

**Dates to Know**

**TODAY, February 17**

**During Worship Children & Worship\***

Meeting in the north side classroom of the children's ministry hallway (lower level). Children can be picked up by 10:45.

10:45–11:30AM NO Sunday School

4:40–5:45PM Leaps of Faith Practice

6:30–8:30PM High School Youth Group (9th-12th gr.)

**Wednesday, February 20**

6:15–7:30PM F3 (1st-4th gr.)

6:15–7:30PM MCOYG (5th-8th gr.)

**Sunday, February 24**

**During Worship Leaps of Faith Dance**

Children & Worship

10:45–11:30AM NO Sunday School

4:40–5:45PM Leaps of Faith Practice (6th-12th gr.)

6:30–8:30PM High School Youth Group (9th-12th gr.)

**Where does my kid go?**

⇒ **Children & Worship On the Move AGAIN!**—Beginning this Sunday, February 17, C & W will meet in the lower level room #104 on the south side of the children's ministry hallway. (The area below the nursery.)

⇒ **The nursery remains open for children 3YO & under throughout the renovation.**

At ARC children are invited to fully participate in worship, and all ages and stages are welcome in the service.

**These ministries are also available to families during worship:**

**Worship Bags**

All Children

**Year Round**

pick up & drop off by elevator

**Nursery**

Birth–3YO

Upper Level: #203

**Year Round**

9:15–11:30 AM

**Children & Worship**

3YO–1st Grade

Lower Level: #104 (Green & Purple)

**Sept. 9 – May 5**

after children's message\*

\*These 2 groups will be joined together in room #104 (lower level).

All children may be picked up @ 10:45AM from room 104.

**Participating in Worship**

The Congregation

Julia Huisman

Tamara Fynaardt, Elizabeth Kensak, Katie Kensak

Rebecca Koerselman, Teresa Sampson, Pete VanKley

Pastor Mike & Pastor Elizabeth

Kim Van Es

Serving the Lord in Worship

Organist

Praise Team

Worship Leaders

Children's Message



**Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany**

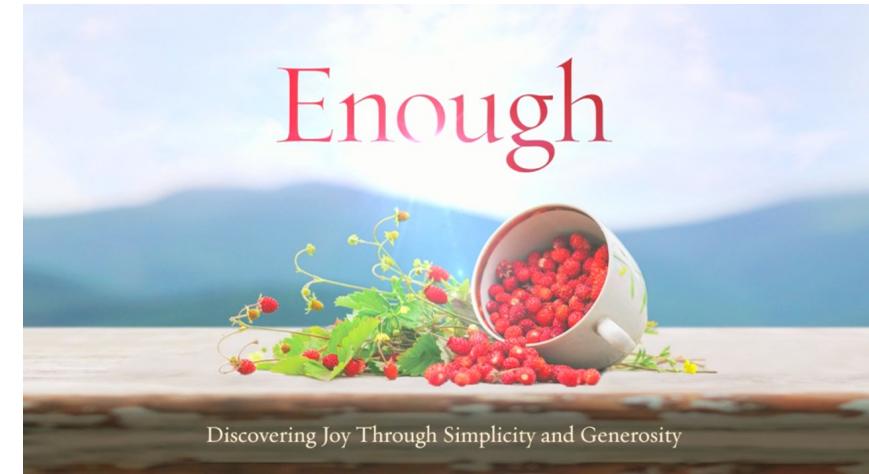
February 17, 2019

**Who belongs at American Reformed Church?**

Everyone is welcome here. Everyone belongs. Whether you walked in the doors for the first time or the 321<sup>st</sup> time this morning . . . you belong. There are no special requirements to be a part of church.

Our denominational tradition does invite people to become members of a local church like American. But this isn't a club; it's a community. Becoming a member is simply a sign of mutual commitment between a person and the entire ARC community. If you are interested in learning more about what it means to become a member, please contact the pastors (elizabetharcoc@gmail.com and mikearcoc@gmail.com).

But remember...you belong beyond membership.



