

Announcements

•If you did not receive Offering Envelopes in your church mailbox this week and you would like a box, please contact the church office.

•Focus on Global Mission

Nicaragua is our global mission focus at ARC for January. Our RCA missionaries, the Bobb-Kelly's daughter, Abebja, has been studying at NWC. Abebja Bobb-Kelly has 2 more semesters left at NWC to complete her psychology degree. She plans to study medicine in Managua next, then return to serve with her family on the East coast in Bluefields, Nicaragua. Please pray for her heavy course load this semester at NWC. Also pray for her as she is a student leader for Spring Service, teaching Sunday School at Winnebago, works with multicultural students, and tutoring in Spanish.

•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).

•American Reformed Food Pantry Receives Discipleship Award

ATLAS Orange City Area will host a Pizza Ranch Tip Night on Monday, January 23 from 5:00–7:00 PM to honor the recipients of the sixth annual ATLAS Discipleship Award. All of the proceeds will be split between the three recipients of the award. This award, in memory of ATLAS's past mentor coordinator Jo Ellen Kauk, recognizes three individuals or organizations who have been giving of themselves in service to our community by *Helping the Hurting, Equipping Believers, or Uniting the Community, the core principles of ATLAS*. This year's Award Recipients: American Reformed Food Pantry, Orange City Sack Pack Program and Awakening Grace.

•Soup up our youth!

 New year, new opportunity to support our High School Youth Group (HSYG) by volunteering to make soup for the HSYG's annual Soup-er Bowl fundraiser on Wednesday, Feb. 1. We're serving chili, chicken and potato soup (recipes will be provided). If you like making soup and love our high schoolers, let Tamara Fynaardt know what kind of soup you'd like to donate: 712-756-4215 or fynaardt@nwciowa.edu.

•Soup-er Bowl Supper: Wednesday, Feb. 1

 Warmup for the big game with a bowl of your favorite soup at the High School Youth Group's **Soup-er Bowl Supper on Wednesday, Feb. 1**. Soup's on from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Your freewill offering supports our high school youth and their plans to attend Rocky Mountain High this summer.

(Announcements continued on next panel.)

•Notes of Thanks

"Thank you for the support and care that has been shown to me by so many people during a difficult time. I am so grateful for the food, cards, and transportation you have provided, and most of all for your prayers. ARC is truly a caring church."...*Marilyn Jiskoot*

"Thank you for your cards and words of comfort following the death of my brother, Eldred.

Also my thanks to Margaret and Mary Fernow, Kathy and Brad Gabel and Doc Van Leeuwen for setting up the fellowship area and serving the surprise birthday cake following our worship service January 1. My four K's were unable to attend, but they made arrangements to share this special occasion with my dear friends at ARC."...*With love and appreciation, Jan Wilbeck*

"Dear ARC Family-

Thank you so much for the many wonderful cards and other expressions of sympathy in the death of Kevin's mom Joyce McMahan. The timing of her death allowed our family to be together over Christmas and it was such a gift! We continue to be touched by the support of our church family and are so grateful for you!"...*Kevin & Lynne McMahan*

"Thank you on behalf of Justice for All for an offering that was taken recently. We appreciate the generosity of the church as displayed and are grateful for the support given to our ministry."...*Joel De Wit – Development Director*

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Second Sunday after the Epiphany
January 15, 2017



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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, *serve* God by serving others, and *share* our God-given resources.

The Approach to God

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

PRELUDE "I Love to Tell the Story/Tell Me the Story of Jesus/
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

CALL TO WORSHIP

The heavens are telling of the glory of God.
**The earth and the skies,
the land and the trees,
the saints and the faithful**
gather to worship.
Gather to proclaim the glory of God.

*SONG OF WORSHIP "Across the Lands"

*GOD'S GREETING

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the incarnation,
**you came in the person of Jesus to show us the way,
but we have a tendency to follow our own way.
Like our ancestors of faith,
we are more concerned about the destination
than the journey.
We find our own voices in the question posed long ago,
"Is this the time?"
And your answer is always, "Go. Be my witnesses."
We are concerned about the details.
You are concerned about all the world—
including this little corner of it.**

Please use this moment of silence for personal confession.

Have mercy on us.
**By your Spirit, empower us
so that we are no longer just standing
and staring up at heaven.
You gave us a mission.
You called us to be your witnesses.
May we be faithful and on mission
as we fulfill this call in our daily lives.
In Jesus name, we pray . . . amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS "We Will Remember"

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 #532 "Be Thou My Vision"

SCRIPTURE Acts 1:6-11

SERMON *On Mission . . .*

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

OFFERTORY "Amazing Grace"

*DOXOLOGY p. 809

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.**

*SONG OF RESPONSE #507 "I Then Shall Live"

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING SONG #507 "I Then Shall Live"
v. 3

*POSTLUDE "The Happy Trumpeter"

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Participating in Worship

The Congregation	Serving the Lord in Worship
Pam Anderson	Organist
Doug De Zeeuw, Marlene De Zeeuw,	Praise Team
Tamara Fynaardt, Teresa Sampson	
Benjamin Langton	Children's Message
Pastors Elizabeth & Mike Hardeman	Leading in Worship

*The rose on the baptismal font is to announce the arrival of
Flora Annette
to Rebecca and Beau Koerselman, on Saturday, January 7.
Flora is also welcomed home by a big sister June.*

Praying for God's People

***We rejoice with Rebecca & Beau Koerselman** in the birth of a daughter, **Flora Annette**, on Saturday, January 7.

***Brittany Bolluyt** moved to Des Moines on December 31. As expected, there have been tears and obstacles to overcome. We do not yet have programming in place and she is on several wait lists. Prayers for continued peace for both her and me would be appreciated, and that the right programming will open up at just the right time. I know she would love to hear from her church family. Her email address is brooey89@yahoo.com. Her new address is: 2509 E 41st Ct, Des Moines, IA 50317. Thank you for your continued love and prayers for us. We miss you all!

***Erin and Todd Nelson** will be participating in a service trip to Children of the Promise in Haiti January 16-23. Please be in prayer for their trip. Specifically, Todd and Erin ask us to be "praying for the obvious logistical blessings (connections made, safety, health, kids, etc.)" and also prayers that "real change will happen both within the people we encounter (we will meet Marie, our Compassion child, and her family) as well as within ourselves." You can find our more information about Children of the Promise by going to <http://childrenofthepromise.org/>.

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!**
(*Note: see insert for Adult Discipleship Offerings.*)

♦ **6:30 PM High School Youth Group** at the Lamberts.
Bring your journal and bible.

Events for this Week

Monday, January 16

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)

Wednesday, January 18

11:30 AM ARC Seniors Lunch at the OC Pizza Ranch.

Questions? Call 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 (6th-8th Grades)

Location: Room 110

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.

#1: Divorce and Blended Families **(January 15, 22 & 29)**

Facilitators: Jerry and Kim Van Es

#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

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

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.