

“These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.” Deuteronomy 6:6-7

We are blessed with many young children at Pella II. Let's get to know them a little better and put faces with names. Of course, with so many little blessings, it's entirely possible we inadvertently left one of two out. If YOUR child is missing, please let Ryan Hoekstra know at hoekstrateam@iowatelecom.net so he can send you a form for including him or her in the January-February issue!

love to watch my brothers play and to lay on the floor and kick. I still have to go to the hospital once a week to get my platelets tested, but am getting tougher and don't cry as much when they prick my heel anymore. My days are full of naps, milk, and diaper changes. Bath time is my favorite. A few other things I love are when people sing to me, snuggle me, and I love my paci too. Thank you for praying for me!

Lane Boender

Parents: Kurt and Emily Boender



Hi, my name is Lane. I am 3 months old and just started giggling to the people I love. My parents tell me I'm the happiest baby they have had, but maybe that's because my big brothers entertain me and kiss me a lot. I

Kasen Christensen

Parents: Jamis and Sarah Christensen



I'm six months old already! My days include lots of napping, eating, and watching my big brother and sister. I'm happiest when mom is carrying me around, and I get bored quickly if you leave me in one spot for too long. I'm starting to sit up on my own and rock back

and forth on my hands and knees ready to crawl!

Colton Magnussen

Parents: Cory and Katie Magnussen



My name is Colton, and I love tractors, trucks, playing outside, food, chasing my sisters, reading books, and climbing.

Some of my favorite things to eat include Goldfish, animal crackers, granola bars, cookies, fish sticks and sausage. Basically anything except dairy and peanut butter because I'm allergic to them.

What is your favorite toy, you ask? Well, I love to farm with my John Deere Tractors, they belonged to my dad when he was a little boy.

I still take one nap per day – if Mom is lucky.

I'm full of energy and always happy. I love to giggle with my family and be the center of attention.

Logan Nieuwsma

Parents: Luke and Jeanetta Nieuwsma



Hello - my name is Logan Nieuwsma and I am 9 months old. I am a very busy little boy. I can sit up by myself, crawl and I love to pull myself up to stand alongside furniture and toys. I love to play with toys, especially toys I can put in my mouth. My brother and sisters are my best friends and I get really excited when they are around me. I really like to play with them, but sometimes when I play with them, they pick me up and carry me out of the room and shut the door. That's really frustrating. I squeal to let them know I want back in there. That usually works because mom or dad opens the door and lets me back in with them.

I'm getting so big that I am trying new foods. Once I found an Oreo cookie crumb and that was really tasty. Overall, I just like to drink milk, that's my favorite. Most of my days are spent playing and taking naps, I still take 3 naps. I sleep really good at night but lately I've been waking up just to see mommy and have her hold me. I'm growing up so fast and can't wait to be running around at church with the big kids!

Rhett Nieuwsma

Parents: Levi and April Nieuwsma



Rhett is 21 months old. He spends 3 days a week playing at his babysitter's house, goes to Grandma's house on Thursdays and spends the other days at home. Rhett is a busy little boy who loves to explore and find new things to play with. His latest favorite thing to do is to carry a small chair to the kitchen and push it against counters to get what's on top of the counters. He enjoys playing with just about anything, but playing outside is his favorite. Rhett loves to push his toy mower, blow bubbles, climb things and run around with his older brothers. He especially loves it when his older brothers give him rides around the yard on the power wheels jeep and when he gets to go for walks in the stroller.

Rhett's favorite thing to eat is fruit, but he'll try just about anything—whether or not it's meant to be food! He's learning to eat with a spoon and fork and thinks that he's a pretty big kid when he does it. His favorite thing is his pacifier and he does not nap without it! He prefers to have several pacifiers in his bed so he can trade them out and try all the flavors. Rhett is learning to say some words, 'More' is probably his most spoken word now since it gets him things.

Rhett is a happy, joyful little fellow. He makes every day more fun and we are so blessed to have him.

