

Announcements

•Wednesday, March 7

3:00-4:00 PM Informal Planning Meeting for Ruth Circle

New Bible Series on Discover ROMANS FOR ALL WHO BELIEVE

Location: Landsmeer Ridge Private Dining Room

All women interested are invited. This class will meet

The 1st Wednesday of the months of April-October at 2:00 PM

Come early by 2:00 PM on March 7 for music program.

Melinda Fedders and Mary Reinders will share their musical

Talents in the Fireside Room at Landsmeer Ridge

Questions: Contact Arlene Punt (707-4600)

•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

Participating in Worship

The Congregation

Julia Huisman

Leaps of Faith

Leaders: Maggie Kensak, Katelyn Reuvers,

Natalie Sampson, Natasha Sampson

Dancers: Autumn Anderson, Neriah Hardeman,

Rinnah Hardeman, Katie Kensak,

Nevaeh Sampson, Ava Schmitz,

Amalia Visser, Abby Wallinga

Staff Coordinator: Rosalyn De Koster

Pam Anderson, Rosalyn De Koster, Bethany Dykstra,

Jenn Lambert, Jeff Tolsma, Destiny Wolbrink

Sanctuary Choir

Philip De Koster, Director

Alyssa Daun, Accompanist

Pastors Elizabeth & Mike Hardeman

Serving the Lord in Worship

Organist

Call to Worship

Praise Team

Offertory

Leading in Worship



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THE APPROACH TO GOD

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

PRELUDE "Trumpet Dialogue" Clerambault
"All Hail the Power of Jesus Name" Johnson

CALL TO WORSHIP "Lamb of God"
Leaps of Faith

*SONG OF WORSHIP "Let Us Adore"

*GOD'S GREETING

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.

OUR CALL INTO THE SEASON OF LENT

We began with the waters of baptism on our fingertips and dust and ash smeared upon our foreheads as a reminder that **we belong to you, O God.** This morning our foreheads have been washed clean, but the meaning remains- **we belong to you, O God.**

This is Lent.
In this season, we will hear your story, a story that will take us from a tower to the tomb. As we listen together, may we not forget- **we belong to you, O God.**

THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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 "Speak, O Lord"

SCRIPTURE Genesis 11:1-9

SERMON If these stones could talk...
a tower of stone

PRAYER OF PURPOSE 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.

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

ACT OF CONFESSION Insert "Lamb of God"

*During the song, you are invited to sing and prayerfully reflect on the weight of sin and shame in your life.
What are you carrying that you need to let go?
What are you ready to release and let God make new?
When you are ready, come forward to place your stone on or at the foot of the cross as a reminder that Jesus takes this weight from you. You are free, forgiven, and being made new in Jesus.*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

What is confession?
An unburdening, a releasing of sin and shame.
Why do we confess?
To make space for God's creative work in our lives.
What happens each time we confess?
We are reminded we belong to God and God never lets us go, never gives us over to sin and shame, never stops recreating and remaking us.
Friends, you are released and unburdened by all that weighs heavy on your heart, mind, and spirit.
Receive God's love. Share that love with the world.

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

OFFERTORY "When I Lay My Isaac Down"

*DOXOLOGY p. 809

*SONG OF RESPONSE #710 "We Are Called to be God's..."
vs. 2 & 3

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING SONG #710 "We Are Called to be God's..."
v. 1

*POSTLUDE "Rejoice, the Lord is King" Young

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Praying for God's People

*Please be in prayer for **Jack and Anita Vogel**. Jack's mother, **Doris Vogel**, passed away at the Prairie Ridge Care Center in Orange City on Friday, February 16. A memorial service was held on Tuesday, February 20 at the Dover Avenue Alliance Church here in Orange City. Please pray that God's comfort and peace will surround Jack and the entire Vogel family as they grieve.

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 (through Mar. 4)

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

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

◆ **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** (Rm 201)

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

6:00 PM **High School Youth Group Progressive Supper!**
LEAVE from the CHURCH parking lot around 6:00 PM. We will be done between 8:30-8:45 PM.

Events for this Week

Monday, February 26

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 28

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 (Grades 6-8)

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