



Announcements & Upcoming Events

April 20, 2025

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES

(April 20 - 26)

Sunday	8:00 AM - Deacons Meeting 9:30 AM - Easter Worship Service
Monday	6:45 PM - Bloom Bible Study @ Hospitality House
Tuesday	6:15 AM - Daybreak Bible @ The Well
Wednesday	6:00 PM - Deacons' Spring Fling - in the Fireside Room 6:30 PM - Prayer Time
Thursday	6:30 AM - Third Watch Men's Bible Study 9:15 AM - 60+ Day Trip to Chariton - meet at church 10:00 AM - EARLY Announcement & Prayer Sheet Deadlines

SUNDAY, APRIL 20

NURSERY ATTENDANTS:

Teresa Whitehead
Elliot Ochsner

USHERS FOR MONTH OF APRIL:

Mark De Jong – Mary De Jong –
Neva Groenendyk – Ken Tukker

OFFERING CAUSE FOR APRIL 20:

Faith's Building Expansion Fund

NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 27

Next Sunday morning's service will be our annual Faith Kids Celebration service. Brad Meinders will bring the message next Sunday. Next Sunday we will have a congregational meeting after the morning service to approve the proposed 2025/26 budget.

NURSERY ATTENDANTS:

Sue Brouwer
Abby Melvin

USHERS FOR MONTH OF APRIL:

Mark De Jong – Mary De Jong –
Neva Groenendyk – Ken Tukker

OFFERING CAUSE FOR APRIL 27:

Turf for Compton (Sunday School 2024-25 offering cause)

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.

4/27 Brad Meinders
Faith Kids Celebration Service

FROM COUNCIL

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NEXT SUNDAY,

April 27 after the morning service to approve the proposed annual budget for 2025/26. Copies of the 2025/26 proposed budget were distributed via your preference of receiving Faith communications, email or placed in your mailboxes. There are extra copies of the proposed budget as well as absentee ballots on a table behind the sanctuary. We will also get an update during the meeting on the building expansion fundraising.

- Pastor Review Process completed
- Deacon and Elder Nomination Process Continues
- Borrowed funds from the line of credit for building expansion expenses

March Special Offering Receipts

Calvinist Cadet Corps	\$ 1,032.00
Christian Opportunity Center	\$ 770.00
Crossroads of Pella	\$ 877.00
GEMS Headquarters	\$ 889.00
Pella Christian Schools	\$ 1,744.00

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**Faith CRC March 2025 Fiscal Financial Report
(General Fund)**

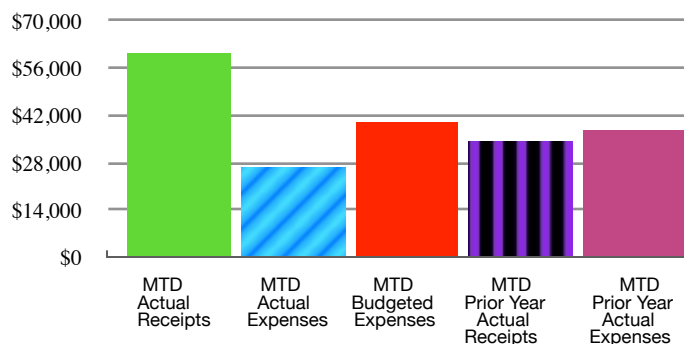
Month-To-Date

<u>MTD Actual Receipts</u>	<u>MTD Actual Expenses</u>	<u>MTD Budgeted Expenses</u>	<u>MTD Prior Year Actual Receipts</u>	<u>MTD Prior Year Actual Expenses</u>
\$ 60,729	\$ 26,707	\$ 40,123	\$ 34,158	\$ 37,966

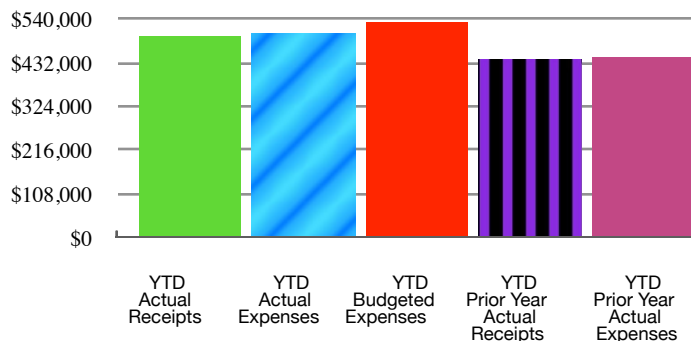
Year-To-Date

<u>YTD Actual Receipts</u>	<u>YTD Actual Expenses</u>	<u>YTD Budgeted Expenses</u>	<u>YTD Prior Year Actual Receipts</u>	<u>YTD Prior Year Actual Expenses</u>
\$ 500,068	\$ 504,079	\$ 530,605	\$ 435,989	\$ 447,076

