

Announcements

•**Consistory Nominating Committee Suggestions**

The ARC Consistory is seeking congregational suggestions for potential names of persons to serve as at-large members on the 2017 ARC Consistory Nominating Committee. Please keep in mind that nominating committee members are not eligible to serve as candidates for the consistory themselves. As stated in our newly approved process, "the consistory will seek to form a CNC comprised of members who possess the gift of discernment, know the congregation well, and represent the diversity present within the membership of ARC. Above all, the consistory will seek to select persons for the CNC who will listen for the leading of the Holy Spirit throughout the process." If you would like to suggest the names of persons to serve as potential at-large members on the consistory nominating committee, please send your suggestion(s) to the church office via email (americanchurchoc@gmail.com), US Mail (American Reformed Church; 407 Albany Ave SE; Orange City, IA 51041), or telephone (712.737.4430). **Nominations must be received in the church office before noon on Monday, February 13.**

•**Help Needed: Children's Activity Bag Volunteers**

Do you like to help "behind the scenes?" Do you have a free hour each month to bless the children of our congregation? Each Sunday, our children engage with worship through activity bags filled with bulletins, stickers, pencils and paper. We need 3-4 volunteers who would be willing to re-fill and organize the bags on a monthly rotation. Please contact Laura Jonker if you are interested (arckidsmin@gmail.com).

•**Wanted: Lego Donations!**

It's a new year and maybe time to clean your closets! If you have any Legos at your house that are not being used, please consider bringing them to Laura's office. We will put them to use! Questions? Contact Laura Jonker (arckidsmin@gmail.com).

•**Mark the Date! Sunday, February 19 from 8:30-9:20 AM.**

NWC students will make their 15th annual Spring Service Trip to Bluefields March 4-13. They will hold a Fundraiser Breakfast at ARC on Sunday, February 19 from 8:30-9:20 AM. Save the date & come out to eat and support these terrific students!

•**Expresses Thanks**

"Thank you, ARC, for your prayers, cards, and kind conversations with us following the death of our brother-in-law David Clausen."

...*Lynne and John Hubers*

"This year, the Food Pantry served 74 families through weekly referrals. The number of families receiving baskets at our 3 special distributions was 264. ARC members, you have certainly demonstrated that you care and are willing to share. It is wonderful to see so many churches working together to help those in need. I thank you for your cooperation and generous support. May God continue to bless our efforts."

...*Junia Punt, Food Pantry Administrator*

"The Orange City Sack Pack Program thanks YOU for the generous donation given recently and also for your continued support! It is overwhelming to see God's glory at work through your church family! Without your continued support and donations, we wouldn't be able to serve so many youth in our area. Thank you for allowing our program to be the hands and feet of Jesus!"

...*Tara Oolman and the Sack Pack Board*

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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

CALL TO WORSHIP

*SONG OF WORSHIP "10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"

*GOD'S GREETING

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God:
**we confess our tendency to mistreat others—
people created in your image.
We are often condescending of those
who do not share our faith or heritage or tradition.
We "talk down" to them or—even worse—
we see them as lesser "objects" needing to receive
what we have to give.
Forgive us for objectifying others.
Forgive us for failing to see all people
as bearers of your image.**

(Please use this time of silence for personal confession.)

Compassionate God:

**empower us to be open to the way you speak to us
in unlikely people, in unlikely events, and in unlikely places.
By your Holy Spirit, create in us the recognition
that all people are created in your image.
Open us to see you, to hear from you,
and to receive from you what you desire for us to learn
in the lives of those who are the "other." Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS "Feed Me, Lord"

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 "Speak O Lord"

SCRIPTURE Acts 10

SERMON "On Mission: Neighbor as Subject, Not Object"

MEANING OF THE SACRAMENT

INVITATION

COMMUNION PRAYER

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy and right it is, and our joyful duty to give thanks to you at all times and in all places, O Lord our Creator, almighty and everlasting God! You created heaven with all its hosts and the earth with all its plenty. You have given us life and being and preserve us by your providence. But you have shown us the fullness of your love in sending into the world your Son, Jesus Christ, the eternal Word, made flesh for us and for our salvation. For the precious gift of this mighty Savior who has reconciled us to you we praise and bless you, O God. With your whole Church on earth and with all the company of heaven we worship and adore your glorious name.

Sung a cappella:

**Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns
around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.**

Most righteous God, we remember in this Supper the perfect sacrifice offered once on the cross by our Lord Jesus Christ for the sin of the whole world. In the joy of his resurrection and in expectation of his coming again, we offer ourselves to you as holy and living sacrifices. Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

**Christ has died!
Christ is risen!
Christ will come again!**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us, we pray, that the bread which we break and the cup which we bless may be to us the communion of the body and blood of Christ. Grant that, being joined together in him, we may attain to the unity of the faith and grow up in all things into Christ our Lord. And as this grain has been gathered from many fields into one loaf, and these grapes from many hills into one cup, grant, O Lord, that your whole Church may soon be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

COMMUNION

This morning you are invited to come forward to receive communion. If you wish to remain seated, an elder will come to you. All communion elements are gluten-free. Two elders will be offering anointing of oil and prayers for healing for any in need. Children who do not participate in communion are invited to come forward for a blessing.

The Response to God

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.

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY p. 809

*SONG OF RESPONSE #437 "Help Us Accept Each Other"
vv. 1, 2, & 3
Sung to "Aurelia," #689

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING SONG #437 "Help Us Accept Each Other"
v. 4
Sung to "Aurelia," #689

*POSTLUDE

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Participating in Worship

The Congregation	Serving the Lord in Worship
Julia Huisman	Organist
Pam Anderson, Jacob Gabel, Laura Jonker,	Praise Team
Jenn Lambert, & Daniel Tolsma	
Pastors Mike & Elizabeth Hardeman	Leading in Worship
Sanctuary Choir	Assurance of Forgiveness
Philip De Koster, Director	
Mikayla Vos, Accompanist	
Anna Bartlett, Flute	

Praying for God's People

Hospitalized at the Orange City Hospital:

*Betty Ferrell
*Lucille Wierda

Home from the hospital:

*Don Guthmiller

Those receiving ongoing care for cancer:

*Don Hop

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)

◆ **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.

◆ **Soup-er Bowl Warmup—11 AM to 12:30 PM**

Warmup for today's game with a bowl of hearty soup at the High School Youth Group's **Soup-er Bowl lunch after church and Sunday school**. Soup's on from 11 a.m. to 12:30. *Your freewill offering supports our high school youth and their plans to attend Rocky Mountain High this summer.*

◆ **5:30 PM High School Youth Group** at the Gabels.

Events for this Week

Monday, February 6

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

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)

Wednesday, February 8

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 8, 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.

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