

Announcements

Congregational Meeting: Sunday, May 7 at 10:45 AM



On Sunday, May 7, we will hold a brief congregational meeting at 10:45 AM for the purpose of voting on the slate of elder nominees and the slate of deacon nominees. You will have an opportunity to approve or disapprove each slate separately, and voting will be done by ballot. We will be electing three elders and two deacons. One elder will be elected for a one-year term, two elders will be elected for three-year terms, and the two deacons will be elected for three-year terms. Elder terms will be determined through a drawing, with each elder elected for the term drawn.

Listed in alphabetical order by last name, nominees for the office of elder are:

Les Cleveringa
Marlene De Zeeuw
Bill Kepp

Listed in alphabetical order by last name, nominees for the office of deacon are:

Deb Anderson
Brent Sampson

If you are not able to attend the May 7 congregational meeting, you may vote via absentee ballot through the church office. Absentee ballots are due in the church office by 12:00 noon on Friday, May 5.

Summer is coming! Register for Inspiration Hills



If your child would like to attend a camp this summer at Inspiration Hills in Inwood, IA, please check out a brochure in the Coffee Fellowship Area for more details. ARC will pay for 1/2 of your registration costs!

Please inform Laura Jonker (arckidsmin@gmail.com) or Rosalyn De Koster (arcyouthmin@gmail.com) of the dates your child plans to attend so we can record your information and pray for your child during this summer adventure.

ARC Mission Trip to Nicaragua



Anyone interested in a Service-Learning Trip to Bluefields, Nicaragua with our Mission Partners the Bobb-Kellys, is invited to our first gathering on Sunday, April 23 at 10:45 AM in the Room 204 (Genesis). This meeting is to share more about the trip and answer questions people may have. Contact Kathy Gabel (cell 737-7799).

Donate Shoes for Soles4Souls



ARC has partnered with Village Northwest Unlimited in Sheldon and Soles4Souls by collecting new and gently used shoes. Soles4Souls currently distributes shoes in 125 countries and is distributing a pair of shoes every 9 seconds. Bring your shoes and place them in the Village Northwest Unlimited/Soles4Souls collection box on the lower level of ARC, by Sunday, May 14. (NOTE: Please put a rubber band around each pair of shoes before placing it in the collection box.) Should you have any questions, please contact Keith Hoskins at 737-4127.

Events for the Week

Monday, April 17

10:00-11:00 AM Women's Prayer Group
(Prairie Ridge Care Center, Grandview Cottage Dining Room)
Questions? Contact Arlene Punt at 707-4600.
1:30 PM Women's Faith Sharing (Room 201)
Contact: Lynne Grossmann (737-4202)
7:00 PM Esther Circle (Fellowship Area)
Discussion Leader: Pat Hansen
Lunch: Shirley Mouw

Wednesday, April 19

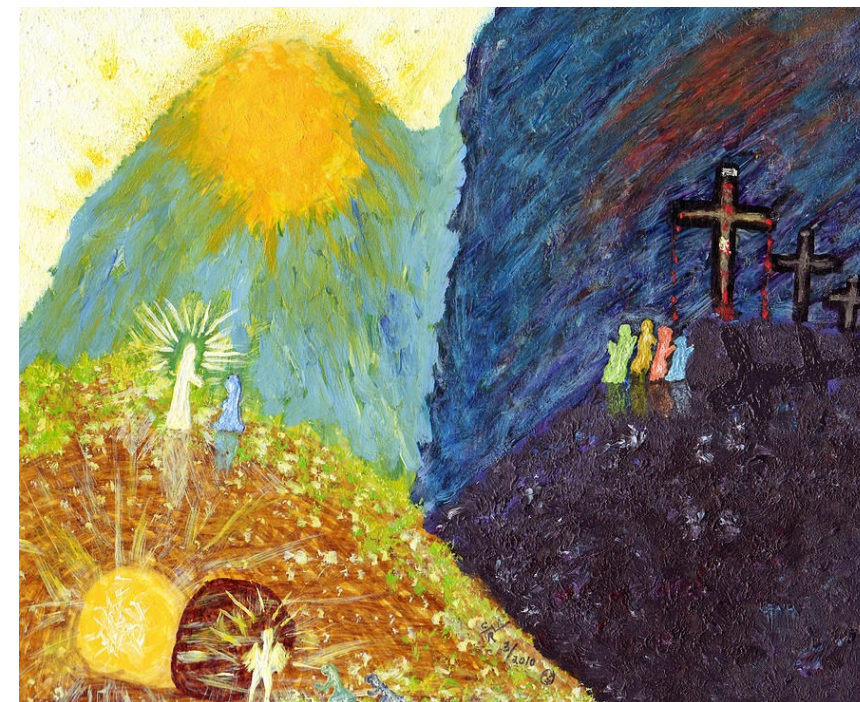
2:00 PM Ruth Circle (Landsmeer Ridge Private Dining Room)
Discover Mark Bible Study: Lesson #6 Mark 8:27-Mark 9:32
Leader: Lynne Grossmann
Hostess: Arlene Vander Pol
6:15-7:30 PM Middle School Youth Group (MSY Room)

