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April 2025

# Fairview Church of the Brethren Newsletter

**Youth**  
**GAME Night**  
Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup> 5:30-8:30

**YOUTH** Winter Jam March 2025

**Trash Pick Up - Sunday April 6**  
Carry In Meal then trash pick up

*When you are in the service of your fellow beings you are only in the service of your God*  
Many hands make light work!

**Men's Group Breakfast**  
7:30 a.m.  
April 19, 2025  
Bring some food to share and a friend or two!

**April Project**  
We will be collecting donations toward cows in Heifer Project to help in needy areas.

**Church Board Meeting**  
Monday, April 14 at 6:00

**PUT THIS on YOUR CALENDAR!**

**Food Bank of Iowa**  
Food Packages  
11 - 2 packing/sorting  
3:30 - 5:00 Picking Up  
April 3, 2025



## Northern Plains District Conference

### The Mind of Christ

Based on Philippians 2:5

**MODERATOR:** Gordon Hoffert, Lewiston Church of the Brethren

**WHEN:** August 1-3, 2025

**WHERE:** The Church on Northland (Cedar Rapids Baptist/Brethren)

### WORSHIP SERVICES

**Friday evening, August 1st**

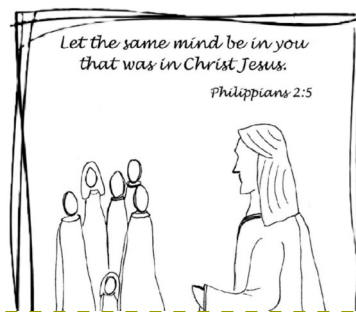
Gordon Hoffert, speaker  
Tim Peter, worship leader

**Saturday evening, August 2nd**

Don Fitzkee, speaker  
Becky Kuecker, worship leader

**Sunday morning, August 3rd**

Nancy Sollenberger Heischman, speaker  
Patrick Jackson, worshiper leader



### April Anniversaries

- ◇ 20 Pastor Bart & Trish VerEllen
- ◇ 22 Ryan & Ashley Brinegar

**April Birthdays**

- 8 Rex Campbell
- 9 Denver Brinegar
- 10 Glenda Grove  
Pastor Bart VerEllen
- 17 Shirley Morris
- 23 Hayden Brinegar
- 24 Kenny Selix
- 26 Mike Myers  
Melissa Neher
- 27 Patty Powell



Story by Sameera Banoo | Resource Development Officer | **Heifer South Africa**  
Photo courtesy of Heifer South Africa

Members of the *Thusanang Dairy Project* in Matatiele, South Africa, began their preparations to become small-scale dairy farmers in January 2013. Participants are undergoing training with **Heifer South Africa**, to develop their skills and learn how to care for their animals.

Over the next three years, 600 families in three villages around Matatiele will become small-scale dairy farmers through the project. Each family will care for one or two cows and work together to sell milk and vegetables. **Heifer South Africa** is working with these poor, rural families to make the necessary preparations to care for their cows, such as constructing appropriate animal shelters and planting fodder. They have learned that providing cows with nutritious feed and a well-balanced diet keeps them healthy to produce quality milk.

Cows consume pasture, hay, silage, grains, and forage crops. The main feed is pasture, which is a mixture of grass and legumes for protein. Cows eat about 40 kilograms, or about 88 pounds, of nutritious food a day, which is the equivalent of 206 baked potatoes or 1,440 slices of bread. Dairy cows also require a large amount of fresh water every day, as milk is mostly composed of water. Preparing all this food and water is hard work, particularly when you need to bring it to the cow. Because of this, **Heifer** encourages farmers to use a zero-grazing approach. This means that cows are kept in a safe, healthy enclosure generally comprised of a covered area for eating and sleeping and an outside area where the animals can walk around. The cows are not allowed to roam around by themselves because this often leads to cows contracting illnesses and picking up ticks. Instead, farmers cut the animals' food and bring it to them once or twice a day. Keeping the cattle close to the home also helps to ensure they are safe from thieves and predators.

These dairy farmers are stringent in adhering to safety requirements that ensure their cows remain healthy and produce high-quality milk, which is made into nutritious dairy products. Farmers check on their cattle daily to support good health and secure them against stress by milking them in a quiet environment at the same time every day.

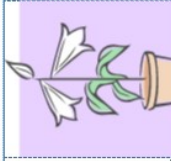
Over time, these cows often become like family members. For Charmaine Rakglekene, a 9-year-old from the Hereford project in Limpopo, the family's cow, named Beehive, was just like another person. "Thanks a lot Beehive, [you give] me milk and now I love Kellogg's® [cereal]," she said.







