

Praying for God's People

We offer prayers of praise that:

***Don Guthmiller** was dismissed from the Nebraska Medical Center and transferred to the Orange City Area Health System on Wednesday, March 29. Please continue to pray for strength and healing.

Please pray for:

***April Buysman** who remains at the Rock Rapids Health Centre (Room 211, 703 South Union St., Rock Rapids, IA 51246) where she continues to receive physical therapy following surgery for a broken ankle.

***Beau Koerselman**, who underwent a minor medical procedure on Friday, March 24 and was hospitalized overnight. Pray for healing, and pray for Rebecca, June, and Flora as he recovers.

***Kathy Kraai**, who fell at home and has several broken ribs and pubic bones. Kathy is currently on bed rest. Pray for freedom from pain and for her recovery. Pray for Dan as he cares for her throughout this difficult time.

***Marlys Hop** and her family as they grieve Don's passing. Pray for peace and comfort.

It is with joy that we celebrate with:

***Gary and Brenda Richardson** in the birth of a granddaughter, Blythe Ellen Munden, born Monday, March 27. Welcoming Blythe into the family are her parents, Mallory and Jason, and big brother Beckham.

Events for Today

•Easter Lily Sale



TODAY is the last day to order an Easter lily from the Middle School Youth group! Each lily is for \$20. Forms are available at the Welcome Center. Please indicate if your lily is in honor or memory of a loved one. Lilies will be available for pick-up following the Easter Service on April 16.

♦ **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 Hands of Praise** (grades 2-5)
Location: Fellowship Hall

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

♦ **10:45-11:30 AM Discipleship Classes for ALL Ages**

Adult Class with Chuck Van Engen (Sanctuary)

Learn more about LACM or Latin American Christian Ministries with Chuck Van Engen. Chuck is an amazing storyteller and gregarious person who has enriched the RCA missions in Latin America tremendously.

♦ **6:00-9:00 PM High School Youth Group Progressive Supper**
Meet at ARC...AND be on time!

(continued on next page)

Events for this Week

Monday, April 3

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

(Prairie Ridge Care Center, Grandview Cottage Dining Room, located in the southwest part of the building.) Questions? Contact Arlene Punt at 707-4600.

1:30 PM Women's Faith Sharing (Room 201)

Contact: Lynne Grossmann (737-4202)

Wednesday, April 5

5:30-7:00 PM F3 & MSYG Family Meal Night (Fellowship Hall)

Note: MSYG students will not have youth group. All are invited to stay after the meal for family games.

Menu: Hot dogs and pulled pork sandwiches, salads, chips and dessert

RSVP: Pam Boonstra -- pamboonstra@gmail.com

Announcements

•Sign Up to Bake Birthday Cakes/Cupcakes for NWC Students

 The Women's Auxiliary of Northwestern College sponsors birthday cakes for NWC students. Parents order the cakes through the Auxiliary. Women in the area churches make and donate the cakes. American Reformed Church has been given the opportunity to provide cakes/cupcakes the month of April. Below are the details:

- Cake/cupcake choices are angel food, chocolate or white. *(It is not necessary to decorate the cake/cupcakes.)*
- Bake cake in a disposable pan or remove from pan and deliver it in a cardboard box.
- Cakes are to be delivered to the post office in the Rowenhorst Student Center.
- We will be given several days' notice. *(More particulars will be available at that time.)*
- Please sign-up at the Welcome Center.

If you have questions, please contact Denise Sneller at 737-2255.



407 Albany Avenue SE
Orange City, IA 51041
712.737.4430
americanchurchoc@gmail.com
americanchurchoc.com

TRANSFORMED BY JESUS TO TRANSFORM THE WORLD

ACCEPTANCE + GRACE + WISDOM + LOVE



Fifth Sunday in Lent
April 2, 2017



THE APPROACH TO GOD

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

PRELUDE "4 Variations on 'Wondrous Love'" Kosche
"Speak, Lord, in the Stillness" Hustad

CALL TO WORSHIP

*SONG OF WORSHIP "Forever"

*GOD'S GREETING

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION "Jesus, I Come"

Please use the lyrics of this song for reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS -based on Psalm 130
If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
who could stand?
But there is forgiveness with you.
O people, hope in the Lord!
For there is forgiveness with you.
With the Lord there is steadfast love
and great power to redeem.
There is forgiveness with you.

