

Events for Today

10:30-11:45 AM Brunch in the Fellowship Hall

Celebrate the Advent season in the warm company of your church family and friends at the High School Youth Group's annual Christmas Brunch. The menu includes savory egg bake and homemade breakfast baked goods. Your freewill offering supports our high school youth as they participate in mission trips and attend youth conferences like Rocky Mountain High.

10:45 AM NO Sunday school or C & W until January 7, 2018.

11:30 AM Leaps of Faith Practice (Grades 4-12) in the sanctuary

5:00 PM A Service of Lament & Hope (Sanctuary)

This season is wrapped in cheer, good tidings, festive decorations, and joyful songs. For those grieving the loss of a loved one, facing life after divorce or separation, coping with the loss of a job, living with illness, struggling with depression, or just feeling heavy-hearted over the condition of the world, the celebration of the season can compound these painful experiences. Join us tonight at 5 PM for a worship service designed to give us space to lament while also experiencing the hope and healing offered to us in God's presence with us. The service will include prayer, song, scripture, and reflective space for all participants.

6:30-8:30 PM High School Youth Group at the Lamberts.

(Last meeting for 2017. Bring a white elephant gift and a goodie to share.)

Events for this Week

Monday, December 11

9:30-10:30 AM Young Family Nursery Play Dates

Come to the ARC Nursery on Monday mornings for an informal play-time and fellowship with parents and young children. Questions? Please contact Laura Genade, Coordinator (lgenade@gmail.com).

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 Weekly Faith Sharing Group (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, December 13

6:15-7:30 PM F3 & MSYG FAMILY Christmas Caroling Party

Come to the Fellowship Hall with your whole family to receive assignments for a festive time of caroling to members of our congregation. We'll finish with hot cocoa and cookies in the Fellowship Hall after the groups return from caroling. *This event may go slightly past 7:30 PM.*



Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2017



Immanuel - God with ALL of us

ARC Children's Advent Program 2017



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THE APPROACH TO GOD

**Indicates you may stand if you wish.*

PRELUDE Savior of the Nations, Come
arr. Manz

CALL TO WORSHIP Children & Worship Choir
This Little Light of Mine
It Came Upon a Midnight Clear
Christmas Medley (*Congregation is invited to join in singing*)

GOD'S GREETING "Immanuel - God with ALL of Us"

*SONG OF WORSHIP #173 "O Come All Ye Faithful"
vs. 1-2

THE WORD OF GOD

ADVENT I: HOPE God with us in Ethiopia

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #162 "The First Noel"
vs. 1-3

ADVENT II: PEACE God with us in China

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #164 "Silent Night"
vs. 1-3

ADVENT III: JOY God with us in Nicaragua

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

OFFERTORY HYMN #133 "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"
vs. 1, 3 & 5

Hands of Praise & Mari Langton, soloist

*DOXOLOGY #809

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

ADVENT IV: LOVE God with us in the USA

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #146 "Joy to the World..."
vs. 1-2

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING SONG #146 "Joy to the World..."
(vs. 3)

*POSTLUDE Savior of the Nations, Come
arr. Vetter

Thank you to all who donated international artifacts and costumes for our program! Northwestern College Theatre Department, Hands Around the World, Benjamin & Sherri Langton, Kim Van Es, Elizabeth Brown Hardeman, Abebja Bobb-Kelly, Kathy Gabel, Kevin McMahan, Tinklenbergs

Participating in Worship:

Mari Langton	Soloist
Sharon Bartlett	Organist
Meagan Wallinga	Media
Brent Sampson	Sound
Sherri Langton, Amber Altena	F3 Volunteers
Tom & Sharon Foughty	
Lizzy Rice, Amanda Bunce	

Children & Worship Choir (3 years - 1st grade)

Lead by Angela Kroeze Visser and Marlene DeZeeuw
Harkr Kamp, Asher Kaltwasser, Kane Bahrenfuss, Thomas Stauffer,
Xander Mahr, Daniel Genade, June Koerselman, Noah Vazquez,
Margareta Visser, Lucy Vander Weide, Micah Elliott,
Micaiah Hardeman, Samuel Altena, Will Stauffer, Anna Wallinga,
Noah Tjaden, Blake Schwarz, Kolt Bahrenfuss, Allison Wallinga,
Trillian Kamp

International Culture Characters

Margo Mahr, Tyler Beltman	Ethiopia
Trillian Kamp, Allison Wallinga	China
Lydia Anderson, Jenna Schwarz	Nicaragua
Kolt Bahrenfuss, Marielle Visser	USA

Nativity Characters

Elena Vazquez	Narrator #1
Amalia Visser	Narrator #2
Ahman Langton	Ethiopia: Simeon
Rinnah Hardeman	China: Angel #1
Leif Schmitz	Nicaragua: Joseph
Abby Wallinga	Nicaragua: Mary
Autumn Anderson	USA: Angel #2
Ava Truesdell	USA: Shepherd #1
Annalise Elliott	USA: Shepherd #2

Praying for God's People

*Pray for **Sandy Nibbelink** as she recuperates at home following shoulder surgery at Dakota Dunes on Tuesday, December 5.

*Please pray for **Arlyne Ten Clay**, who remains a patient at the Orange City Area Health System Hospital. Pray for her healing, and pray for **Denise and Lynn Sneller** (her daughter and son-in-law) as they support her with their care.

*We offer prayers of sympathy and support for Northwestern College student and senior high youth group intern **Bethany Dykstra**. Bethany's grandmother—**Irene Peterson**—passed away in Sioux Falls on Wednesday, November 29. Pray for peace and comfort for Bethany and her family as they grieve.

Announcements

Poinsettias for Sale

TODAY is the last day to purchase a poinsettia from The Middle School Youth Group. The cost per poinsettia is \$25. Color choices include red and white poinsettias. Forms are available online and at the Welcome Center. Stop by after church to place your order!

Angel Tree Project items are due under the tree TODAY!

Be sure to attach the ornament and receipt. Thanks for making the holidays a little brighter for others!

Attention: All College Students

Please take a finals week gift from the basket at the Welcome Center! We are praying for your peace and focus as you enter this week of exams.

Collecting Cancelled Stamps

Don't forget to save your cancelled stamps for Wycliffe Bible Translators. The collection box is located by the church mailboxes.

Consistory Nominating Committee Suggestions

Nominations for persons to serve as at-large members on the 2018 ARC Consistory Nominating Committee **must be received in the church office before noon on Friday, December 22.**

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, December 18

5:30 PM Esther Circle will meet at Nederlander's . RSVP to Jan Wilbeck at 707-3140 or jwilbeck@orangecitycomm.net by December 13.

Sunday, December 24

9:30 AM Service of Stories & Songs

4:00 PM Christmas Eve Worship & Candlelight Service

