



Announcements & Upcoming Events

April 27, 2025

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES

(April 27 - May 3)

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| Sunday | 9:30 AM - Worship Service / Faith Kids Celebration Right After Service - Celebration Coffee Time in Fireside Room After Coffee Time - Congregational Meeting |
| Monday | 6:45 PM - Bloom Bible Study @ Hospitality House |
| Wednesday | 6:30 PM - Prayer Time |
| Thursday | 6:30 AM - Third Watch Men's Bible Study 12:00 PM - Announcement Deadline |
| Friday | 10:00 AM - Prayer Sheet Deadline |

SUNDAY, APRIL 27

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)

NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 4

We will celebrate communion next Sunday.

NURSERY ATTENDANTS:

Cassie Van Dyke
Chloe Nikkel

USHERS FOR MONTH OF MAY:

Jason Rens – Joshua Rens – Kurt Stout – Claude Zylstra

OFFERING CAUSE FOR MAY:

InterVaristy of Central College

Join us at the Lord's Table Next Sunday



God meets us in the sacraments...

*In the Lord's Supper, Christ offers
his own crucified body and shed blood
to his people...*

*By the Holy Spirit,
he feeds us with his resurrection life
and binds us to each other
as we share one loaf and cup.*

*We receive this food gladly,
believing, as we eat,
that Jesus is our life-giving food and drink and that
he will come again to call us to the wedding feast
of the Lamb.*

(from the Contemporary Testimony, para. 40)

**Christ has died!
Christ has risen!
Christ will come again!**

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 Ezra 8:21-23 / Faith Kids Celebration Service
FASTen
Pastor Brad Meinders
- 5/4 Luke 24:13-35
Slow Hearts or Burning Hearts

CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING THIS 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.

(announcements continued on back...)

KOK – 3RD GRADE: We will sing this 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 (KoK will sit with their parents). 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!

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 this 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!!

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 this Sunday, April 27 if you are interested in being considered.



OFFICE CLOSED—The church office will be closed all day Wednesday, April 30, Thursday morning, May 1, and Friday afternoon, May 2.

BUILDING ACCESS—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.

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.



RESERVE THE DATE: Saturday, May 31, 9 AM - 1 PM for A Summer Woman's Mini Retreat at Faith Church brought to you by Faith Coffee Break and Global Coffee Break. Watch for more details to come.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER! Faith CRC will again be hosting children entering 3rd grade each morning of June 9-13 from 9:00 - 11:25 AM. This is a great opportunity for us, but it will take a lot of volunteers to make sure things run smoothly! If you are willing to volunteer, please fill out the form that was sent with this week's announcements. A few sign-up sheets can be found on the table behind the sanctuary. Please prayerfully consider where you can help us out and return the [Google Form](#) by clicking submit or by returning the paper form to the tray on the table behind the sanctuary by Sunday, June 1. If you have any questions, please contact Tanya (tntbouma@gmail.com or 218-851-7930).



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.

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!

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Faith Church Announcements — 4/27/25

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE CALVARY YOUNG AT HEART GROUP on a trip to view the Fall colors to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and Mackinac Island on September 22-30. A deposit is due May 15, 2025. For an itinerary and further information, please contact Christy Van Zee at 641-780-0727.

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/>)—Needed: Grand Friendships – Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Needed: Grand Friendships," at www.kidscorner.net. Spending time with mentors helps us grow in faith, share love, and remember that God is always with us. We can learn to see God's goodness and share it with others, whatever their age. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like KC's Earth Day Collection.

GROUNDWORK—Christian Civility: Defending Our Faith without Being Defensive – How do we disagree without being disagreeable, or handle conflicts when people slander or talk against us? Join Groundwork as we study 1 Peter 3:8-17 and Titus 3:1-11 to seek biblical wisdom for responding to and navigating a divisive culture in faithful and Christlike ways. 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](#).

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