

So That You May Believe

WHY AM I ALIVE? TO MAKE JESUS KNOWN!

John 1:19-34 02.22.26 LD 8 Pastor Bob Johnson

Introduction Credentials

John the Baptist
Who are you?

- Isaiah 40:3

John the Baptist
Who do you think you are?

- The internal and external call.

John the Baptist
An Announcement – Someone stands among you.

- Do you know Him?

John the Baptist
A 2nd Announcement – He who comes after me...

- Bad shepherds vs. the Good Shepherd [Ezekiel 34:1-2; John 10:11]
- John 10:40

John the Baptist
A 3rd Announcement – Behold the Lamb of God

- The significance of lambs.

John the Baptist
A 4th Announcement – The Dove

- Noah
- Safety, hope, peace, and a future.
- Ruach

Conclusion *Sacrifice and Surrender*



Welcome to First Church!

Thank you for worshipping with us.
A Christ-centered community for a changing world

FEBRUARY 22, 2026

FIRST KIDS

Sundays

0-3yrs: Nursery is available on the 2nd floor. **3yrs-5th Grade:** The kids begin their experience in 'big church' and then go to Kids Quest on the lower level.

Wednesday Nights 6:15-7:45 PM

Children may be dropped off anytime after 6:10 PM.

Squires: 3yrs-Kindergarten - Children's Chapel

GEMS: 1st-6th Grade Girls - Sanctuary

Cadets: 1st-6th Grade Boys - The Lodge

MOSAIC YOUTH

Sundays

D-Groups (6th-12th) meet at 11 AM.

Wednesday Nights - Coffee House

Middle School Ministry (6th-8th): 6-7:30 PM

High School Ministry (9th-12th): 7:30-9 PM

YOUNG ADULTS

Tuesdays 6:05-7:30 PM

605 Ministry is for young adults post college, young couples, and newly growing families with youngsters ages 0-5. *If interested, please contact Haley Bjustrom.*

OUTREACH

Kadens Kloset is always accepting gently loved children's clothing in all sizes for foster/adopted children.

Food Shelf - We collect donations on the 1st Sunday of the month.

FIRST ADULTS

Iron Man Groups are small groups of men that meet weekly. *If you are interested please contact Ward Van Dyke.*

Women of the Word are small groups of women that meet weekly. *If you are interested please contact Patti Johnson.*

Life Groups are small loving communities committed to loving each other, growing deeper in Christ, praying and caring for each other all in the warmth of a home and are open to anyone. *Contact the church office if interested.*

Morning Connect is on **Tuesdays, 6:30 AM** in the DeJong Coffee House. Helping men/women become disciples of Jesus Christ. *Led by Pastor Bob.*

Women Bible Study Groups meet once a month and are going through a study of the *Book of Acts.* *Contact the church office if interested.*



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First Church Worship Service is broadcast weekly on channel PellaTV 42 Thursdays at 7 PM & Sundays at 9:30 AM.

PRAYER CARE

If you are wanting to be prayed for after the worship service, there is someone at the front of the Sanctuary in the Prayer Cove that would love to pray for you.

People at First Church desire to hear from you when you are ill, facing surgery, hospitalized or with the death of a loved one. Please let us know so we can cover you in prayer and uphold you during the difficult times by **filling out the welcome card in the pews or emailing Shalene at frc.pce@frcpella.org**.

Pray for:

- Pastor Brad & Robin Kautz who are missionaries in Dulce, New Mexico. Pray that God would provide sufficient financial support to sustain this ministry.
- We express our Christian Sympathy to Bob & Twyla De Haan with the passing of their brother-in-law, Michael Terpstra. Michael was an uncle to Danielle & Brad Schippers.

Rejoice:

- Keith Pothoven has returned home from the hospital. Pray for continued healing and strength.
- Karianne Grave's surgery was successful. Continue to pray for her as she recovers.
- Happy Birthday & God's Blessings to Wilford Roose celebrating his 90th birthday today.
- Happy Birthday & God's Blessings to Gladys Ver Ploeg celebrating her 88th birthday on February 23.
- Happy Anniversary & God's Blessings to Roland & Ruby Van Vark celebrating their 61st anniversary on February 26.

HAPPENINGS

Piecemakers

Meet **Tuesday, February 24, 9 AM** in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for fun & fellowship. Snacks & beverages are provided.

EPICS Ministry

Join us on **March 9, 1:30 PM** in the Fellowship Hall to kick off the 2026 year. Diana Brummel will give a PowerPoint program about everything Lakeview Camp offers.

Operation Christmas Child

This month we are excited to gather donations for dolls to pack in our OCC shoeboxes. Dolls are a treasured gift that offer companionship and often emotional support during tough times. They are an item that speaks to love and comfort. We purchase our dolls in bulk, as we feel every young girl should receive one. In the past we've been blessed to be able to send each doll in a homemade sleeping bag crafted by Milly Vande Kieft. Would you help us show Jesus' love by donating at the Samaritan's Purse table in the lobby? Thank you for your generosity.

Adult Easter Choir

Some great songs have been selected and you will be inspired & blessed to sing and worship on Easter Sunday, April 5! **Rehearsals: Sundays, March 15, 22 & 29 at 11 AM.** If you are able, willing and excited to be a part of this Easter Choir join us in the Sanctuary for rehearsals.



Join One Today!
Life Groups
LIFE. TOGETHER.

Vacation Bible School the Week of June 22




Save the Date
IN THE WORD
WOMEN'S retreat
APRIL 17-18, 2026
Sunstream Retreat Camp
Ogden, Iowa
Questions: Contact Hannah Melody
Register online or by stopping in the office.
REGISTER NOW
*Nursing moms & babies welcome to attend.
*Suitable for 8th grade and up to attend.
FIRST CHURCH PELLA



First Church
DERBY CAR RACE
March 25 6:15 PM
MidWeek Meal at 5:30 PM



FELLOWSHIP MEAL
Wednesday 5:30 PM

CURRENT SERMON SERIES

SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE
THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

THIS WEEK @ FIRST

Please join us or pray for

- Today:** 9:30 AM Worship / Kids Quest
11 AM KQ Discipleship
11 AM D-Groups
11 AM Church History - Part 2
11 AM The Prayers God Loves to Hear
- Tuesday:** 6:30 AM Morning Connect
9 AM Piecemakers
9 AM 605 Ministry
- Wednesday:** 8 AM MidWeek Meal Prep
5:30 PM MidWeek Meal
6 PM Mosaic MSM
6:15 PM GEMS/Cadets/Squires
6:30 PM Hebrews Study
7:30 PM Mosaic HSM
- Thursday:** 6 PM Praise Team
- Sunday:** 9:30 AM Worship / Kids Quest
11 AM KQ Discipleship
11 AM D-Groups
11 AM Church History - Part 2
11 AM The Prayers God Loves to Hear
12:15 PM Mission Trip Info Mtg.

2026 Consistory (*Executive Team)

Elders

- Harry Ehrlich
- Tim Kauzlarich
- *Stephen Patel (Clerk of Consistory)
- *Brad Uitermarkt (Vice President)
- JD Welander
- *Gabe Zimmerman (Financial Secretary)

Deacons

- Nick Arkema
- Dan Bruegge
- Jason Chapman
- *Lucas Laverman (Assistant Financial Secretary)
- Mike Van Haften (Clerk of Deacons)
- Kyle Zylstra (Chair of Deacons)