

Events for today

10:30-10:45 AM

Coffee Fellowship in the gathering area behind the sanctuary.
Children & Worship Music Time (ages 3-1st grade) in Rm 111
Hands of Praise (Grade 2-5) in the fellowship hall.

10:45-11:30 AM

Discipleship Classes for Ages 3-12th Grades (Lower Level)
Discipleship Class for Adults (going on now – Mar. 4)

◆ **That's Just Your *Interpretation!* – Becoming Better Readers of the Bible**

Facilitator: Jim Mead, Northwestern College
Location: Fireside Rm (202)

This course introduces a variety of perspectives and methods for interpreting the Bible, including historical, literary, theological, spiritual, socio-economic, and missional approaches.

◆ **Christian Perspectives on News Headlines (Rm 205)**

This class will discuss a “hot-button” news issue for each past week, focusing on how Christians should respond to the issue based on biblical teachings.

Facilitator: Steve Mahr

◆ **Discover American: A Membership Inquiry Seminar Begins (Rm 201)**

4:40 PM **Leaps of Faith Practice** (Grades 4-12) in the sanctuary
Bring dance shoes!

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

Events for this Week

Monday, February 19

9:30-10:30 AM **Young Family Nursery Play Dates** (ARC Nursery)

10:00-11:00 AM **Women's Prayer Group**

(Prairie Ridge Care Center, Grandview Cottage Dining Room)

1:30PM **Weekly Faith Sharing Group** (Rm 201)

Contact: Lynne Grossmann (737-4202)

7:00 PM **Esther Circle** (Fellowship Area)

Lunch: Phyl De Haan, Joan Van't Hof

Lesson: *Upper Room*: January 24, pgs. 32 and 74

Led by Jan Wilbeck

Wednesday, February 21

11:30 AM **ARC Seniors Gathering for lunch** at the OC Pizza Ranch.

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

Location: Fellowship Hall (Lower level)

6:45-9:00 PM **Middle School Youth Group** (Grades 6-8)

Location: Ben Glenn in Hull, IA. Be at church @ or BEFORE 6:45 PM!

Carpool to/from Hull with leaders.

6:15-7:30 PM **Nehemiah Bible Study for Women** (Rm 201)

Leader: Jill Haarsma

Saturday, February 24

1:30-4:30 PM **ARC Family Tubing Day at Inspiration Hills**

(See next panel for further information.)

Announcements

•ARC Family Tubing Day Change of Plans

Due to schedule conflicts and family needs, our Family Tubing Day will now be on **Saturday, February 24th** at Inspiration Hills Camp in Inwood, IA. It's not too late to join us! Meet at ARC to caravan together at 12:30 PM. Bring \$5/person aged 7 and older. We'll tube from 1:30-4:30 PM and return to Orange City by 5:30 PM. Questions? Laura Jonker, arckidsmin@gmail.com

•Expresses Thanks

“Thank you to the congregation of ARC for the many thoughts and prayers, cards and expressions of sympathy during our recent loss of our mother, grandmother and great grandmother, Imo Mulder. Your thoughtfulness was much appreciated and will long be remembered by all of us.”

...Les and Sue Mulder; Raegen, Adam, Tristan, Tyson and Jabrel Blom

•Coming Soon: New Adult Discipleship Class:

10:45-11:30 AM Text to Turf: Bringing Today's Sermon into My Week (March 11 – 25, April 8 – 29)

•NOTICE: The April work project trip to Corpus Christi has been cancelled - as people's schedules and lives have made it impossible for many to participate who would otherwise have wished to serve. Thank you to all of you who expressed an interest.

...Victoria Karssen



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ACCEPTANCE + GRACE + WISDOM + LOVE



THE APPROACH TO GOD

The congregation is invited to read the bold font.

**Indicates you may stand if you wish.*

PRELUDE Tristan Blom, Tyson Blom, Mari Langton

CALL TO WORSHIP Kyan Bahrenfuss, Danielle Beltman, Ben Burg

Come to us today, O God.

Come to us with light.

Speak to us today, O God.

Speak to us your truth.

Dwell with us today, O God.

Dwell with us in love.

Renew us today, O God.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit.

*SONG OF WORSHIP “Bless the Lord, O My Soul”

*GOD’S GREETING Tristan Blom

Community Health Partners has asked that all churches in the area curtail hand-shaking due to recent cases of influenza and out of concern for those who may be vulnerable to the complications from a cold or the flu.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Anton Burg

Written by middle school youth

Merciful God,

We confess that we have failed to listen to your voice,

And we do not come to you when we sin,

but instead we turn away.

We forget to put our trust in you.

We have not helped those you have put in our paths,

We have been rude to others and sought to annoy them

on purpose.

We are not always accepting and inclusive of our neighbors.

We often judge before we know the whole story.

We have been mean to members of our families,

We have not always listened simply because we do not want to.

We have disrespected those who lead us,

We are not grateful for the things you have given us.

And sometimes we use foul language

when we could use other words.

A time for silence and personal confession.

God who loves us,

Forgive us for our mistakes and sins

and our lack of trust and stubbornness,

so we may be renewed by your strength,

by your power, and by your grace.

Help us to see our neighbors with your eyes,

Help us to learn to forgive when we’ve been hurt.

Open our hearts in order to help us love our brothers and sisters

so that we may love as you have loved us, when you died for us.

Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS “O Come to the Altar”

THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Ava Schmitz & Kaylin Tullar

Children ages 3–1st grade may exit out the sanctuary doors to meet Children & Worship (C & W) leaders. Leaders will take the children directly to their Sunday school classrooms following the service. Children who do not attend C & W are welcome to use the worship bags by the elevator during the service.

*SONG OF PREPARATION “Ancient Words”

SCRIPTURE Psalm 51:1-17, Matthew 6:1-18

SERMON “Reflecting on Our Humanity”

Jada Abrahamson, Tristan Blom, Tyson Blom,

Anton Burg, Neriah Hardeman, Katie Kensak,

Mari Langton, Nevaeh Sampson

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS Neriah Hardeman

(Please pass the fellowship pad found at the end of the pew.)

OFFERTORY Jada Abrahamson, Jabrel Blom,

Bethany Dykstra, Nevaeh Sampson

*DOXOLOGY p. 809

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Neriah Hardeman

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 “Hear Our Praises”

*BENEDICTION/CLOSING PRAYER

Kyan Bahrenfuss, Danielle Beltman, Ben Burg

Light our lamps with love

that Christ may shine in us.

Make our mouths speak your story,

that Christ may be known through us.

Keep our feet firmly in the Way,

that Christ may walk with us.

And fill us with the Holy Spirit

that we may know Christ’s peace.

Amen.

*SENDING SONG “Hear Our Praises”

(Chorus only)

*POSTLUDE Worship Team

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Participating in Worship

The Congregation
Praise Team

Serving the Lord in Worship
Bethany Dykstra, Jacob Gabel,

Katie Kensak, Katelyn Reuvers,

Ava Schmitz, Kaylin Tullar

Middle School Youth

Leading in Worship
MS Leaders

Beth Benschoter, Rosalyn De Koster,

Greg Elliott, Ben Henker, Wanda Korthals,

Emily Linneweber, Kevin McMahan