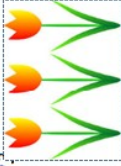
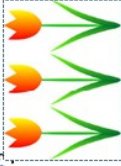





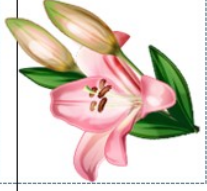


**You can help thousands of smallholder farmers become self-sustaining.**



# April 2025 Calendar

## For Fairview Church of the Brethren



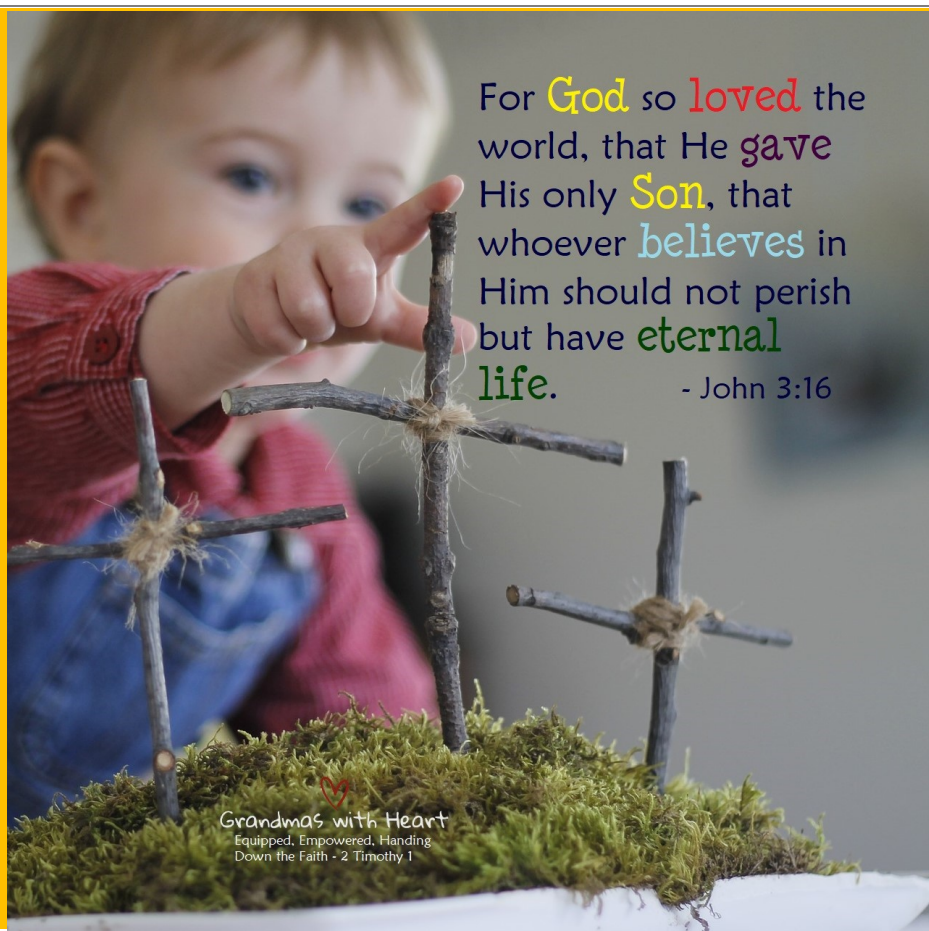
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 6 10:00 Worship Message by Pastor <b>Bart VerEllen</b> ⇒ Carry in meal <b>Then Highway            Clean up</b>	Praying daily for <b>Rex &amp; Denise            Campbell</b> and for Prairie City Church, in Prairie City, IA	1  8 Praying daily for <b>Bob &amp; Mary Clark</b> and for Sheldon Church in Sheldon, IA	2  9 	3 Sort and package <b>Food Bank of            Iowa</b> packages 11:00— 3:30 Give out 3:30–5	4  11	5  12
13 10:00 Palm <b>Sunday</b> Worship Message by Pastor <b>Bart VerEllen</b> -Bread & Cup Communion - <b>Kids Egg Hunt</b>	14 <b>Church Board            Meeting 6:00</b>	15 Praying daily for <b>Glenda &amp; Eric Grove</b> also, for the Dallas Center Church in Dal- las Center, IA.	16  23 	17  24	18 <b>Good            Friday</b> Join the <b>FUN</b> at Fairview's Jr. and St. High Youth <b>GAME            NIGHT</b>	19 <b>Men's Breakfast            7:30</b> <b>Bring friends and food            to share</b> 
20 10:00 <b>Easter            Worship</b> Message by Pastor <b>Bart VerEllen</b> 	21 Praying daily for <b>Gary Hanes</b> and for the Peace Church in Council Bluffs, IA	22  29	25 	26 		
27 10:00 Worship Message by Pastor <b>Bart VerEllen</b>	28 Praying daily for <b>Sharon Heien</b> the Greene Church in Greene, IA		30 			



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For **God** so **loved** the world, that He **gave** His only **Son**, that whoever **believes** in Him should not perish but have **eternal life**. - John 3:16

  
Grandmas with Heart  
Equipped, Empowered, Handing  
Down the Faith - 2 Timothy 1

**Spread  
His  
love!**