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## THE APPROACH TO GOD

*The congregation is invited to read the bold font.  
\*Indicates the congregation may stand.*

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

\*SONG OF WORSHIP "Come Thou Fount . . . "

\*GOD'S GREETING & SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE  
The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Generous God,  
**your blessings are boundless and your gifts abundant.**  
**You generously provide all that we have—**  
**bodies to work, food to eat, clothes to wear, homes to shelter us.**  
**Yet, worry lurks within, and we wonder:**  
**"Do we have enough?"**  
**We confess this worry leads us to hold tightly**  
**to the resources you have given us.**  
**We confess that worry prevents us**  
**from sharing your boundless blessings and your abundant gifts.**  
**We confess that we often see scarcity**  
**where there is actually abundance.**

*Please use the silence for reflection and personal confession.*

God of everlasting kindness and fathomless grace,  
**forgive us for our scarcity mindset.**  
**By the power of your Spirit, free us from the grip of worry**  
**that holds us back from following your example.**  
**Empower us to be people of blessing and abundance**  
**with all that you have given us.**  
**In Jesus' name we pray . . . amen.**

SONG OF ASSURANCE "Compassion Hymn"

## THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*Children & Worship meets in the lower level children's ministry rooms (directly under the nursery). Children ages 3 to 1st grade are welcome to attend. Worship bags and coloring pages are by the elevator for children who remain in worship.*

\*SONG OF PREPARATION Insert "We Praise You, O God..."

SCRIPTURE

SERMON

## THE RESPONSE TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**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.**

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Please pass the fellowship pad found at the end of the pew.*

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY p. 809  
*Congregation, please stand when organ begins playing.*

\*SONG OF RESPONSE #385 "God in His Love For Us"  
*vv. 1, 3, & 2 with the refrain of "Great is Thy Faithfulness"*

\*BENEDICTION

\*SENDING SONG #385 "God in His Love For Us"  
*v. 2 with the refrain of "Great is Thy Faithfulness"* v. 3

\*POSTLUDE

*All music & lyrics used by permission - CCLI #374890*

## PRAYING FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

\*Please continue to pray for **Marlene Rons** and **Don Ford** as they grieve the death of Marlene's husband and Don's brother-in-law, **Denis Rons**. A memorial service was held on February 12 at the Oolman Funeral Home.

\*Please pray for **Amanda Van Kley**, who was admitted to the Sioux Center Health Hospital on Tuesday, February 12 with Influenza A and pneumonia. Pray for Amanda's healing and pray for her family—**Pete & Diane Van Kley** (Amanda's parents) and **Dana & Christopher Klein** (Amanda's sister and brother-in-law)—as they support her throughout. Please note that the hospital is not allowing any visitors for Amanda at this time so that she can rest and heal.

\*Please be in prayer for **the Hardeman family**.

**Micaiah** has been experiencing chronic health issues and pain for the past year. This week those issues resulted in increased pain and doctors admitted her to Sanford Children's in Sioux Falls on Thursday, February 14.

**Pastor Mike** fell at home and dislocated his knee on Wednesday afternoon, February 13. After being released from ER, Pastor Mike was able to return home.

Also, **Pastor Elizabeth's father, Jerry Brown**, had a malignant tumor removed from behind his ear on February 13 and will begin radiation treatment after the surgical site heals.

Pray for this family as they navigate all these health concerns.

\*Pray for **Carolyn Elder** who will have surgery in Sioux Falls on Wednesday, February 20. Please pray that the surgery would be successful and that recovery would be quick and complete.

\*Please pray for **Stan & Marilyn Vander Weide**. Stan served on ARC's staff in the 1970's, and is an ordained minister of Word and Sacrament in the Reformed Church in America. Stan had triple bypass surgery. Since the surgery, he has not been able to swallow. He had surgery again and had a feeding tube put in so he is getting nutrients directly into his stomach. Eventually he will be moved from the heart hospital to a rehab center in Mesa, Arizona. Both Marilyn and Stan are in need of prayers for strength.

