

EBENEZER CHURCH

August 16, 2026

Rev John Ritsema

Morning Worship 9:30 am

Prelude
Call to Worship

*Praise Songs
Announcements and Prayer Requests
Congregational prayer

Scripture: **Psalms 119:9-16**
Message: **7 Steps to Pure Living**
Prayer

*Response: Hymn #657 *Cleanse Me* verses 1-3
*Doxology
*Benediction
Postlude

*Please stand if you are able

Welcome to everyone who has joined us for worship today!

Please join us in the basement for cookies and juice or coffee and fellowship following the service.

Thank you, Pastor John Ritsema, for leading us in worship and bringing God's word to us this morning.

Evening Gathering – Family Night 6 pm

This week:

Today: NO Sunday School

Wednesday: 3-5 pm - Community Coffee Time at Leighton Comm Ctr

Next Sunday: Community Hymn Sing

Advance Notice:

August 30 – 5th Sunday Potluck

September 11-13 - Church Campout

Question of the week: (From the Westminster Shorter Catechism)

Q. What kind of life did Christ live on earth?

A. A life of obedience, service and suffering.

Missionaries: Tom & Aichatou Johnson

Sending Network Church: New Creation Church - Newton

Support: Audio Scripture Ministries

The Well is celebrating its 15th anniversary on Saturday, August 29, from 2-8:00 pm on their front lawn. It'll be a fun, full day of music, games, activities, and a no-cost dinner for everyone. The live stage features the following: Jeff & Kris Van Maanen, The Verhoef Quartet, The Human Video: Mike Cattermole, Pella Open Bible Worship Band, Dale Nelson on guitar, Central College Worship and Feature Storyteller: Tom Vander Well.

The Pillars group from Third Church is planning a one day bus trip to the Grotto of Redemption for Thursday, September 10. They will be leaving Third Church at 7 am and will be home after having dinner at Machine Shed Restaurant in Des Moines. Cost is \$158 with a \$50 deposit due at signup. Final payment is required by **TODAY, August 16**. Contact the Third Church office if interested.

Copies of Love INC's summer newsletter are on the table in the entryway. They would like to thank each of you for the giving of your time, talent, and/or treasure to help transform lives and our community In the Name of Christ. It has been wonderful this spring to see so many from the body of Christ come together to unite the ministry in one building. We are looking forward to and are grateful for the new opportunities we have to share the love of Christ in word and/or deed...together.

You are my hiding place and my shield; I hope in Your word. Ps
119:114 NKJV

Don't miss the Bible League Retreat on Thursday, September 17, at Calvary Church in Pella. This special event features dynamic teacher, speaker, and prayer warrior, Gayle Haas, as she brings to life the testimony of Corrie Ten Boom, who helped shelter Jews in the Netherlands during Nazi occupation. Her reenactment of Corrie's life will help us see how by God's grace we can have *HOPE AND FORGIVENESS IN THE MIDST OF EVIL*. Carol Houk and Kathy Hoksbergen will lead us in meaningful worship, and Bible League representatives, Jos Snoep and Andrew Earnshaw, will share about BLI ministry in the Philippines. An offering will be taken in support of this mission. Conference registration is \$40 and includes lunch. Ticket fees help cover event expenses. Register at bibleleague.org/tickets. If you are interested in attending and would like to carpool or if you need a ride, please contact Janet O.

SAVE THE DATE: Mahaska Connect 2026 will be held Saturday, November 14th at Fellowship Bible Church from 9-1pm. Opportunities to sign-up to volunteer will be coming soon.

*When man listens, God speaks. When man
obeys, God acts. When man prays, God
empowers.*

Announcements due Thursday at noon
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