

August 2, 2026 News and Announcements



BUILDING COURAGEOUS, AUTHENTIC CHRIST FOLLOWERS.

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.

OFFERINGS: August 9: Lake View Camp; August 16: Geneva Campus Ministries; August 23: Cornerstone Christian Education Fund; August 30: World Renew

NURSERY: Today: Kayla Jiskoot, Kim Hoekstra, Levi L.
Aug. 9: Mary Van Haaften, April Nieuwsma, Liam N.

GREETERS: Today: Will & Allison Van Wyngarden, Brian & Sara De Vries
Aug. 9: Will & Taylor Vande Voort, Sophie Landt

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

Today: Glenda Van Kooten - C,S; Allison Van Wyngarden - C,J; Arlys Veenstra - C,J,S; Lola Spoelstra - C,S
Aug. 9: Lois Beekhuizen - C,J,S; Laura Branderhorst - C,S; Stephanie Roose - C,J; Sharon Walker - C,S

TODAY: This morning we look forward to the sacrament of Holy Communion, and we joyfully anticipate taking the benefits of Christ's salvation into our hearts through this holy supper. All those who name Christ as Savior and who undertake to follow Him in repentance are welcome to join us at the table.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY: We extend our Christian sympathies to Pastor Ryan and Sophie Landt and their family on the death of Sophie's stepfather, Bill, who passed away on July 28. Sophie will be traveling to Oregon for services which will be held on August 10. May God comfort them with the hope of eternal life in Jesus our Lord.

We extend our Christian sympathies to Elizabeth Uitermarkt on the death of her sister-in-law, Berneda Steenhoek, on July 25. We rejoice in the hope of everlasting life in Jesus Christ.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FUND: The Deacons have revised the Christian Education Fund. It will cover children from Pre-School through High School attending a Christian school. Please contact a deacon if you have a child that age this school year.

CORNERSTONE FOOD DRIVE: Food is in high demand at the Pella Food Shelf in August, as summer support programs wind down and families prepare for children to return to school. Please join us in supporting local families in need through the Pella Food Shelf. Non-perishable food items will be collected from **August 2 until August 16**. The Food Shelf requested food for main meals, such as (but not limited to): pasta, rice, soup, and pasta sauce. Please place your food donations on the table by the west entrance. Thank you in advance for your support of this important local ministry. - Cornerstone Missions Team

SINGERS: Even if you are not a regular member of Adult Choir, please let Barbara Boertje DeVries know if you'd like to sing with us for our Musical Tapestry program on Sunday, August 16, at 6:00 p.m. Rehearsals will be Sunday (today) August 2 and 9, 11:00-11:35 a.m., and Wednesday, August 5 and 12, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

VISITORS FROM JAPAN (one of Barbara Boertje DeVries' former students and his daughter) are planning to stay with families from our congregation and worship with us this month. If you are interested in helping make them feel welcome and/or would like more info, please contact Barbara.

CONTACT INFORMATION: As the Pastor of Cornerstone Church and your brother in Christ, I would happily connect with you. Feel free to give me a call, send me a text, email, or even "friend me" on Facebook.

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IOWA GO (Gospel Outreach) is an annual outreach event that uses Creation Evangelism to share the gospel with thousands and point to the truth of God's Word. We need your support in prayer and labor. If you are willing to help set up this booth in the Varied Industries building at the Iowa State Fair, we start August 7-8, and tear down on August 24. We need 5-10 people to help lay the floor, load and unload, and assemble the booth and necessary materials. No experience needed. Please contact Jon Neifert at 641-780-4839 or jonsneifert@gmail.com.

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.

BARNABAS FOUNDATION: You are invited to attend a free, live-streamed event with Barnabas Foundation's Lindsay Canan, J.D. on Wednesday, August 12, 11:00 a.m. In this 20-minute session, you'll learn how to ensure your will reflects your personal values and goals by avoiding common estate planning mistakes. There is no cost for this event, but advanced registration is required at <https://barnabasfoundation.org/august-12-2026/>. Can't make it to the live event? Following the event, the video recording will be made available at BarnabasFoundation.org/Interactive.

CRC NEWS & PRAYER ITEMS

GROUNDWORK: What Happens After We Die? Where do we go? Where do our bodies and souls go while we're waiting for Jesus to return on Judgment Day? Join Groundwork as we study Luke 23:39-43; Philippians 1:20-26; Ecclesiastes 9:5-6; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17; 2 Corinthians 5:1-9, 16-17; Romans 8:34-39; and Philippians 3:20-21 to better understand three Christian views on life after death, and to receive the rich assurance and deep comfort God's Word provides. Listen at GroundworkOnline.com.

KIDS CORNER: Talking About Sin: Big & Bigger News for You - In this week's devotion's Bible reading, Romans 5:18-21, we learn that sin -- the things we think, say, or do that don't please God -- is big and powerful. Sin separates us from God. But the good news is that bigger news about Jesus is coming. Check out this week's kids' devotion at kidscorner.net, and Family Practices for Family Collection.

THRIVE FAITH FORMATION TIP: The God of the Bible is radically curious. God was curious about taking formless things and creating something beautiful. God was curious on the first day as God spoke light into existence and gave darkness a place in creation. God was curious enough that creating sky, land, and oceans was life-giving and affirming in the world. God was curious enough to believe diversity in plants and animals was cool, creating them in a variety of dimensions, shapes, and colors. God's curiosity led to the creation of two beacons in the sky to serve the earth. In the mind of God, curiosity was God's radical bent of being in relationship, always moving toward life. This week reflect on what makes you curious about God, God's world, and your world.

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