Faith CRC February Month-To-Date
General Fund Financials



Faith CRC February Year-To-Date
General Fund Financials



- 1) March Income Exceeded Expenses resulting in a Net Operating Income of \$34,022
- 2) June-March Expenses Exceeded Receipts for a Fiscal Year to Date Loss of -\$4,011

*** Please reach out to Linda Jansen (Treasurer) with any questions regarding the budget.**

CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



CONGRATULATIONS TO Joyce Nikkel on her 85th birthday today, April 20.

CONGRATULATIONS TO Linda Vander Molen on her 80th birthday on April 26.



Building Fund Update:

The offering this Sunday, April 20, is designated for the Building Expansion Fund.

Please consider a donation at this time to help lower interest costs.

Amount of Approved Budget Left to pay:
\$ 643,000

Anticipated amount due in April 24:
\$ 305,412

Bank Balance as of 4/16
\$ 2,046

Drawn on Line of Credit 4/14:
\$ 45,000

Interest is accruing and will be due monthly.

EARLY DEADLINES & OFFICE CLOSED—The Announcements deadline and Prayer Sheet deadline this week is 10:00 a.m. Thursday, April 24. The church office will be closed Friday, April 25.



KOK – 3RD GRADE: We will be singing in the Sunday School Celebration Service next Sunday, April 27. Please be in the orange singing room by 9:15 to run through our songs. We will sit together in the front when we are done singing. Hope to see you ALL there to end our season praising Jesus together!



FAITH KIDS' CELEBRATION SUNDAY! Please make plans to attend our Celebration Sunday service next Sunday, April 27! Our Faith Kids will be leading us in our worship and celebrating the construction/transformation that God has done in their lives! All of the classes will have a role in the service. Kids in K–12 will sit with their classes. Our offering that morning will be for our Turf for Compton to meet our \$8,000 goal! We look forward to seeing you there!

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Faith Church Announcements — 4/20/25

TURF FOR COMPTON. Our Faith Kids offering total is up to \$5,600.00. We still need \$2,400 to meet our goal!!! Please consider giving to our collection next Sunday, April 27! Thank you for your gifts to encourage our many friends in Compton!!



PLEASE JOIN US FOR COFFEE TIME after the service on April 27, as a celebration for our whole Faith community – for all who have poured into the lives of our kids and for our kids who have invested their time and attention this year. It would be difficult to thank every individual by name. There are many groups who invest in the lives of our kids and the coffee time is in celebration of the community of Faith who learned and grew intergenerationally throughout this past year. Thank you to everyone who gave of their time, attention, and prayers for our kids!!

OLD CHURCH TABLES—If anyone has some of the old church tables from the Hospitality House, please contact Bob Groenenboom, 780-4025.

Updated Building & Parking Information

- Parking lot striping and signage will be completed in May after concrete has been sealed and cured enough. Since the correct signage is not up, please be mindful and allow enough space up front parking for those that need to park close to the building.
- The elevator is now working.
- We will be working on interior signage for everything soon.
- The new fellowship hall will be closed for construction April 21st – May 11th as corrections are made.
- Cadet Room Flooring removal and replacement will begin April 21st.
- Any member who desires to enter the building outside of normal hours (8:00 a.m - 6:00 p.m., Mon - Fri.), please contact Nancy to receive your own access card/fob. (All old church keys will no longer work.)

WE NEED YOUR HELP! We're still in need of volunteers in our Tulip Time Booth. If you'd like to sign up, use this QR code or contact Nancy in the office and she can let you know when help is needed and is able to sign you up. Thanks for considering!



HOSPITALITY HOUSE CLEANING OPPORTUNITY

—The Admin. Team is looking for an individual to clean the Hospitality House on a part-time basis. The hours will vary according to usage. Please contact Linda Jansen by next Sunday, April 27 if you are interested in being considered.

JOIN A GROUP OF FAITH PEOPLE ON A TRIP

to Drakesville/Bloomfield area to shop Amish owned greenhouses. Plans are to leave church, (with an extra vehicle for purchases) at 9:00 on Monday, May 12 and to return by 5:00. Please let Bonnie Verburg know if you wish to come along. Sign up on the sheet on the table in back by May 3 or bverburg73@gmail.com or call 628-4960. There may be a small cost for transportation, depending on how many go, and lunch will be on your own at a restaurant in the area.



