



Announcements & Upcoming Events

April 14, 2024

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES

(April 14 - 20)

- Sunday** 8:00 AM - Deacons Meeting
9:30 AM - Worship Service
10:45 AM - Kingdom Builders, Mile Markers, & Kids of the Kingdom
- Monday** 6:45 PM - Bloom Study Group - Hosp. House
- Tuesday** 6:15 AM - Daybreak Bible Study
Les: I; L: Marlene T.; S: Kathy R.
7:00 PM - Fellowship Team Meeting
- Wednesday** 6:00 PM - Deacons' Spring Fling
7:00 PM - Young People's - Living Groups
7:00 PM - Family Visitation - Hospitality House
8:00 PM - Family Visitation - Hospitality House
- Thursday** 10:00 AM - EARLY Announcement & Prayer Sheet Deadlines

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP HELPERS:

Storyteller: Maddie De Vries
Helpers: Lindsay Stout, Jadyn Klaasen
Floater: Lindsay Stout

NURSERY ATTENDANTS:

Tanya Bouma
Eliot Ochsner

USHERS FOR MONTH OF APRIL:

Mark De Jong - Mary De Jong - Nathan Knipper - Summer Knipper

OFFERING CAUSE FOR APRIL 14: Hospice of Pella

NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 21

Next Sunday we will celebrate the baptism of Harper Elizabeth Gosselink, daughter of Travis & Ashley Gosselink.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP HELPERS:

Storyteller: Kathy Roozeboom
Helpers: Rachel Melvin, Abby Melvin
Floater: Kathy Roozeboom

NURSERY ATTENDANTS:

Doug & Shirley Vermeer
Paxton Bouma

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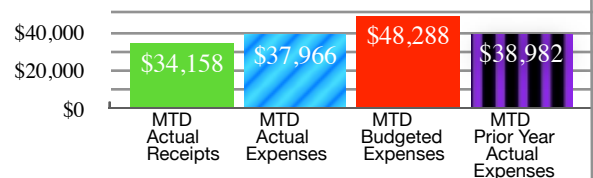
OFFERING CAUSE FOR APRIL 21: Many Hands for Haiti

FROM COUNCIL

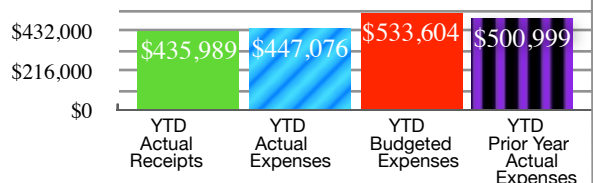
Faith CRC March 2024 Fiscal Financial Report (General Fund)

Month-To-Date			
MTD Actual Receipts	MTD Actual Expenses	MTD Budgeted Expenses	MTD Prior Year Actual Expenses
\$ 34,158	\$ 37,966	\$ 48,288	\$ 38,982
Year-To-Date			
YTD Actual Receipts	YTD Actual Expenses	YTD Budgeted Expenses	YTD Prior Year Actual Expenses
\$ 435,989	\$ 447,076	\$ 533,604	\$ 500,999

Faith CRC March Month-To-Date General Fund Financials



Faith CRC March Year-To-Date General Fund Financials



We are quickly approaching the end of the 2023-2024 church year with 2 months remaining in the fiscal year. Receipts are currently \$98,000 below budget with a portion of this anticipated with Educational Savings Accounts. We will have elevated expenses with upcoming quarterly ministry shares and missionary support. Please prayerfully consider what financial support can be provided to close out the year.

- 1) March MTD receipts were \$3,808 below the actual expenses incurred.
 - 2) March YTD receipts were \$97,696 behind the approved budget.
 - 3) March YTD receipts were \$11,087 below the actual expenses incurred.
 - 4) *Due to shortfall of actual receipts to budget, the quarterly denominational ministry shares were not paid in March.*
- * Please reach out to Brian De Vries (Treasurer) with any questions regarding the budget.**

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FROM COUNCIL...cont.

- Work continued on the elder/deacon nomination process. May 19 will be the elder/deacon installation service.
- Classis meeting will be held at Cornerstone Church on May 16.
- Council accepted the resignation of Elder Ted Zylstra due to health issues.
- Nancy will continue scheduling family visits on Wednesdays thru April 17. If you would like a visit after that, please contact your elder.

UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES

To help you prepare your heart and mind for worship, below are the passages/theme that we will be studying in our upcoming worship services.

- 4/14 Matthew 5:17-20, 43-48
Surpassing Pharisees
- 4/21 Mark 10:35-45
There's Serving and Then There's Serving
- 4/28 Luke 15:11-32
The Prodigal Father

CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Birthday

CONGRATULATIONS TO Joyce Nikkel on her 84th birthday on April 20.

FAITH YP: We'll meet in living groups from 7:00-8:30 on Wednesday night, April 17. This will be the final YP event of the year. Hope to see everyone there!

EARLY DEADLINES & OFFICE CLOSED—The Announcements deadline and Prayer Sheet deadline this week is 10:00 a.m. Thursday, April 18. The church office will be closed Friday, April 19.



LOOKING FOR AN EASY MEAL? Project Serve is



taking orders for Dutch sandwiches (raisin bun, dried beef, plain Gouda cheese). Each Dutch sandwich will be \$3.50 each or \$42 per dozen. Please complete the form found in your church mailbox and place the form in the box on the church office counter. Additional forms are on the office counter. You may also order online at <https://forms.gle/wAYvptxN9bsQDa8v5>. All orders are due by next Sunday, April 21. The Dutch sandwiches will be made and ready for pick up on Wednesday evening, April 24, from 6:30-8:00. Proceeds from this fundraiser will help offset the cost of Faith sponsored mission trips. Thank you for your support!



PROJECT SERVE NEEDS 64 OZ. EMPTY plastic juice bottles with caps for Tulip Time. Please put them in the designated box in the church kitchen by April 28. If you have any questions, please contact Gail Van Beek.

ATTENTION ALL 2024 GRADUATES: If you're graduating from eighth grade, high school or college, please sign the sheet on the office counter or e-mail office@faithcrpella.org by **May 5**. College graduates, please include the college you are graduating from. **ALSO... please submit a baby picture and a recent or graduation picture** to Nancy Gosselink via e-mail (office@faithcrpella.org) or bring to the office by **Sunday, May 5**. The Fellowship Team needs to know who will be graduating to make plans for the Graduation Recognition Sunday on May 19. Thank you!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING April 28 after the morning service to approve the proposed annual budget for 2024/25. Copies of the 2024/25 proposed budget were distributed this week via your preference of receiving Faith communications, email or placed in your mailboxes. There are extra copies of the proposed budget on the office counter.

COMPTON 2024—The Compton Mission Trip will be happening June 12-19. If you'd like more information or would like to register for the trip please reference the informational fliers on the office counter. If you have any questions or would like more information, please reach out to Nolan Wiersma.



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REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRIES



Nolan Wiersma will be concluding his work as Faith Church’s Youth Ministries Director and we are grateful for the years of service he has given to this vital and important ministry in discipling our youth.

Faith’s Council has approved expanding this role to full-time and it now includes staying connected with college age young adults as well as increased emphasis on integrating young people into the life of Faith Church.

The search team is currently seeking to fill the Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries position. Please check out the following link: [description of the position](#). If you are interested in this position or are aware of someone who may be interested, please contact Nancy at office@faithrcpella.org or reach out to a member of the search team (Chris Arends, Mike Bandstra, Greta Kelderman or Teresa Rens).

A GRAND DAY—Grandparents and special friends, join us for ‘A Grand Day’ at Pella Christian High School on Thursday, April 18. The morning will include chapel, classroom visits, student performances, and lunch. Please arrive between 8:40 and 8:50 a.m. and spend the morning discovering how God’s story is unfolding through the students at Pella Christian High School.

EIGHTH ANNUAL HEARTLAND HYMN SING—Please join us for the Eighth Annual Heartland Hymn Sing on Sunday, April 21, at 6:00 PM at Calvary Church at 408 Maple Street in Pella. This is an awesome, non-denominational evening of singing the heartwarming hymns of the faith. All ages are encouraged to attend as we worship together in song. If you would like to sing in the Heartland Hymn Sing Choir, please come to choir practice at 5:15 PM that evening. If you can not attend in person, please watch the live broadcast at calvarypella.org. For more information contact Christy Van Zee, 641-628-1068.