## EVENTS FOR TODAY

- ♦ **10:30-10:45 AM Coffee Fellowship** in the Coffee Fellowship Area
- ♦ **10:45 - 11:30 ADULT DISCIPLESHIP WINTER 2019 OFFERINGS**  
*Meets Sundays through March 3*
  - **BIBLE STUDY: JOSHUA** in Room 301 (Choir Room Upstairs)
  - **STRONG AND WEEK: EMBRACING A LIFE OF LOVE, RISK AND TRUE FLOURISHING.** .by Andy Crouch (Book Study)  
Location: Room #204 (Genesis Room)
- ♦ **ENOUGH Sermon Series Small Groups (February 17 & 24)**  
**10:45-11:30 AM #1** West Front of Sanctuary; **#2** West Narthex  
**4:45-5:45 PM** in the Coffee Fellowship Area

**4:30 PM** Join ARC friends attending the **worship service of Amistad Cristiana** at 4:30 PM This Spanish-speaking congregation meets at 130 3rd St NW, Sioux Center. Translation headsets are available.

## EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

### Monday, February 18

**10:00-11:00 AM Women's Prayer** at Prairie Ridge Care Center  
(Grandview Cottage Dining Room)

**7:00 PM Esther Circle**

(We will meet at the home of Shirley Mouw—410 3rd St NW)

Leader: Bonnie Kaericher

Lesson: p. 38 of the Jan/Feb Upper Room.

Lunch: Joan Van't Hof and Phyl De Haan

### Wednesday, February 20

**11:30 AM Senior Lunch Bunch** will meet at the OC Pizza Ranch.

Questions? Please contact Marilyn Jiskoot at 737-4041 or  
mjiskoot@gmail.com.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### •CALL FOR EMPTY OATMEAL BOXES

Save empty oatmeal boxes (ANY SIZE) for a March **F3** project. Boxes can be placed in the container by the SE entrance on the lower level of the church.

### •TAKE A JOURNEY TO ISRAEL AND PALESTINE

You are invited to join Joshua Vis and Sally Vis on a journey to Israel and Palestine. Visit the places where Jesus lived. Meet the people. Get to know the Christian community of today. Better understand the current political reality. The tour is from June 12-23, 2019. Estimated cost is between \$4220 and \$4535. Registration deadline is March 8, 2019 to guarantee your spot. For more information, visit <https://joshvis.com/upcoming-tours/>



American Reformed Church ([americanchurchoc.com](http://americanchurchoc.com)) in Orange City, Iowa, is a **community that gathers together to be transformed by Jesus to transform the world through acceptance, grace, wisdom, and love.** ARCO is seeking two individuals to join the staff team: a **Director of Children's and Family Ministries** and a **Communications and Office Coordinator.** Candidates will exhibit a deep Christian faith and a strong sense of call to congregational ministry.

The **Director of Children's and Family Ministries** will be a person who is creative, visionary, relational, and called by God to nurture children and their families into a more vibrant relationship with Jesus Christ. In addition, the director will lead in the ministries of hospitality and volunteer engagement. The candidate will demonstrate evidence of excellent communication skills, attention to detail, and the ability to recruit, train, and inspire volunteers. Previous experience in children's ministry or education is required, and a bachelor's degree in religion, Christian education, elementary education, or a related field is preferred. This is a full-time position (40 hours per week), though candidates interested in part-time employment (with primary responsibilities in children's ministry) are encouraged to apply.

The **Communications and Office Coordinator** will be a person who is creative, efficient, administratively gifted, and called by God to coordinate all print and digital media and provide administrative support for the church. The candidate will demonstrate evidence of excellent relational and communication skills (particularly written communication), computer and office proficiency, organizational ability, and attention to detail. Previous experience in communications or office administration is required, and an associate's or bachelor's degree in communications, administration, office management, or a related field is preferred. This is a full-time position (40 hours per week), though candidates interested in part-time employment are encouraged to apply.

If you feel led to apply for one of these positions, send a letter of interest and resume to Pastors Elizabeth and Michael Hardeman at [arcocpastors@gmail.com](mailto:arcocpastors@gmail.com). The application process will remain open until the positions are filled, but candidates are strongly encouraged to submit materials before March 15, 2019.