

EVENTS FOR TODAY

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP resumes today immediately following worship in the gathering area behind the sanctuary.

WORSHIP WITH AMISTAD CRISTIANA TODAY, SUNDAY AUGUST 12
Today members of ARC will again join in worship with Amistad Cristiana (130 3rd St NW, Sioux Center) at their 4:30 PM worship service. Translation via headset is available for those not fluent in Spanish. Questions can be addressed to Kim Van Es. Come to participate in this cross-cultural worship experience!

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, August 13

10:00-11:00 AM Women's Prayer at Prairie Ridge Care Center Grandview Cottage3 Dining Room. Questions? Contact Arlene Punt (707-4600).

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

◆ **Sunday, August 19 - 11:00 AM**

Children & Worship Training for LEADERS (Purple Room #104)

Questions? Contact Kathy Gabel

Sunday School Teacher Training (High School Youth Room)

Questions? Contact Rosalyn De Koster

◆ **Sunday, August 26 - 11:00 AM**

Children & Worship Training for GREETERS (Purple Room #104)

Questions? Contact Kathy Gabel

◆ SUMMER BUILDING & OFFICE HOURS

<u>DAY</u>	<u>BUILDING HOURS</u>	<u>OFFICE HOURS</u>
Sunday	7:30 AM - 11:00 AM	Closed
Monday-Thursday	8:30 AM - 4:00 PM*	8:30 AM - 12:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
*From 3:00 - 4:00 PM only upper level door is open		
Friday	8:30 AM - 4:00 PM**	8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Closed Friday Afternoon
**From 12:00 - 4:00 PM only upper level door is open		
Saturday	Closed	Closed



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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 "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation" - Neander
"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" - Hughes/Wyrtzen

CALL TO WORSHIP

*SONG OF WORSHIP "May the Peoples Praise You"

*GOD'S GREETING

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Passionate God,
**we confess that—like the people of Zephaniah's time—
we often dismiss you as an unfeeling, unthinking,
and unresponsive God.
We believe you are an ambivalent God
who is disconnected and disinterested in the world.
Like our ancestors of faith,
our lives are polluted
with idolatry, violence, fraud, complacency, and greed.
Have mercy upon us and forgive us, Lord.**

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

Pardoning God,
**empower us by your Holy Spirit
to grow in our knowledge of your deep love for the world
and to be people whose lives reflect that love
in the way we live.
We pray this in the name of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

SONG OF ASSURANCE See Insert "Praise the King"

THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

All children will remain with us in worship today.

*SONG OF PREPARATION #612 "How Firm a Foundation"
vv. 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5

SCRIPTURE Zephaniah 3:14-20

SERMON "Majoring in the Minors: Zephaniah"

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

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

OFFERTORY "'Tis So Sweet" - Haan

*DOXOLOGY #809
Please stand and sing when the organ begins playing.

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 #694 "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"
vv. 1, 2, & 3

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING SONG #694 "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"
v. 4

*POSTLUDE "How Firm a Foundation" - Page

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Participating in Worship

The Congregation Serving the Lord in Worship
Julia Huisman Organist
Rosalyn De Koster, Wanda Korthals, Teresa Sampson, Praise Team
Brad Smith, Jeff Tolsma, and Pete Van Kley
Pastors Mike & Elizabeth Hardeman Leading in Worship
Kim Van Es Children's Message

PRAYING FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

***Amanda Van Kley** was dismissed from the Sioux Center Health Hospital on Sunday, August 4, and returned home with her parents **Pete & Diane Van Kley**. Please continue to pray for Amanda's health and strength, and pray for Pete and Diane as they care for her.

*We offer prayers of celebration and blessing for **Edan Lambert & Thomas Bomgaars**, who were united in marriage on Saturday, August 4—at Carmel Reformed Church in rural Rock Valley. We pray God will richly bless this union.

*Congratulations to **Don Ford** on his 92 birthday, yesterday, Saturday, August 11.

*ARC also extends its congratulations to **Myrna Van Pelt** on her 97th birthday, Monday, August 13.

***Pray for military service personnel Dwaine Tiedeman**, son-in-law of **Al & Sandy Nibbelink**, deployed to Kabul, Afghanistan.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆BACK TO SCHOOL BACK PACK BLESSING

Join us in worship NEXT Sunday, August 19, for our annual Back-to-School Backpack Blessing. We will be praying for students, educators and school staff of all ages and stages during worship. So . . . whether you are a preschooler or college senior, professor or 5th grade teacher, school administrator or coach, bring your backpacks or workbags to church on August 19th as we prepare to send you off into a new school year.

◆THANKS FOR YOUR HELP WITH CLOTHE-A-CHILD!!

"We want to thank everyone who helped contribute to Clothe-A-Child this year! Thanks to you, eight children in the community will have new clothes for school. What a blessing it is to be able to help them, and be a member of American Reformed Church! Thanks again!"
...Amber Altena and Lesley Tjaden