

## Events for this Week

### Monday, January 15

#### 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](mailto: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.

#### 1:30PM Weekly Faith Sharing Group (Room 201)

Contact: Lynne Grossmann (737-4202)

### Wednesday, January 17

**11:30 AM ARC Seniors will be meeting for lunch** at the OC Pizza Ranch. Questions? Please contact Marilyn Jiskoot (737-4041).

#### 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)

Location: Middle School Youth Room - Rm 110 (lower level)

#### 6:15-7:30 PM Nehemiah Bible Study for Women (Room 202)

(January 17 – February 28, 2018)

Leader: Jill Haarsma

Nehemiah had to have a heart that could break so he could restore a wall that was broken. In this Kelly Minter Bible study for women, Nehemiah's heart for the oppressed, suffering and poor is a beacon whose light shines on the current call of the church to be the hands and feet of Jesus. This study also addresses teamwork, integrity, generosity, truth in culture, God's compassion, and much more.

## Announcements

### •Soup-port our Youth

New year, new opportunity to support our high schoolers by volunteering to make soup for the HSYG's annual Soup-er Bowl fundraiser on Sunday, Feb. 4. If you like making soup and you love our young people, volunteer to make chili, chicken or potato soup (recipes provided). If you'd like to help, contact Tamara Fynaardt: [fynaardt@nwciova.edu](mailto:fynaardt@nwciova.edu) or 712-395-1187.

### •Soup-er Bowl HSYG Fundraiser

Warmup for the big game with a bowl of your favorite soup at the High School Youth Group's **Soup-er Bowl Pre-Game Meal Sunday, Feb. 4.** Soup's on beginning at 11 a.m.; come after church or Sunday school. Your freewill offering supports our high school youth and their plans for an Urban Plunge trip this summer.

### •Help Needed! Serve with ARC Nursery or Children & Worship

Life is full, but so are your hearts. Will you consider spreading the love you have received to our children at ARC? We need three Children & Worship aids and 3 Nursery volunteers who are willing to serve on a Sunday morning about twice a semester. Please contact Laura Jonker, [arckidsmin@gmail.com](mailto:arckidsmin@gmail.com) for more information. Thank you!

### •Discover American

What does it mean to be a member? How do I learn more about the beliefs, ministries, and leadership structure of ARC? Is membership for me? How do I become a member of ARC?

We explore these questions and more in our *Discovering American* class held February 18, 25, and March 4 after worship from 10:45 to 11:30. If you are interested in participating in this conversation-based class, please sign up at the Welcome Center or email your interest to [elizabetharcoc@gmail.com](mailto:elizabetharcoc@gmail.com) by February 4. If you have any questions about this class or American Reformed Church, the pastors welcome your calls and emails.

### •Hurricane Relief Trip

American Reformed Church is excited to prepare to send a team to a hurricane-affected area in either April or September of 2018! We are working with World Renew, which partners with RCA members, and is exceptional at organizing service trips.

If you are interested in joining us – there are no skills required – just a heart to serve, and hands and body willing and able to dig in whatever the task!

Please contact Victoria Karssen ([victoria.karssen@gmail.com](mailto:victoria.karssen@gmail.com), or 712.541.7943) so she can know which dates would work best for the team. World Renew is anxious to get ARC on the schedule, so that we might have our first choice of dates.

*Note: Kids and young adults who do mission work can get financial support from the Next Generation Missional Engagement Scholarship Fund. Scholarships are available for mission trips, mission internships, disaster response work, and more. Participants must be 25 or younger. (Hats off to the RCA Church Growth Fund and others for providing financial support that makes this possible.) Apply by February 1. You can view the brochure on the [rca.org](http://rca.org) website.*



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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 "If You But Trust in God to Guide You"  
A. Schreiner/J.S. Bach
- CALL TO WORSHIP
- \*SONG OF WORSHIP "Across the Lands"
- \*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.*
- SONG OF CONFESSION "O Come to the Altar"  
based on Hebrews 4  
Scripture reminds us...  
**We have a great high priest**  
Jesus, God with us,  
**who knows our weaknesses,**  
recognizes our struggles,  
**shoulders our burdens.**  
So we come.  
**We come to the altar boldly.**  
We come hopefully.  
**And we are covered in mercy; we are overwhelmed with grace.**  
In the name of Jesus, our high priest, these gifts are ours—  
mercy, grace, forgiveness.  
**May we share them with the world.**

# 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 #536 "Open Our Eyes, Lord"  
*2nd verse a cappella*
- SCRIPTURE Luke 9:57-62
- SERMON "Missional Discipleship"

# THE RESPONSE TO GOD

- SHARING OF SERVICE: LEARNING ARC Nicaragua Team
- 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 Nicaragua Highlights
- \*DOXOLOGY #809
- \*SONG OF RESPONSE "Will You Come and Follow Me"  
vv. 1–4
- \*BENEDICTION
- \*SENDING SONG "Will You Come and Follow Me"  
v. 5
- \*POSTLUDE  
*All music & lyrics used by permission - CCLI #374890*
- Participating in Worship**
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| The Congregation                             | Serving the Lord in Worship |
| Julia Huisman                                | Organist                    |
| Sharon Bartlett, Laura Jonker, Jenn Lambert, | Praise Team                 |
| Kaetlyn Reuvers, Jeff Tolsma, Tom Truesdell  |                             |
| Gail Marinovich                              | Children's Message          |
| Pastors Mike & Elizabeth Hardeman            | Leading in Worship          |

## Praying for God's People

**\*We extend prayers of sympathy and support for the family of Corene Koole.** Corene died on Tuesday, January 9 at the Orange City Area Health System. A memorial service was held in the sanctuary on Saturday, January 13. Please pray for Corene's family as they both celebrate her life and grieve her loss. Pray that the hope of the resurrection will sustain them now and in the days, weeks, and months to come.  
**\*Please pray for Doug Burg,** who was admitted to the Orange City Area Health System Hospital on Wednesday, January 10—with pneumonia. Please pray for wisdom for Doug's doctors, for a quick and complete recovery for Doug, and for Lisa and the family throughout.  
**\*Please pray for Don Lenderink,** father of **Lynne Hubers** and grandfather of **Jill Vander Weide.** Don was admitted to the Orange City Area Health System Hospital on Sunday, January 7. On Monday, he was diagnosed with diabetes. We are grateful for some improvement in his condition, but we offer prayers for his healing and strength. Pray for Don's wife Ruth and the entire Lenderink family as they support him throughout this difficult time.

## Events for today

### 10:30-10:45 AM

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

### 10:45-11:30 AM

**Discipleship Classes for Ages 3-12th Grades** (Lower Level)  
**Discipleship Class for Adults** (Jan. 14-Mar. 4):

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

Facilitator: Jim Mead, Northwestern College  
Location: Fireside Room (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**

Facilitator: Steve Mahr  
Location: Genesis Room (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. Our hope is to engage each headline by laying down our personally held political lenses and rather discuss our reflections through a biblical perspective as followers of Christ. In preparation for each session, attendees will be sent background materials relevant to the chosen issue.

### 4:40 PM

**Leaps of Faith Practice** (Grades 4-12) in the sanctuary

### 6:30-8:30 PM

**High School Youth Group** in the HSY Room.