THE VERMEER CHARITABLE FOUNDATION INVITES YOU TO an evening with Rev. Dr. Matthew Kaemingk, Assistant Professor of Faith and Public Life at Fuller Theological Seminary. He will be speaking on the topic “Reconnecting Our Work with God’s.” This free, open to the public event will be held Monday, April 22, from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. at the Vermeer Global Pavilion, 2110 Vermeer Rd. E., Pella, IA.

YOU ARE ALSO INVITED TO JOIN US for a full day with Matthew Kaemingk on Tuesday, April 23, at the Vermeer Global Pavilion. This full day event requires a registration fee of \$25 before April 15. Further questions – call 641-628-3141 or e-mail charitablefoundation@vermeer.com. More information can be found at vermeer.com, click on About Us, Vermeer Charitable Foundation, Leadership Alliance.

ANNUAL SOCIETY MEETING: The Pella Christian High School Annual Society Meeting will be held Tuesday, April 23, at 6:00 p.m. in the PCHS band room. A school report plus ratification of the 2024/25 school budget will be on the agenda along with the presentation of new school board members. All PCHS society members are invited to attend. Information on the board members is available at www.pceagles.org/board-members/ or at the high school office. A short Endowment Foundation Meeting is scheduled to immediately follow.

JOIN US ON APRIL 25 FOR OUR “HELP US SOAR – PC GIVING DAY 2024”. Through our social media channels and the Pella Christian website, you will have the opportunity to get an inside peek at what happens at Pella Christian Schools and a chance to make a financial impact as we continue our mission. Please consider giving to Pella Christian Schools to help us meet the goal of raising \$150,000 during our “Help Us Soar – PC Giving Day!” Show your support – by donating online at www.pceagles.org/helpussoar or by sending in your gift via mail by April 25, to 300 Eagle Lane, Pella IA 50219. Donations can be designated for Pella Christian High School, Pella Christian Grade School or simply Pella Christian Schools and it will be divided between both campuses.

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2024 VISITATION SCHEDULE

We ask that everyone try to make the appointments as given, but if it is not possible, please contact your elder.

Wednesday, April 17 – (in the Hospitality House)

7:00 PM:	(Elders)
Zac & Teresa Whitehead	(Lee T./Jerry V.M.)
Bob & Charlie Zylstra	(Guy D.H./Gerrit B.)
Jason & Teresa Rens	(Brad E./Pastor Brian)
Marianne Vink	(John V./Marv R.)
8:00 PM :	
Jeff & Shari Fox	(Lee T./Jerry V.M.)
Ron Van Haften	(Guy D.H./Gerrit B.)
Ben & Jamie Schelker	(John V./Marv R.)

This will be the last week of visitations this Spring. We will resume in the Fall.

MINISTRY BROADCASTS

THE ANNUAL *BANNER* APPEAL IS UNDERWAY! The 2024 appeal for *The Banner*, the CRC's award-winning monthly magazine, has started. *The Banner* is delivered free in print and online, and this annual donation appeal makes it possible. To help keep this community conversation going please give online now at: TheBanner.org/Give

WORLD RENEW works to end world hunger by training farmers in sustainable agriculture and by teaching families about healthy diets and nutrition. We trained 18,455 farmers in sustainable agriculture in 2021

KIDS CORNER (<https://kidscorner.net/>)—Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Imagine When... How do you like to use your imagination? Maybe you imagine the characters in a book you're reading. Perhaps you can imagine a treehouse you want to design. Though your imagination is something only you can see, it can also help you shape your ideas. New inventions, solutions, and creations can all stem from your imagination! Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like The Spring Scavenger Hunt, and go for a hike!

GROUNDWORK—Justice and Righteousness in Amos - Amos was a shepherd until God called him to deliver a searing message to Israel. Join *Groundwork* as we study Amos 1-9 to hear God's message of justice and righteousness and to be reminded of the strong connection between how we live our daily lives and how God sees our worship. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

FAITH'S LIVE-STREAM—The worship service will be live-streamed at 9:30 AM on Sundays via Faith's YouTube channel [click here](#) or Faith's Facebook page [click here](#).

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