THANK YOU

Dear Faith CRC,

We received your donation of \$889 on 4/14/25 and are so grateful for your partnership with GEMS Girls' Clubs. You are impacting lives for Jesus, and your church's contribution ensures GEMS can continue living out our name and mission! So, thank you!

Your offering helps us develop new programs, write new curricula, create resources, provide training opportunities for women, and expand GEMS's presence worldwide. We're a small staff, but we're eager to use our resources wisely to help mentor the next generation and show girls what it looks like to "act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with [their] God" (Micah 6:8).

We depend on offerings and gifts from churches, clubs, and individuals to meet a large portion of our financial needs. That's one of the reasons your faithfulness in this regard means so much.

It's an honor to partner with you. Thank you again for your continued prayers and support!

Serving Him together,
Jill Postma
GEMS Global

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REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

REFUGEE ENGAGEMENT & SUPPORT ALLIANCE (RESAP), formerly Pella Welcome Corps, is continuing to search for employment for Misael Ojeda, a newcomer in Pella from Venezuela. He likes outdoor work and has experience with construction. He has documentation to work legally in the U.S. If anyone knows of employment opportunities, please contact Noreen Vander Wal at vanderwalnoreen@gmail.com.

HELP US SOAR AT PELLA CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS—This year's Help Us Soar campaign at Pella Christian Schools will transform the new PCGS Playground and PCHS Capital Improvements at the high school campus, allowing us to remain focused on our mission and the Lord's transformation happening in the lives of our students. Show your support by donating online at www.pceagles.org/helpussoar or by sending in your gift via mail by April 25, 2025 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.

PATTH (Pella Teams to Honduras) WILL BE HAVING the Ribeye Steak Sandwich stand at Tulip Time on Thursday and Friday. Would you be able to help for a couple hours either of those days? Please let Jean DeWaard know if you would be willing to help or if you have any questions. Thank you!

VISIT THE EAGLE BOOSTERS' BOOTH AT TULIP TIME! Are you visiting Tulip Time this year? Be sure to stop by the Pella Christian High School concession stand located at East First and Franklin (in front of Bredeaux Pizza). We'll be serving Dutch spiced beef, Pella bologna, cotton candy, snow cones, cookies, chips, and an assortment of drinks, and back by popular demand, the "Dutch Stack" sandwich (Dutch spiced beef, Pella bologna, and Gouda cheese). All proceeds support PC academics and our athletic, theater and music programs. We promise to satisfy your appetite and thirst while you support PCHS!

GRACE THERAPEUTIC RIDING is a local non profit with a mission to enrich the lives through equine-assisted services. At Grace we seek to empower people and horses to become who God created them to be and do his work. Our desire is to serve individuals and families who will benefit physically, cognitively, socially, and emotionally from equine assisted services. Grace TR is looking for volunteers! If you enjoy working with kids in a fun and encouraging atmosphere this is the place for you. We have several different ways you can volunteer. Email us at gracetherapeutic1@gmail.com if you would be interested in joining our team. You can visit our website at www.gracetr.org to learn more about us.

RESONATE GLOBAL MISSION MATCHING GIFT OPPORTUNITY—A generous donor has agreed to match all gifts for Resonate's "Where Most Needed" fund received between March 13 and April 30, 2025, up to \$175,000! Donations can be made here online: <https://www.resonateglobalmission.org/double>

PAUL'S MISSIONARY JOURNEYS IN GREECE—October 13-24, 2025 – Travel by motor coach (6 days) and cruise ship (4 days) to sites connected with Paul's second and third missionary journeys, as well as visit other major sites of biblical, archaeological, and cultural interest. Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading Pauline scholar, hosts this inspirational tour. For more information, contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or weimje@calvinseminary.edu.

MINISTRY BROADCASTS

KIDS CORNER (<https://kidscorner.net/>)—Lent: Jesus Loves Me – Check out this week's Kids Corner devotion "Lent: Jesus Loves Me" at www.kidscorner.net. What does it mean to love like Jesus? Even while on the cross and in his deepest suffering, Jesus prayed for forgiveness for those who hurt him and extended love to a criminal who asked to be remembered (Luke 23:39-43). Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like KC's Lent and Easter Collection.

GROUNDWORK—Jesus is Risen! Christians around the world celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter. Join our *Groundwork* conversation as we study the story of Jesus' resurrection in Mark 16:1-8, Matthew 28:1-10, Luke 24:1-12, and John 20:1-10 to grow in faith by remembering and celebrating Christ's victory over death, and to see how we're invited to participate in telling the gospel story again. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes. 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](#).