Ed and Joyce Dieleman

Sixth Grade Catechism Class

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Bulletin Deadline Thursday Noon.)

#### **Budget Giving**

Total Congregational Giving since June 1, 2023: \$327,355.39 Budgeted goal by March 31, 2024: \$355,723.50 Budget Giving Goal by May 31, 2024: \$426,868.22

**The Choir** will be singing for the Good Friday service. We will hold practice at 5:00 this evening before the evening worship. More singers are welcome.

**Quilters:** Thursday, March 21 is our last sew day for this year. Be sure to join us for a fun day of sewing, food, and fellowship.

**The Gospel Singers** will be singing "Christ is the Rock" concert in the Sully Community Church on Sunday, March 24 at 6:00 pm. We will not have evening worship to allow the congregation to attend this concert.

The Community Church will be hosting a *Mission Trip Supper* from 4:30-5:45 pm.

- Free will donation meal to raise funds for the 10-day mission trip.
- 30 youth and adults will be ministering at Victory Bible Camp in Alaska this summer.
- Please come out for supper and support this ministry opportunity.
- Location: Sully Community Church fellowship hall.

Menu: Pulled Pork Sandwiches (or hot dogs), Cheesy Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Cookie/Bar Dessert. (Drive-through service available near gym entrance.)

Coffee and cookies will be served following the concert.

**Congregational Meeting:** Our annual congregational meeting will be held on Monday, March 25 at 7:00 PM in the church sanctuary. We encourage all members to attend to elect council members, approve the budget, and hear updates from the search team and capital campaign team. Documents, including an absentee ballot, can be found in your church mailbox. Absentee ballots can be turned into a council member and must be signed.

**Greeting:** The Admin Team has voted to resume greeting prior to morning worship on Easter Sunday.

**Cadet-O-Rama:** Treat your family to a great morning and support the Hawkeye Council Cadets by attending the annual Cadet-O-Rama on **Saturday**, **April 6** from 8:00-1:00 at the Vermeer Global Pavilion in Pella. View the badge work and projects of the individual Cadets and their clubs, enjoy great food all day long (free-will donation), enter into a Bags Tournament, see awards and trophies present, and test your skills on a miniature golf course.

**Pella Welcome Corps** welcomed its first refugee family from Central America to Pella in February. They have been busy settling into a new home, learning a new language, applying for jobs and meeting many new friends. Please pray for this family as they adjust to life in the U.S. We thank you for the generous support you have already shown! To learn more about Pella Welcome Corps, visit our Facebook page or go to <u>crossroadspella.org/welcome-corps</u>.

**PCHS Spring Drama March 22 & 23-** PCHS's Theatre Troupe concludes their successful theatre season with Harper Lee's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, *To Kill a Mockingbird*. Timeless and lingering, this hard-hitting work explores prejudice, compassion, and the courage to do what is right. Set in a sleepy Alabama town in the midst of the Great Depression, Scout and her brother, Jem, live with their widowed father, Atticus Finch. Reminiscent of a bygone era, the children play outside in the summer, act out stories and fantasize about their mysterious neighbor, Boo Radley. The seemingly peaceful town begins to crack when a young Black man is accused of a terrible crime and local lawyer Atticus defends the man with an unshakeable moral conviction. Under the direction of Marlo Van Peursem, *To Kill a Mockingbird* will be presented March 22 and 23, with reserved tickets available for purchase on-line beginning March 4.

**Pathways of Pella Spring Pro-Life Gala** – Friday, April 12, 2024, Federated Fellowship Church, 309 Roosevelt Road, Pella. Guest speaker: Sarah Hurm, author of "Finding Hope: Letters to My Abortion Pill Reversal Baby." Tickets are \$20 each. For more information or to RSVP: <u>email-crystal@pathwayspella.org</u> by March 29, 2024.

**Thrive Faith Formation Tip** - What would happen if we all listened to others just as deeply and lovingly as God listens to us? How would that change our family life, our work life, our interactions with our neighbor, or our online presence? Learn more at crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject

# COUNCIL FUNCTION/DISTRICT ELDERS

Lawrence Van Zee (24)	Team 1
Mike Arkema (24)	
Rick Vos (24)	Vicar
Roger Zylstra (25)	Team 6
Gary Christensen (25)	Team 5
Landon Van Zante (25)	Clerk
Dale Van Wyk (26)	Chairman
Tim Vander Schel (26)	Team 2
Nolan Vos (26)	Team 3

#### DEACONS

Rick Jansen (24)	Collection Fund, Team 5
John De Berg (24)	General Fund
Kyle Van Kooten (24)	B & G, Team 2
Mike Vander Molen (25	)Benevolence, Team 3
Trevor Nikkel (25)	Secretary, Team 6
Dennis Schut (26)	Chairman
John Kramer (26)	Vicar/Auditor, Team 4
Zach Dunsbergen (26)	Team 1

#### CHURCH PROGRAM

#### Sunday

Suluay	
Men's Bible Study	8:00 AM
Prayer Meeting	8:45 AM
Church School	
*Growing in Grace	7:00 PM
*Truth Seekers	
Tuesday	
*Coffee Break Ministry	
Wednesday	
*Ruth Circle	1:00 PM
*Share Your Faith	6:45 PM
*GEMS	6:45 PM
*Cadets	6:45 PM
*412 High School Youth Group	
* Indicates these groups meet September through March.	
Prayer Meeting	7:00 PM (year-round)

#### INFORMATION

Interim Pastor		
Secretary Glenda Vander Le	eest—Office 594-3491 (cell-641-780-6166), bulletin deadline Thursday, 12:00am	
	Office Hours – Monday-Friday - 8:00 a.m. – 12:00, email sullycrc@netins.net	
Worship Coordinator	Jodi De Berg – 319-243-8754 email: worshipsullycrc@netins.net	
Cancellations		
Church Use		
Communion	Good Friday, third Sunday of June, September, and the last Sunday of December.	
Custodian		
Fellowship Findings		
Right Now Media Access: Custom Link: https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/sullychristianreformedchurch		

#### Missionaries