



**WEEKLY SERVICE & SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF 2/18/24**

**SUNDAY SERVICE • 9:30 a.m.**

**TODAY**

Nursery is available during the service.  
 C4C (Children for Christ) (3 yrs.-Preschool) are dismissed when indicated on the screen.  
 Visitors are welcome! Parents may pick up their child in the preschool room after the service.  
 All are invited to join us for Fellowship Coffee immediately following the service.  
 Sunday School (3 yrs.-high school) • 10:50-11:35  
 Youth Group • 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the church; supper provided

**MONDAY**

Perk Up • 9:00-10:00 a.m.

**TUESDAY**

OTL (Out to Lunch) • 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY**

Christian Fellowship Hour • 1:30 p.m., The Third Word - Untarnished Name  
 Adult Choir Rehearsal • 6:30-8:00 p.m.

More information about activities on the back of the bulletin.

**WORSHIP SERVICE**

Piano Prelude	<i>Great Is Thy Faithfulness</i>	Joyce Boender, Betty Stryker
	<i>Shout to the Lord</i>	Kynlee V. W.
	<i>Rejoice in the Lord Always</i>	Leah N.
	<i>Joy, Joy, Joy</i>	Lydia N.

**OPENING AND GREETING**

Welcome and Announcements  
 Greetings & Call to Worship from Pastor Tom Dykman in Sierra Leone  
 \*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

**PRAISE TO GOD**

*Sing	<i>Cornerstone</i>	led by Worship Team
GEMS Presentation		Lisa Vos, GEMS
Children's Message		Brent Pierson
Congregational Prayer		Elder Jeff Vander Molen
Introduction of Shepherding Team		
*Sing	<i>Bind Us Together</i>	Hymn #425

**GOD'S WORD**

Scripture Reading		Colossians 2:1-5 Bibles page 1833
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**"My Purpose"**

Sermon		Interim Pastor Paul Hoekstra
Prayer		

**RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD**

Sing	<i>I Love You with the Love of the Lord</i>	Hymn #422
Blessing		
Song	<i>We Receive Your Blessing</i>	GEMS
*Offering, as you leave		Cornerstone GEMS
*Postlude	<i>How Firm a Foundation</i>	

\* = Please stand, if able.

# February 18, 2024 News and Announcements



BUILDING COURAGEOUS, AUTHENTIC CHRIST FOLLOWERS.

**OFFERINGS:** February 25: Areopagus Campus Ministries at Iowa State University

**NURSERY:** Today: Regina Vaverka, Sarah Christensen  
Feb. 25: Lois Beekhuizen, Sarah Taber, Ciera R.

**DOOR GREETERS:** Today: Steve & Kim Roose, Will & Taylor Vande Voort  
Feb. 25: Will & Allison Van Wyngarden, Brian & Sara De Vries

**FELLOWSHIP COFFEE:** C = 3-4 Dozen Cookies; J = 1 gal. Juice; S = Serve

Today: Lois Beekhuizen - C,S; Paula Klyn - C,J,S; Sarah Christensen - C,J; Lola Spoelstra - C,S

Feb. 25: Joyce Boender - C,J; Marilyn Vander Molen - C,J,S; Ruth Van Hal - C,S; Sharon Walker - C,S

**TODAY:** Welcome to Visitors! If we may reach out to you and you would like to know more about Cornerstone, please fill out a card found in the seatbacks, and put it in the offering plate as you leave.

**PASTOR CONTACT INFORMATION:** Interim Pastor Paul Hoekstra's phone is (562) 396-8966; Ellen's phone is (562) 331-4656. Please answer if we call, even though it seems like we are calling from California. Our email address is pehoeks72@aol.com. Feel free to contact us any time.

## **FEBRUARY 2024 COUNCIL REPORT:**

- The Emergency Response Plan was revisited to ensure procedures were in place in regards to winter storm warnings, wind chill warnings and the cancellations that may be needed in those cases. Council will continue to review the plan until a final draft can be placed in the church directory.
- The Council interview, Sunday service, and congregational Q & A with Pastor Ryan Landt were discussed at length. Feedback was also given on the congregational social interaction with the Landt family. We will now enter a short period of discernment and prayer for God's will to make itself known.
- The 2024 February Classis Central Plains is to be held Saturday, February 24, at Cedar CRC in Cedar, Iowa. Our delegates are Joe Van Haaften as elder and Robert Rus as deacon. Alternates are Bryan Harthoorn and Jon Van Haaften.
- Cornerstone Church elders were asked to serve communion to the residents of Fair Haven on March 24 at 3:00 p.m. during their Sunday service.
- The next Governing Board AND full Council meeting will be Monday, March 4 at 6:30 p.m. We are combining these into one evening because Pella Community and Pella Christian Schools will have spring break the week of March 10 through March 16.