Participating in Worship

The Congregation	Serving the Lord in Worship
Sharon Bartlett	Organist
Anna Bartlett	Flute
Children and Worship Bell Choir	Call to Worship
Pam Anderson, Director	
Cindy Cleveringa, Rosalyn De Koster, Anthony Reno,	Praise Team
Teresa Sampson, Daniel Tolsma, and Jeff Tolsma	
Sanctuary Choir	Call to Worship, Song of Worship, & Offertory
Philip De Koster, Director	
Pam Anderson, Accompanist	
Jacob Gabel, Timpani	
Pastors Mike & Elizabeth Hardeman	Leading in Worship
Leaps of Faith	Assurance of Forgiveness
Maggie Kensak, Natalie Sampson, Noelle Sampson - Leaders	
Rosalyn De Koster - Staff Advisor	
Riah Hardeman, Katie Kensak, Mari Langton, Ellie Nelson,	
Katelyn Reuvers, Natasha Sampson, Nevaeh Sampson,	
Elena Vazquez, and Amalia Visser	
Laura Jonker, Director of Children's Ministry	Children's Message



Easter Sunday
April 16, 2017



Thank God for Good Friday And Easter Sunday by Carl Deaville



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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	“That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright” Arr. Davenport “O God Beyond All Praising” Holst, Arr. Powell
*CALL TO WORSHIP	“Alleluia He Is Coming”
*SONG OF WORSHIP	“See What a Morning”
*GOD’S GREETING	
*SHARING THE PEACE OF THE RISEN CHRIST	Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed! Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed! Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed! The peace of the risen Christ be with you. And also with you.
PRAYER OF CONFESSION	Adapted from <i>The Worship Sourcebook</i> Lord Jesus: through your resurrection, you conquer sin and death. Yet we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. Have mercy upon us and forgive us. <i>(Please use this time of silence for personal confession.)</i> Living Christ: bring new life where we are worn and tired; new love where we have turned hard-hearted; forgiveness where we feel hurt and where we have wounded; and the joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit where we are prisoners of ourselves. Amen.
ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS	“Marvelous Light”

THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE	<i>Children ages 3-1st grade will remain with us in worship today.</i>
*SONG OF PREPARATION	#234 “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”
SCRIPTURE	Matthew 28:1-10
SERMON	“Resurrection Courage”

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS
(Please pass the fellowship pad found at the end of the pew.)

OFFERTORY		“Three Days”
*DOXOLOGY	#809	
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.
*SONG OF RESPONSE	#243	“Christ Is Alive!”
*BENEDICTION		
*SENDING SONG	#238	“Because He Lives”
*POSTLUDE		“The Blessed Christ is Ris’n Today” Praetorius

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Praying for God’s People

***Cheryl Bouma**, who underwent surgery at the Siouxland Surgical Center in Dakota Dunes, South Dakota on Friday, April 7. Please pray for her ongoing recovery: for a minimization of pain and for energy as she heals. Also pray for Cheryl as she anticipates another surgery upcoming on Thursday, April 20.
***April Buysman**, who continues her recovery at the Rock Rapids Health Centre following surgery for a broken ankle.
***Victoria Karszen**, who underwent outpatient shoulder surgery at the Orange City Area Health System Hospital on Tuesday, April 11. We’re grateful for a successful surgery, and we offer prayers for Vic as she recovers.
***Kathy Kraai** as she is on bedrest and continues to recover from a fall which resulted in multiple broken bones.
***Paul Van Engelenhoven**, who had a heart catheterization procedure at Unity Point Health St. Luke’s Hospital in Sioux City on Wednesday, April 12.. Pray for wisdom for Paul’s doctors and pray for peace for Paul and Vernie and their family.
***Jan Wilbeck** was dismissed from the Orange City Area Health System Hospital on Saturday, April 8. We offer prayers of gratitude and pray for her ongoing recovery.

The ARC Middle School Youth Group would like to thank the following people for giving lilies for use in the sanctuary this 2017 Easter season.

Mary Abels and families in loving memory of husband, father, and Boppa, Gordy Abels
Alyssa, Danielle, and Tyler Beltman in memory of Dorris Ashburn
Les & Cindy Cleveringa in memory of Andrew Vermeer
Les & Cindy Cleveringa in memory of Nick & Wilmina Cleveringa
Iva J. Fylstra in memory of Ron Fylstra
Iva J. Fylstra & Marilyn Jiskoot in memory of Andrea Van Beek
The Fynaardt Family in memory of Diane Mulder and Leo Fynaardt
Lynne Grossmann in honor of Dr. Ed Grossmann Jr.
Art Hielkema in memory of Joan Hielkema
Bruce, Dan, Kevin Hop and their families in memory of Donald Hop
John & Lynne Hubers in memory of Dale Hubers
Marilyn Jiskoot in memory of Rod Jiskoot
Bill & Kristy Kepp in memory of our parents,
Alvin & Katherine Vieselmeyer and Lloyd & Mary Kepp
Denny & Wanda Korthals in memory of our parents
Russ and Barb Krull in memory of Ivan & Phyllis Krull
Mabel Mantel in memory of Jack Mantel
Kevin & Lynne McMahan in memory of Ed & Margaret Frease,
Harold & Joyce McMahan, Kathy Lamb and John Baldwin
The Neumann Family in memory of Mary Virginia Neumann
Al & Sandy Nibbelink in loving memory of John & Grace Nibbelink and Warren & Marian Betten, and in honor of our children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren
Joel & Junia Punt in memory of Dr. Roy Hassebroek
Jamie and Barb Ramsey in memory of Jim Ramsey, husband and father
Nan and Carl Reinking in honor of Dan, Pam, Brian, Annalyn and Coralee
Nancy Riggan and Family in memory of Richard Riggan
Mary (Brower) Schram in memory of Charlotte Brower
Paul and Vernie Van Engelenhoven in memory of family and friends gone to glory
Jerry and Kim Van Es in memory of Mary Van Es
Jane and Renee Vogel in memory of Lee Ann Roetman
Jane and Renee Vogel in memory of Lois Vogel
Jan Wilbeck and Family in memory of Rod Wilbeck