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 #299 "O Breath of Life"

SCRIPTURE Psalm 130

SERMON *A Season in the Psalms—Psalm 130*

MEANING OF THE SACRAMENT

INVITATION

COMMUNION PRAYER

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed our joyful response to give you thanks and praise, our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer! You have made a new covenant with your people, remembering our sin no more, and writing your law within our hearts, so that all might know you, from the greatest to the least. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name: .

Sung a cappella:

**Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns
around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.**

Out of your great love for the world you made, you sent Jesus Christ—not to condemn, but to save us— so that those who trust in him might not perish, but have eternal life. Remembering this great sacrifice, we offer ourselves to you and proclaim the mystery of the faith:

**Christ has died!
Christ is risen!
Christ will come again!**

As we break this bread and share this cup, renew in us the gift of faith by the power of your Spirit. Bind us to one another and to Christ as we join your reconciling work in the world. Yet, we wait expectantly for the day of ultimate reconciliation when all wrongs are made right and the is world renewed in the fullness of time.

Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

COMMUNION *Please join the praise team as you feel led.

Please exit to your left out of the pew, come forward to the serving station. Return to your pew on the opposite side from which you exited. Anointing of oil and prayers for healing will also be offered. Children are welcome to participate in communion at the discretion of their parents/guardians. Children who do not participate in communion are invited to come forward for a blessing.

Our communion service is completely gluten free.

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 "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" Held

*DOXOLOGY p. 809

*SONG OF RESPONSE #70 "God is Love . . ."
w. 1 & 3
**sung to the tune of Hyfrydol (#135)*

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING SONG #70 "God is Love . . ."
v. 2

*POSTLUDE "Lift High the Cross" Leavitt

All music & lyrics used by permission - CCLI #374890

Participating in Worship

The Congregation	Serving the Lord in Worship
Julia Huisman	Organist
Pam Anderson, Adam Blom, Cindy Cleveringa, Doug De Zeeuw, Marlene De Zeeuw	Praise Team
Pastors Elizabeth & Mike Hardeman	Leading in Worship
Rev. Chuck Van Engen	Guest Preacher

Holy Week Events

◆ Attention Kids! Help Wave Branches on Palm Sunday, April 9



It's time to celebrate Jesus' Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem! All children aged 3 years - 5th grade are invited to gather in the Fellowship Hall on April 9th at 9:15 AM to receive palm branches and instructions. We will proceed upstairs during the opening song of celebration during the worship service. Hope you can join us! Questions? Contact Laura Jonker, Director of Children's Ministries

◆ Monday, April 10

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

(Prairie Ridge Care Center, Grandview Cottage Dining Room, located in the southwest part of the building.) Questions? Contact Arlene Punt at 707-4600.

1:30 PM Women's Faith Sharing (Room 201)

Contact: Lynne Grossmann (737-4202)

6:30 PM Deacons' Meeting (Room 204)

6:30 PM Elders' Meeting (Room 201)

7:45 PM Consistory Meeting (Room 204)

◆ Wednesday, April 12

6:15-7:30 PM F3 (Fellowship Hall) Movie night!

6:30-7:30 PM MSYG Pool Party at the All Seasons Center in Sioux Center. Bring your friends with you!

◆ Thursday, April 13

6:30 PM Maundy Thursday Communion Service (Sanctuary)

◆ Friday, April 14

6:30-7:45 AM Good Friday Men (and young men) Prayer Breakfast

30th annual Good Friday Men's Prayer Breakfast at Northwestern Rowenhorst Student Center. Dave Bartlett is our speaker. Dave is on staff at Orchard Hill Church in Cedar Falls, Iowa. Dave has a powerful message that will be appropriate for all ages. Please join us for a time of food, fellowship, prayer and reflection in this holy season. To attend please contact Kent Anderson or the church office for tickets. Pay at the door.

12:10-12:50 PM Community Good Friday Service in the sanctuary of American Reformed Church. Both a financial and non-perishable food offering will be received for the local Food Pantry.

◆ Sunday, April 16

9:30 AM Easter Worship (Sanctuary)

Come celebrate the resurrection of our risen Lord!

 *Note: 2nd-5th graders are invited to join the Children & Worship Choir (3 years - 1st grade) on Easter Sunday in playing hand bells to the song "Alleluia, He is Coming!" There will not be a rehearsal in advance, but 2nd-5th graders are welcome to join the celebration immediately after the Children's Message.*

Holy Week Events

◆ Attention Kids! Help Wave Branches on Palm Sunday, April 9



It's time to celebrate Jesus' Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem! All children aged 3 years - 5th grade are invited to gather in the Fellowship Hall on April 9th at 9:15 AM to receive palm branches and instructions. We will proceed upstairs during the opening song of celebration during the worship service. Hope you can join us! Questions? Contact Laura Jonker, Director of Children's Ministries

◆ Monday, April 10

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

(Prairie Ridge Care Center, Grandview Cottage Dining Room, located in the southwest part of the building.) Questions? Contact Arlene Punt at 707-4600.

