

Announcements

College Student Welcome Brunch

With the new school year approaching it's time to welcome our college students again. We are hosting a brunch NEXT Sunday, August 27, after worship, to welcome the students as the school year gets underway. We invite you, the members of American Reformed Church, to participate in the brunch in a couple of ways.

- ◆Volunteers to bring an egg bake or muffins for the brunch.
- ◆If you want to get to know the college students and connect with them, we invite you to attend the brunch.

Please sign-up at the Welcome Center TODAY if you would be willing to provide some of the food for the brunch or if you would like to come so we have a rough idea of numbers for food and beverages. If you have any questions, contact Rosalyn De Koster (arcyouthmin@gmail.com).

Mark your calendars! Fall 2017 Children's Ministry Volunteer Training Dates

- TODAY, Sunday, August 20th @ 10:45-11:15 AM** in Room 103
Children & Worship Storytellers & Greeters
- Monday, August 28th @ 6:30 PM** in Coffee Fellowship Area
Sunday School Teacher Training (Pre-K/TK - 5th grade)
- Tuesday, August 29th @ 6:30 PM** in Coffee Fellowship Area
F3 Volunteer Training
- Sunday, Sept 10th @ 8:30 - 9:15 am**
Kids Hope USA Volunteer Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall

Questions? Laura Jonker, arckidsmin@gmail.com

Prayer n' Care Partners: School is coming!

School transitions are looming for most children at ARC. As committed Prayer n' Care Partners, please remember your child in prayer as she/he starts the new school year. Here are a few ideas of ways you can show you care:

- Take your student out for coffee/ice cream to hear about fears or things she/he is looking forward to next year.
- Put a reminder in your phone to pray for her/him at 8 am every morning -- around the time your student is getting ready for school.
- Send him/her a note on the first day of school as a reminder that he/she is not alone.

Thank you for praying and caring for our children! Your intentionality makes this a safe place where kids know they can belong. Questions? Laura Jonker (arckidsmin@gmail.com).

Participating in Worship

The Congregation

Philip De Koster

Pam Anderson, Cindy Cleveringa, Doug De Zeeuw,

Marlene De Zeeuw, Katie Kensak, and Mary Schram

Pastors Mike & Elizabeth Hardeman

Olivia Brunsting & Pam Anderson

Serving the Lord in Worship

Organist

Praise Team

Leading in Worship

Offertory



Learning to Ask

Summer 2017 Sermon Series



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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

*SONG OF WORSHIP "Hear Our Praises"

*GOD'S GREETING

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Adapted from a prayer by Mark Roeda
Glorious God:
**in Jesus Christ you have blessed us with every spiritual blessing,
adopting us and making us heirs of heaven's abundance.
You know those parts of us that still believe
we are left orphaned and unwanted.
You know those parts of us that remain restless and anxious.
You know the thoughts that give us sleepless nights.
You know the desires that make our days frantic.
Forgive us these things.**

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

Gracious God:
**show us again your mercy.
Show us again your Son.
May the mercy displayed in his death and resurrection
make its way into every resistant part of us so that,
in our lives, you might be praised.
We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

*SONG OF ASSURANCE "I Will Sing of My Redeemer"

THE WORD OF GOD

BACKPACK BLESSING

*All children will remain with us in worship today. Children's
worship bags may be picked up near the elevator on the upper
level.*

*SONG OF PREPARATION "As We Seek Your Face"

SCRIPTURE Romans 8:26-39

SERMON "Learning to Ask: What about predestination?"

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

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

OFFERTORY "O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"

*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 #477 "O the Deep, Deep Love"

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING SONG #470 "Jesus Loves Me"
vv. 1 & 3

*POSTLUDE

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Praying for God's People

Please continue to pray for the family of **Florence Kalsbeek**, who passed away on Thursday, August 10 at the Prairie Ridge Care Center in Orange City. A memorial service was held at 10:30 AM on Thursday, August 17 at American Reformed Church. Please pray for the Kalsbeek family—that Christ's comfort and peace will surround them as they grieve.

Please continue to pray for **Russ & Barb Krull**. Russ has been receiving IV antibiotics daily at the Orange City Area Health System as well as daily hyperbaric treatments in Sioux City. Pray for continued healing for Russ' jaw, and pray for strength and endurance for both Russ & Barb as they travel.

We offer prayers of gratitude for a successful surgery for **Margaret Fernow**, who had her hip replaced in Sioux Falls on Thursday, August 10 and returned home from the hospital on Friday, August 11. Pray for her continued healing.

We offer prayers of blessing and joy along with **Paul & Sharon Bartlett** in the birth of a granddaughter. **Johana Grace Cordova** was born to parents **Daniel Cordova & Addison Bartlett** on Monday, August 14. We praise God for this gift of life!

We offer prayers of blessing and joy along with **Joel & Junia Punt** and **Dennis & Arlene Punt** in the birth of a grandson and great-grandson. **Beckham Lee Punt** was born to parents **Brandon & Felicia** on Tuesday, August 8. We praise God for this gift of life!

We offer prayers of celebration along with **Tom & Sharon Foughty** in the recent marriage of their son, **Brendan & Lauren (Thatcher) Foughty**, on Friday, August 11, in Ames, Iowa. Pray that God will richly bless their marriage.

We also offer prayers of celebration along with **Kim & Jerry Van Es** in the recent marriage of their daughter, **Jenna (Rylaarsdam) & Isaac Holst**, on Friday, August 4, in Minnetrista, Minnesota. Pray that God will richly bless their marriage.