Chloe Sue Roose

Parents: Calvin and Stephanie Roose



My name is Chloe Sue Roose and I was born on September 11. I spend a lot of time sleeping with lots of naps during the day and I even sleep pretty good at night. My dad says I'm a loud sleeper and so he gets up several times a night to check on me. I'm a very happy baby and I like doing anything my dad and mom are doing. We like to go on walks and ride in the car but I usually fall asleep and miss some of the fun parts. I have lots of fun toys that I can't wait to get to play with when I'm a little older. Right now, I get to spend every day at home with my mom but when she goes back to work, I'm going to go to my Grandma Susan's and Grandma

Cheryl's houses and mom will work from home a little bit.

Nora Talsma

Parents: Stephen and Kala Talsma



Giving baby Ella hugs and kisses, movie nights, playing outside, reading books with mommy and daddy all make me very happy. I like to eat ice cream and cookies! Babies, puzzles and paw patrol toys are my favorite toys. I still take a nap every afternoon! Over all, you should know that I am a very proud big sister!



Everly Vande Voort

Parents: Will and Taylor Vande Voort



Hi there - I'm Everly. I will be one year old on November 2! My mom and dad can't believe how fast this year has gone. I have 2 teeth and I am working on another, but my lack of teeth doesn't stop me from eating lots of yummy food. My favorites are meatballs, blueberries, raspberries and mac & cheese. I go to a sitter every day while mom and dad are at work but we like to play outside when we get home and play fetch with my puppy. Usually I get dirty outside and have to take a bath, but I love water, so it's okay! I really like to read, especially books with farm animals because they make funny sounds. I still like to crawl everywhere, but I'll walk to my dad because he throws me in the air when I get to him, and that is really funny. Dad is my favorite person. I always ask for him, but I know that mom gives the best snuggles. I have a few party tricks like being "so big," clapping and high-fiving, but my most recent trick is blowing kisses! I usually

nap during church, but I like to wave at my church friends too!

Serenity Van Zee

Parents: Tony and Sarah Van Zee



I spend a lot of my day eating and sleeping. During the week, I go to Yellow Iron Academy while my parents go to work. My favorite things to do are look at faces/toys and kick my legs. I also love music and being held. I haven't started solid food yet, so I still drink milk. My favorite toys involve things hanging above my head, like mobiles and toy gyms. I like to kick so I can see them wiggle around. I take several naps every day.



Mason Yoder

Parents: Jon and Nicole Yoder



Hi! I'm Mason. I was born on July 14, 2019. At 3 months old my day consists of eating, playing and napping. I really like to cuddle with my parents for my naps- but they usually make me sleep in my crib. My mom goes to work 3 days a week. On those days I get to go play with my friends at daycare! They take really good care of me. I love my swing, my play mat, baths, and cuddles! I like when people talk to me, and I have just learned how to giggle. I also just discovered that we have a dog- her name is Penny and I really like to watch her when she is close to me. My favorite thing is being outside, I love going for walks!

Fear is a Liar

By Jeanetta Nieuwsma

I have been a mental health counselor for eleven years. In that time I have sat alongside children and adults during some of their most difficult seasons of life. After some reflection on the thousands of conversations that I have had during that time, I found that the root of most of their hurt came down to one thing, fear. Fear of failure. Fear of rejection. Fear of loss of control. Fear of not fitting in. Fear of sickness. Fear of never feeling "normal" again. Fear of not being good enough. And fear of not being worthy of love. We are

always looking around to see how we measure up to everyone around us, often noticing how we fall short. I distinctly remember the first time I heard *Fear is a Liar* by Zach Williams. I was immediately overwhelmed with emotion as I listened to the words he sang. The song quickly became one of my favorite songs, a song that in the past year, I have played countless times in my office for adolescents who were believing the lies that they weren't good enough. The words are powerful, raw and real and if you really want to feel it, I'd encourage you to search for it on YouTube or listen to it here: [Fear is a Liar by Zach Williams](#)

*When he told you you're not good enough
When he told you you're not right
When he told you you're not strong enough
To put up a good fight
When he told you you're not worthy
When he told you you're not loved
When he told you you're not beautiful
That you'll never be enough*

