

Announcements

•Kitchen volunteers are needed for **Saturday April 21**

Approximately 10:30 am to 1:00 PM.

4 kitchen volunteers for Carol Bastemeyer lunch following memorial service. Prepare, serve and clean-up.

Please contact Pam (pamboonstra@gmail.com or call 712.548.7148).

•Seek Lead Person/s for funeral Lunches

Carolyn Elder and Pam Boonstra are seeking a couple of people to join them in serving as the lead person for funeral lunches on a rotation basis or depending on availability. Tasks include planning and ordering food, enlisting workers (usually via ARC email), managing the food prep, serving and clean-up. If you have a heart for service and hospitality, WE NEED YOU!!! Contact Pam pamboonstra@gmail.com or call her at 712.548.7148 if you want more details or have questions.

•Help Needed: Summer Nursery 2018

The ARC nursery was used 95 times over the past 7 months by either regular attendees or visiting children. Will you join the team of committed volunteers who serve these youngest members of our community? Email Laura Jonker to find out more details: arckidsmin@gmail.com.

Praying for God's People

ARC's pastors and elders welcome the opportunity to provide care and support in your time of need. You may contact the pastors at church during the day at 712.737.4430, extension 202 for Mike and extension 204 for Elizabeth. For urgent pastoral care needs outside of regular hours, please contact the pastors at home at 712.737.9050.

Prayers of Celebration for:

***Simeon Henry De Koster**, born to **Rosalyn & Philip De Koster** on Thursday, April 5. We praise God for the gift of Simeon's life!

***The Reverend Grace Lo Rohrer**, who was ordained to the office of Minister of Word and Sacrament at ARC on Tuesday, April 10. Grace serves as pastor of the Taiwanese Presbyterian Church of Northern Jersey in Livingston, New Jersey.

Prayers of Sympathy for:

***George Kleinhesselink and family** in the loss of **Donna Kleinhesselink**, who passed away on April 7. A memorial service was held at ARC this past Wednesday, April 11.

***Norman Bastemeyer and family** as they will hold services for **Carol Bastemeyer** (who passed away on December 30, 2017) next weekend. A brief memorial service will be held in the ARC sanctuary on Saturday, April 21 at 10:30 AM, with a graveside service at West Lawn Cemetery and lunch in the ARC fellowship hall to follow.

Participating in Worship

The Congregation
Julia Huisman
John Hubers, Rebecca Koerselman, Katelyn Reuvers,
Teresa Sampson, and Jeff Tolsma
Pastors Mike & Elizabeth Hardeman
Bethany Dykstra

Serving the Lord in Worship
Organist
Praise Team

Leading in Worship
Children's Message



The Third Sunday of Easter
April 15, 2018



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THE APPROACH TO GOD

*The congregation is invited to read the bold font.
Indicates you may stand if you wish.

PRELUDE "Blessed Jesus, We are Here" Johnson
"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" Hobby

CALL TO WORSHIP

*SONG OF WORSHIP "Across the Lands"

*GOD'S GREETING

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.
Please share a sign of Christ's peace with those around you.

SONG OF CONFESSION "Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed"

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS 1 Corinthians 15:54-57
"Death has been swallowed up in victory."
"Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?"
The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.
**But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory
through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Friends, know that in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ,
you are forgiven people. Go forth to live in that peace. **Amen!**

THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*Children ages 3–1st grade may exit out the sanctuary doors
to meet Children & Worship (C & W) leaders. Leaders will take
the children directly to their Sunday school classrooms
following the service. Children who do not attend C & W are
welcome to use the worship bags by the elevator during the
service.*

*SONG OF PREPARATION #243 "Christ Is Alive!"
w. 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5

SCRIPTURE Revelation 7

SERMON "Restore: Proclaiming the Dream"

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AND RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom
come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today
our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin
against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from
evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now
and forever. Amen.**

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(Please pass the fellowship pad found at the end of the pew.)

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY #809

*SONG OF RESPONSE #695 "In Christ There Is"
w. 1, 2, 3, & 4

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING SONG #695 "In Christ There Is"
v. 5

*POSTLUDE "Lift High the Cross" Manz

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This morning we are pleased to welcome the following people into
the community of faith at American Reformed Church:

Autumn and Daniel Den Boer along with their children,
Harper and Scarlett
Fan Fei and Xinyuan (Cindy) Zhang with their son, Paul
Jill Haarsma
Cambria and Jared Kaltwasser along with their children,
Asher and Adrian
Ann Lundberg

Events for Today

10:30-10:45 AM

Coffee Fellowship in the gathering area behind the sanctuary.
Children & Worship Music Time (ages 3-1st grade) in Rm 111
Hands of Praise (Grade 2-5) in the fellowship hall.

10:45-11:30 AM

Discipleship Classes for Ages 3-12th Grades (Lower Level)
Discipleship Class for Adults
♦ **"Text to Turf: Bringing Today's Sermon into My Week"**
Facilitator for today: Sara Tolsma
Location—Fireside Room #202

1:30 PM – 2:30 PM Hymn & Praise Sing (Sanctuary)

Please join us in a special time of worshiping God!

6:30-8:30 PM High School Youth Group at the Lamberts.

Events for the Week

♦ **Monday, April 16**

9:30-10:30 AM Young Family Nursery Play Dates (ARC Nursery)

10:00-11:00 AM Women's Prayer Group

(Prairie Ridge Care Center, Grandview Cottage Dining Room)

6:30 PM Deacons, Elders, Consistory Meetings (Rooms 201 & 204)

7:00 PM Esther Circle (Fellowship Hall; please note location!)

Lesson: April 18 in the *Upper Room*

Discussion Leader: Pat Hansen

Lunch: Rachel Van Roekel, Jan Wilbeck

♦ **Wednesday, April 18**

6:15-7:30 PM Middle School Youth Group Q & A Bonfire

(Grades 6-8; at Langtons (208 Louisiana Ave SW, OC)

Note: This will be the last MSYG gathering for this year.

♦ **Thursday, April 19**

7:00 PM Mike MCharge in the sanctuary of American Reformed
Church, Orange City.

Science Mike from The Liturgist Podcast, and author of Finding God
in Waves: How I Lost My Faith and Found it Again through Science,
explores the relationship between science and Christian faith.

This event is for pastors, parents and anyone interested in exploring
questions of science and faith!

Sponsored by the Science for Youth Ministry Initiative, Living Your
Faith, and the Northwestern College Religion Department.