**A SPECIAL MEETING** of the Pella Christian High School and Pella Christian Grade School Societies will take place on February 27, 2024 to vote on a Motion to merge the Pella Christian Grade School and Pella Christian High School Societies into one legal entity. No presentation will be given that night. Information about the proposal, voting ballots and upcoming presentations can be obtained at either school office or found on the school's website at [www.pceagles.org/merger/](http://www.pceagles.org/merger/)

**PCHS MUSIC DEPARTMENT WINTER CONCERT**: On Thursday, February 22 at 7:00 p.m. the Pella Christian High School Music Department will hold their annual Winter Concert in the Vermeer Auditorium. The school's three curricular music ensembles will be featured: Cantabile, Concert Choir, and Concert Band, as well as the Chamber Choir. Performances by all ensembles will include sacred repertoire in a variety of styles. Mr. Fitzgerald and Mr. Westervelt are grateful for all who come out to support the students and the music program. The students were challenged throughout this rehearsal season and learned much from this repertoire. Our music students' God-given talents and dedication to musical excellence will be on display.

**SMOKED PORK MEAL BENEFIT**: A Smoked Pork Meal Fundraiser for the Natelborg family will be held Wednesday, February 28 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the Pella Christian High School Commons, 300 Eagle Lane. Items to be served are Smoked Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Cheesy Potatoes, Baked Beans, Chips, Bonnie's Cookies and Cranberry Stone Cupcakes. See poster on the side of the mailboxes for more information.

**UPCOMING EVENT**: The next Tuesday morning Prayer Group will meet on March 12.

**HOW TO GIVE**: Undesignated cash or check offerings go towards the mission or organization of the week. If you desire to contribute to Cornerstone Church and its ministries, simply write "Cornerstone" on the memo line of your check. You can also give online by scanning the QR code or by going online to <https://cornerstonepella.breezechms.com/give/online>.



1. Online - Log into Breeze, click "Give Now". Any member can donate through ACH transfer or Credit/Debit Card.
2. Mail - Mail checks to the church (1020 E. Oskaloosa St. Pella, IA 50219) with "Attention: Deacons" on envelope.

**TODAY DEVOTIONALS** for March/April are in the rack on the mailboxes. You are encouraged to pick up a copy.

**THE EIGHTH ANNUAL HEARTLAND HYMN SING** will be held at Calvary Church on Sunday evening April 21 at 6:00 p.m. Please come for a time of worship through song.

**PEORIA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS**: Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Round-Up will take place at Peoria Christian School on Wednesday, March 6 from 8:15 a.m.-1:00 p.m. If you have a student that will be starting in Pre-K or Kindergarten next school year, we would love for them to attend school on this day. Please contact Michelle at [office@peoriachr.org](mailto:office@peoriachr.org) with any questions or to RSVP your student.

The Peoria Christian School Board has extended a contract to Jeremy Copenhaver for principal for the 2024-2025 school year. Please pray for him and his family as they discern God's will for them.

**LAKE VIEW CAMP** announces that summer camp registration is OPEN! Send your child on a great summer adventure where they will swim, fish, canoe, hike, and play crazy games - all while growing deeper in their faith. Lake View Camp offers day camps, overnight camps, service camps, and grand camps. More information and online registration available at [www.lakeviewconference.com](http://www.lakeviewconference.com)

**CROSSROADS PRISON MINISTRIES** would like to thank the congregation of Cornerstone Church for answering the biblical call to "remember those in prison" (Hebrews 13:3). Your support enables thousands of men and women to hear the life-changing message of the gospel. To read more about the transformation you are making possible, visit [cpministries.org](http://cpministries.org).

#### CRC NEWS AND PRAYER ITEMS

**GROUNDWORK**: Why Jesus Had To Die On A Cross - We begin the season of Lent by slowing down and remembering why Jesus Christ's awful death was necessary. Join Groundwork as we study Genesis 3:14-15, Romans 5:12-17, Isaiah 10:1-3, Habakkuk 1:2-4, and Jeremiah 31:31-34 to reflect on scriptures that answer the question: "Why did Jesus have to die on a cross?" Listen at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com).

**KIDS CORNER**: Names of God: The Lord Is My Peace - Can you think of a time when you did not feel worthy enough to do something? Maybe you thought, "Why did they pick me?" or "There's someone else better than me." If so, you know exactly how Gideon felt in Judges 6:11-24. Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net) like KC's Lent and Easter Collection.

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