*Fear, he is a liar
He will take your breath
Stop you in your steps
Fear he is a liar
He will rob your rest
Steal your happiness
Cast your fear in the fire
'Cause fear he is a liar*

*When he told you were troubled
You'll forever be alone
When he told you you should run away
You'll never find a home
When he told you you were dirty
And you should be ashamed
When he told you you could be the one
That grace could never change*

Fear he is a liar

*He will take your breath
Stop you in your steps
Fear he is a liar
He will rob your rest
Steal your happiness
Cast your fear in the fire
'Cause fear he is a liar*

*Let Your fire fall and cast out all my fears
Let Your fire fall Your love is all I feel

*Fear he is a liar
He will take your breath
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'Cause fear he is a liar

Yes, fear is a liar and this song does a good job of calling the devil out for who he is. In a time when anxiety and depression are at a record high the enemy wants nothing more than to steal our joy, to keep us stuck in our fears and most importantly to have us doubt our Lord's never-ending grace. At some point in our life we are going to go through something. And during that something, whether it be insecurity, doubt, fear, those lies will creep in. But we can rely on God's unswerving love that surrounds us and cast out those lies. Because the truth is, we will never be enough, but He is and he loves us just as we are. Thank you, Jesus.

When I hear this song, I take a moment to pray; pray for me, that I can reject the lies of fear and insecurity that sneaks in. Pray for my children that they will feel the overwhelming love of their Father in Heaven. And, I pray for our youth, that they



know and believe that God loves them and made them ENOUGH in Him.

Pastor's Pen

Dear Pella II Congregation,

Every 2nd and 4th Monday night we have an all church prayer meeting at the parsonage from 6:30 to 7:30pm. We average around 7 or 8 in attendance each week. Those who attend believe that praying together is crucial for the future of our congregation. They're right.

From time to time people will ask, "Why do we have to come to a prayer meeting to pray, why can't we just pray in the privacy of our home?" My response is that every significant move of God, whether that be in a nation, a congregation, or a family, was preceded by *united, believing prayer*.

God has given us an almost incomprehensible privilege. He has promised that when his people pray, he will move heaven and earth on our behalf! God's work on earth is released by our prayers, but if we don't pray, we won't receive. "*You do not have, because you do not ask God.*" (James 4:2). Prayer matters.

In 2 Chronicles 7:14 the Lord declares, "*If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.*" Notice that God's moving and healing only happens "*if my people... humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways*".

The Lord isn't giving four requirements, he's giving just one. Prayer *is* humbling ourselves. Prayer *is* seeking God's face. Prayer *always includes* repentance. The question isn't whether or not prayer is needed to release God's work on earth and in our congregation, that answer is, "yes". The question is, will we pray?

We can begin new initiatives like Life Groups. We can have strong kid's programs and good worship. We can build a new building. We can develop a great purpose statement and vision. These things are all important. But if we don't join together in earnest, believing prayer, asking God to move on our behalf, all our effort is in vain. Apart from him, we can do nothing (John 15:5).

I encourage you to make a personal commitment to join us in prayer based on your ability. Your commitment might be twice a month, once a month, once every other month, or whatever you are able to do. And then, please, take your commitment seriously, for prayer is a serious matter. We need to pray together to release God's work on behalf of our congregation. That's his desire, but we must ask to receive. If you are unaccustomed to praying aloud, you can come and support our prayers together as you pray silently. But let all of us be part of releasing God's mighty work at Pella II.

Love in Christ,

Pastor Paul

Various Quotes

“No educated man can afford to be ignorant of the Bible.” -Theodore Roosevelt

“There is enough *dust* on some of your Bibles, to write ‘*Damnation*’ with your fingers!”
-Charles Spurgeon

“Every time you draw your breath, you suck in mercy!” Thomas Watson

Welcome!

Chloe Sue Roose, born September 11, 2019
to Calvin and Stephanie Roose

In Memory of

Bette Kelderman



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Mildred Van Maanen



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