

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.

Sign Up for Volunteer Workday at Inspiration Hills

There will be a volunteer workday at Inspiration Hills on Saturday, May 6 from 8:30AM until 2:00PM. We will be cleaning some trails and doing some light handy work something for everyone! Lunch will be provided, and you can come and go as your schedule allows. Sign up at the Welcome Center. If you have any questions, please contact Laura Genade.

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.

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.

Participating in Worship

The Congregation
Pam De Haan
Children and Worship Choir
Pam Anderson and Marlene De Zeeuw, Directors
Tessa Burg, John Hubers, Jenn Lambert,
Teresa Sampson, Daniel Tolsma, and Jeff Tolsma,
Tom Truesdell
Pastors Mike & Elizabeth Hardeman
Kim Van Es
Rosalyn De Koster, Seminary Intern

Serving the Lord in Worship
Organist
Call to Worship
Praise Team
Leading in Worship
Children's Message
Preaching



Second Sunday of Easter
April 23, 2017



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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

CALL TO WORSHIP "Jump, Shout/Jesus is Alive"
"This Little Light of Mine"
Children & Worship Choir

*SONG OF WORSHIP "Come People of the Risen King"

*GOD'S GREETING

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of great mercy:
we confess that we have sinned against you.
We are quick to judge and condemn ourselves and others.
We are slow to receive your gift of grace and give that same gift of grace to others.
Forgive us, by your steadfast love.

(Please use this time of silence for personal confession.)

God of wondrous love:
Open us to the transforming power of Easter grace.
Empower us, by your Spirit,
to be people who are both
willing to receive your grace
and generously give it to others,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS "In Christ Alone"

THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*Children ages 3-1st grade are invited to attend Children & Worship located on the lower level:
3-4 year olds - Room 103; 5-6 year olds - Room 104*

*SONG OF PREPARATION #452 "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"
sing twice

SCRIPTURE Acts 9:1-9

SERMON Undone by Easter: An Unexpected Call

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

RECEIVING AND WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

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

FACILITIES PLANNING UPDATE

*SONG OF RESPONSE #254 "Alleluia, Alleluia! . . ."
vv. 1 - 3

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING SONG #254 "Alleluia, Alleluia! . . ."
v. 4

*POSTLUDE

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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 Thursday, April 20. Please pray for her ongoing recovery: for a minimization of pain and for energy as she heals.

***April Buysman**, who continues her recovery at the Rock Rapids Health Centre and also celebrates the healthy birth of her great niece, Campbell Jo (Parents: Heather and Mitchell), on April 17.
***Victoria Karszen**, who is recovering from shoulder surgery on Tuesday, April 11. We offer continued prayers of healing 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.

***Amy Plagge**, who has been experiencing long-term health issues and is awaiting her appointment with a rheumatology specialist.

Expressions of Thanks

"Dear ARC Family,
Many thanks for your cards, visits, words of concern and most of all for your prayers during my stay in the hospital with pneumonia and pericarditis. I'm back home and feeling fine, but still have some recovery and healing to go through to get back to good health again. I so appreciate my ARC family!"
...*Jan Wilbeck*

"Thank you to the many people that remembered me with cards, visits, words of encouragement and prayers during my hospitalization and recovery from surgery. A special thanks to Pastors Mike and Elizabeth for their visits and calls."
...*Don Guthmiller*

Events for Today

♦ **10:30-10:45 AM Coffee Fellowship** (Gathering Area behind the sanctuary) Everyone is invited to stay for coffee or tea and cookies.

♦ **10:30-10:45 AM NO Hands of Praise Today**...see you next week!

♦ **10:30-10:45 AM Children & Worship Music Time** (age 3—1st grade)
Location: Room 111

♦ **10:45-11:30 AM Discipleship Classes** (ages 3—12th grade)

♦ **10:45-11:30 AM 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 in Room 204 (Genesis). This meeting is to share more about the trip and answer questions people may have.

♦ **6:30-8:30 PM HSYG** at the Lamberts

Events for the Week

♦ Monday, April 24

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)

♦ Wednesday, April 24

6:15-7:30 PM MSYG at the Nelsons