

Events for this Week

Monday, February 13

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

Need a change of scenery? Tired of playing with the same toys every day? 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 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, February 15

11:30 AM The ARC Seniors will be meeting at the OC Pizza Ranch for lunch. Everyone is welcome. Questions? Contact Marilyn Jiskoot (737-4041).

6:15-7:30 PM F3 ("Fuel for Faith") for children in 1st-5th grades

Location: Fellowship Hall (Lower level)

6:15-7:30 PM Middle School Youth Group (6th-8th Grades)

Location: Room 110

6:15-7:30 PM Ridder Church Renewal: Embracing Your Life of Mission (Feb 15, 22 and Mar 15, 22, 29)

Facilitators: Two members of the Ridder Church Renewal Team

Location: Fireside Room (202)

In the company of others who are on their own Christian journeys, attendees will first reflect on the joys and challenges of their life experiences to date. Then, based on a conversation about the redemptive work that God is doing in our world and an assessment of their particular gifts, attendees will reflect on possible ways that they can partner with God in the future in the work that God wishes to do within the walls of our church, in our local community and beyond.

Announcements

•Consistory Nominating Committee Suggestions

Nominations for persons to serve as at-large members on the 2017 ARC Consistory Nominating Committee **must be received in the church office before noon tomorrow, Monday, February 13.**

•If you enjoy cooking or baking, would you be willing to provide a meal (or part of a meal) for ARC families and members in time of loss, illness or arrival of new baby? Sign up at the Welcome Center or contact Pam Boonstra if you'd like to be added to the contact list.

•Mark the Date! NEXT Sunday, February 19 from 8:30-9:30 AM

NWC students will make their 15th annual Spring Service Trip to Bluefields March 4-13. They will hold a Fundraiser Breakfast at ARC next Sunday, February 19 from 8:30-9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Egg casseroles, sweet-breads, coffee and juice. Funds raised will help finance their trip to Bluefields. THANKS so much for your support!

•Interested in what it means to be a member at American?

Sign up for our discovery class.

If you are interested in discovering more about American Reformed Church and our denomination, The Reformed Church in America, we invite you to attend a three-week discovery class on March 19, 26 and April 2 from 10:45-11:30 AM. Adults interested in joining ARC through profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith or transfer of membership are asked to

take this class before becoming a member. Please sign up by February 26 via sign-up sheet on the Welcome Center or email (elizabetharcoc@gmail.com). Please contact Elizabeth or Mike with any questions.

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American Reformed Church gathers together to be transformed by Jesus to transform the world through acceptance, grace, wisdom, and love.
As followers of Jesus Christ, we have been called by the Holy Spirit to *welcome* others in the hospitality of God, *worship* God, *know* God in community with others,

The Approach to God

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

PRELUDE "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"
"There is a Fountain"
"My Jesus I love Thee"

CALL TO WORSHIP
God proclaims through the prophet:
Who created the heavens and stretched them out?
Who spread out the earth and what comes from it?
**Who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it?**
I am the LORD; that is my name.
Sing to the LORD a new song.

*SONG OF WORSHIP "Come People of the Risen King"

*GOD'S GREETING

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

SONG OF CONFESSION (Insert) "O Great God"
*Congregation join when invited to do so. Please use this song as
a starting point for your own confession.*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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 "The Risen Christ"

SCRIPTURE Acts 2:43-47

SERMON *On Mission: Missional Community*

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

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

OFFERTORY "Fairest Lord Jesus"

*DOXOLOGY p. 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 "Called As Partners in Christ's Service"
vs. 1-3

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING SONG "Called As Partners in Christ's Service"
v. 4

*POSTLUDE "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

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Participating in Worship

The Congregation	Serving the Lord in Worship
Pam Anderson	Organist
Sharon Bartlett, Rosalyn De Koster,	Praise Team
Doug De Zeeuw, Marlene De Zeeuw,	
Tamara Fynaardt	
Benjamin Langton	Children's Message
Pastors Elizabeth & Mike Hardeman	Leading in Worship

Welcome to worship at American Reformed Church!

Today, we extend a special welcome to 17 high school students from Japan who are attending a 3-week English and American Culture Program at NWC. The students come from an RCA founded high school in Tokyo called Meiji Gakuin. After Sunday School they will enjoy a home stay in an ARC home for lunch and fun. A big thank you in advance to our hosts!! Please give the students a warm welcome.

Praying for God's People

Hospitalized:
***Lucille Wierda** (Orange City)

Home from the hospital:
***Betty Ferrell**
***Brent Sampson**

Those receiving on-going care for cancer:
***Don Hop** who has elected to not do any further treatments.

Expresses Thanks
"Thank you for the visits, prayers and many kindnesses you have shown our family in recent months. We are grateful for your support and the comfort it has given us. We are blessed to be a part of a caring congregation."
...Bill and Kristy Kepp

"Thanks to everyone who came out for the Soup-er Bowl! We served 140 people and raised \$1024 towards our summer trip to Rocky Mt. High. We appreciate your support."
...HS Youth

Events for Today

- ◆ **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 Discipleship Offerings include:
 - ◆ **THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK** (*through March 5*)
Facilitator: Eric Elder
Location: International Room (201)
This class will be a discussion based study of the gospel of Mark, the shortest of all the four gospels that presents a vivid, vigorous, straight-forward account of the public ministry of Jesus.
 - ◆ **HELPING ALL ARC FAMILIES TO FLOURISH** (*through March 26*)
#2: Singles and Couples without Children
(February 5, 12 & 19)
Facilitators: Steve Mahr and Wanda Korthals
Location: Fireside Room (202)
No two families are alike and families face a wide diversity of challenges to human flourishing. The purposes of this Adult Discipleship series are: To gain a better understanding of the unique joys and challenges facing different family arrangements as revealed by personal stories told by selected ARC families. Based on such understanding, to explore ways in which ARC members, individually and collectively, can better support those ARC families facing unique challenges.
- ◆ **6:30 PM High School Youth Group** at the Lamberts.