

Events for this Week

Monday, February 20

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)

7:00 PM Esther Circle (Fellowship Area)

Lesson: Upper Room: Sunday, January 29 — "Fresh and Green" p. 37

Discussion Leader: Jan Wilbeck

Lunch: Phyl De Haan, Joan Van't Hof

Wednesday, February 22

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 22 and Mar 15, 22, and 29)

Facilitators: Two members of the Ridder Church Renewal Team

Location: Fireside Room (202)

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Announcements

•Sign Up for Talk and Taste

Gather with an inter-generational dinner group of 3-4 families from ARC once a month to share a meal and conversation in each others' homes. This is a great way to get to know new people, try new dishes and spend time with the ARC family outside of worship! All ages and life stages are encouraged to join. Participants will be divided into groups and then set up their own schedules for future dinner gatherings. Sign up at the Welcome Center with Don and Mary Lou Vander Wel TODAY!

•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.

•Wednesday, March 1

Coming Soon! F3 & MSYG Family Meal Night

What: A free dinner for F3 & MSYG students and their families

When: Wednesday, March 1st @ 5:30-6:20 PM

****Note:** All students will be invited to stay after the meal for a brief presentation and activity led by our guest from Inspiration Hills Camp before we dismiss for the Ash Wednesday Service (*starting at 6:30 PM in the sanctuary*).

Menu: Lasagna, salad, french bread & dessert

****PB&J sandwich station will be available for those with other food preferences.**

Help: Kitchen Help Needed from 4-7 PM -- Contact Pam if you can come for all or part of the time: pamboonstra@gmail.com or 712-548-7148

(Announcements are continued on the next panel.)

•ARC has been asked to provide 54 sack lunches for the Northwestern College Choir Tour, including some of our own college students, departing Saturday March 4. The congregation is invited to provide some of the items for the lunches and to assemble the lunches on Friday, March 3 at 5:00 PM in the church kitchen. Information on items needed, as well as sign up sheets, are available on the table in the coffee gathering area. ARC members are also invited to write a brief note of encouragement or a blessing to the choir members and those traveling with them. Note cards are also provided on the same table in the coffee area.



•Summer Camp Subsidies from ARC



Summer is coming! If your child plans to attend a summer camp this year, ARC is willing to pay up to 1/2 the registration costs. Please contact Laura Jonker (arckidsmin@gmail.com) or Rosalyn De Koster (arcyouthmin@gmail.com) with the dates your child plans to attend camp and the total cost for the registration. We will be praying his/her time away is filled with glimpses of God's presence!



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ARC ADULT DISCIPLESHIP OFFERINGS **Winter/Spring 2017**

◆THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK

10:45 – 11:30 AM Sundays
January 15 – 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, straightforward account of the public ministry of Jesus. One commentator says that “the key verse of the gospel is the disclosure of Jesus that the Son of man is the Suffering Servant of God who will give his life as a ransom for many” (10:45).

◆HELPING ALL ARC FAMILIES TO FLOURISH (CONTINUATION OF FALL OFFERING)

10:45 – 11:30 AM Sundays
January 15 – March 26

Facilitators: See below

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.

#2: Singles and Couples without Children (February 5, 12 & 19)

Facilitators: Steve Mahr and Wanda Korthals

#3: Families That Include LGBT Individuals (February 26 & March 5)

Facilitator: Tamara Fynaardt

#4: Families that Include Individuals with Special Needs (March 12)

Facilitator: Sara Tolsma

#5: Inter-Generational Families (March 19 & 26)

Facilitator: Lynne Hubers

◆RIDDER CHURCH RENEWAL: EMBRACING YOUR LIFE OF MISSION

6:15 – 7:30 PM Wednesdays
January 18 – February 22

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