1:30 PM Women's Faith Sharing (Room 201)

Contact: Lynne Grossmann (737-4202)

6:30 PM Deacons' Meeting (Room 204)

6:30 PM Elders' Meeting (Room 201)

7:45 PM Consistory Meeting (Room 204)

◆ Wednesday, April 12

6:15-7:30 PM F3 (Fellowship Hall) Movie night!

6:30-7:30 PM MSYG Pool Party at the All Seasons Center in Sioux Center. Bring your friends with you!

◆ Thursday, April 13

6:30 PM Maundy Thursday Communion Service (Sanctuary)

◆ Friday, April 14

6:30-7:45 AM Good Friday Men (and young men) Prayer Breakfast

30th annual Good Friday Men's Prayer Breakfast at Northwestern Rowenhorst Student Center. Dave Bartlett is our speaker. Dave is on staff at Orchard Hill Church in Cedar Falls, Iowa. Dave has a powerful message that will be appropriate for all ages. Please join us for a time of food, fellowship, prayer and reflection in this holy season. To attend please contact Kent Anderson or the church office for tickets. Pay at the door.

12:10-12:50 PM Community Good Friday Service in the sanctuary of American Reformed Church. Both a financial and non-perishable food offering will be received for the local Food Pantry.

◆ Sunday, April 16

9:30 AM Easter Worship (Sanctuary)

Come celebrate the resurrection of our risen Lord!

 *Note: 2nd-5th graders are invited to join the Children & Worship Choir (3 years - 1st grade) on Easter Sunday in playing hand bells to the song "Alleluia, He is Coming!" There will not be a rehearsal in advance, but 2nd-5th graders are welcome to join the celebration immediately after the Children's Message.*

Holy Week Events

◆ Attention Kids! Help Wave Branches on Palm Sunday, April 9



It's time to celebrate Jesus' Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem! All children aged 3 years - 5th grade are invited to gather in the Fellowship Hall on April 9th at 9:15 AM to receive palm branches and instructions. We will proceed upstairs during the opening song of celebration during the worship service. Hope you can join us! Questions? Contact Laura Jonker, Director of Children's Ministries

◆ Monday, April 10

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

(Prairie Ridge Care Center, Grandview Cottage Dining Room, located in the southwest part of the building.) Questions? Contact Arlene Punt at 707-4600.

1:30 PM Women's Faith Sharing (Room 201)

Contact: Lynne Grossmann (737-4202)

6:30 PM Deacons' Meeting (Room 204)

6:30 PM Elders' Meeting (Room 201)

7:45 PM Consistory Meeting (Room 204)

◆ Wednesday, April 12

6:15-7:30 PM F3 (Fellowship Hall) Movie Night!

6:30-7:30 PM MSYG Pool Party at the All Seasons Center in Sioux Center. Bring your friends with you!

◆ Thursday, April 13

6:30 PM Maundy Thursday Communion Service (Sanctuary)

◆ Friday, April 14

6:30-7:45 AM Good Friday Men (and young men) Prayer Breakfast

30th annual Good Friday Men's Prayer Breakfast at Northwestern Rowenhorst Student Center. Dave Bartlett is our speaker. Dave is on staff at Orchard Hill Church in Cedar Falls, Iowa. Dave has a powerful message that will be appropriate for all ages. Please join us for a time of food, fellowship, prayer and reflection in this holy season. To attend please contact Kent Anderson or the church office for tickets. Pay at the door.

12:10-12:50 PM Community Good Friday Service in the sanctuary of American Reformed Church. Both a financial and non-perishable food offering will be received for the local Food Pantry.

◆ Sunday, April 16

9:30 AM Easter Worship (Sanctuary)

Come celebrate the resurrection of our risen Lord!

 *Note: 2nd-5th graders are invited to join the Children & Worship Choir (3 years - 1st grade) on Easter Sunday in playing hand bells to the song "Alleluia, He is Coming!" There will not be a rehearsal in advance, but 2nd-5th graders are welcome to join the celebration immediately after the Children's Message.*