

**ARC ADULT DISCIPLESHIP FALL TERM OFFERINGS 2017-18**  
(September 10 – November 19, 2017)

♦ **Jesus is ... According to the Gospel of John**

Facilitators: Paul Bartlett & Eric Elder  
Location: Genesis Room (205)

This Adult Discipleship Class will examine selected passages of the Gospel of John which use metaphors to describe Jesus. The following metaphors will be examined.

- Jesus is the Word of God
- Jesus is the Bread of Life
- Jesus is the Good Shepherd
- Jesus is the Source of Living Water
- Jesus is the Light of the World
- Jesus is the True Vine
- Jesus is the Resurrection and the Life

There is no required preparation for this class. These beautiful and sometimes mysterious metaphorical expressions will hopefully change your understanding of who Jesus is to you and to the world.

♦ **ARC Diversity in Action**

Facilitators: See below  
Location: Fireside Room (202)

The diversity among ARC members is a gift from God. The purposes of this Adult Discipleship series are: To foster "mutual understanding and trust" by listening to one another's diverse stories; To talk about differing ways in which we envision being agents for God's redemptive purposes into the future based on our unique stories and gifts.

**#1: Diversity in Age (September 10 & 17)**

Facilitator: Wanda Korthals

**#2: Diversity in Gender (September 24 & October 1)**

Facilitator: Sara Tolsma

**#3: Diversity in Church Background (October 8 & 15)**

Facilitator: Mike Hardeman

**#4: Diversity in Political Affiliation (October 22 & 29)**

Facilitator: Tamara Fynaardt

**#5: Diversity in Vocation (November 5)**

Facilitator: Jeff Tolsma

**#6: Diversity in Ethnicity/Culture (November 12 & 19)**

Facilitators: Kevin McMahan & Kathy Gabel

♦ **Help Needed at Sept 6th Family Meal Night**



Come and bless ARC young families! Join the kitchen team from 5-7 PM on Wednesday, Sept 6th to help serve and clean up dinner. Contact Sue Mulder to sign up: [lsredlum@mtcnet.net](mailto:lsredlum@mtcnet.net) or 712-395-0795.

♦ **Local Mission Opportunity to Serve ATLAS in Orange City**

1) During the month of September, we will have a bottled water and Keurig K-cups drive for ATLAS to be used while meeting with clients. Please place items in the box by the Welcome Center.

2) Service project on Saturday, September 30th from 9-11 AM. Light indoor cleaning and gardening. Please sign-up at the Welcome Center. For questions please contact Laura Genade ([lgenade@gmail.com](mailto:lgenade@gmail.com) or 712-441-6882).



Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost  
August 27, 2017



**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 "Amazing Grace" Hopson  
"All Creatures of Our God and King" Page

CALL TO WORSHIP

\*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.**

CALL TO CONFESSION Psalm 32  
We are called before God in confession by the psalmist:  
**While I kept silent, my body wasted away.  
Then I confessed my sin to you, and I did not hide.**

SONG OF CONFESSION "Before the Throne of God Above"

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS Psalm 32  
The psalmist continues:  
**I said to myself,  
"I will confess my transgression before the Lord."  
And you forgave the guilt of my sin.**  
Therefore, let all those full of faith pray to the Lord.  
**You are my hiding place.  
You are my helper in trouble.  
You surround me with shouts of deliverance.**

# THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE  
*Worship bags are available by the elevator for children to use during  
worship. Please return the bags following the service.*

\*SONG OF PREPARATION "To Every Generation"  
*Please stand and join when invited by the praise team.*

SCRIPTURE Matthew 22:15-22, Matthew 5:1-11

SERMON *Learning to Ask: How can we engage politics as Christians?*

# THE RESPONSE TO GOD

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

OFFERTORY "Come, Thou Fount" Harmon

\*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 #712 "The Kingdom of God..."  
vs. 1-3

\*BENEDICTION

\*SENDING SONG #712 "The Kingdom of God..."  
v. 4

\*POSTLUDE "Postlude on Old 100th" Bock  
*All music & lyrics used by permission - CCLI #374890*

## Participating in Worship

The Congregation Serving the Lord in Worship  
Julia Huisman Organist  
Sharon Bartlett, Rosalyn De Koster, Praise Team  
John Hubers, Laura Jonker,  
Jenn Lambert, Jeff Tolsma  
Pastors Elizabeth & Mike Hardeman Leading in Worship

## Praying for God's People

**\*Lois Abels**, mother-in-law of **Mary Abels**, who has been diagnosed with Stage IV cancer in both her brain and lungs. Lois is under hospice care in the memory unit at the Happy Siesta Care Center in Remsen. Pray for God's grace and peace to surround Lois, and pray for strength and courage to surround Mary and her family as they support Lois throughout this difficult time.

## •Fall 2017 Children's Ministry Volunteer Training Dates

•**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](mailto:arckidsmin@gmail.com)

## Mark your calendars! Children & Youth Discipleship Kick-Off Dates

• **Wednesday, Sept 6th**  
o Family Meal Night @ 5:30-6:15 PM, Fellowship Hall  
MSYG @ 6:15-7:30 pm, MS Youth Room  
*Note: All families with children in F3 or MSYG are welcome for family meal night in the ARC Fellowship Hall. After MSYG students leave for youth group, there will be brief family activity for F3 until 6:30 PM.*

• **Sunday, Sept 10th**  
o Children & Worship after the children's message  
o Sunday School, 10:45-11:30 AM  
*Note: Parents of elementary students are invited downstairs after worship to meet teachers during the Sunday School Open House from 10:30-10:45 AM.*

o HSYG, 6:30-8:30 PM @ Lamberts  
(1002 Seventh Street NW, Orange City)

• **Wednesday, Sept 13th**  
F3 (1st-5th grade) resumes-6:15-7:30 PM in Room 111

• **Sunday, Sept 17th**  
o Hands of Praise (2nd-5th grade) resumes  
10:30-10:45 AM in Fellowship Hall  
o Children & Worship Music Time resumes  
10:30-10:45 AM in Room 111  
o Leaps of Faith Practice begins,  
4:40 PM in the sanctuary

*Please bring socks or dance shoes and wear comfortable clothes.*