

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

Events for this Week

Monday, January 23

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 25

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

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.

• **Missing dish cloths!** If you brought church dish cloths home to wash them, thank you! But we are running low so could you please return them soon! Many thanks!

•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).

•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 SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5. 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 Warmup Meal

Warmup for the big game with a bowl of your favorite soup at the High School Youth Group's **Soup-er Bowl Meal on Sunday, Feb. 5**. Soup's on from 11 a.m. to 12:30. Come after church or after Sunday school. Your freewill offering supports our high school youth and their plans to attend Rocky Mountain High this summer.

•American Reformed Food Pantry Receives Discipleship Award

ATLAS Orange City Area will host a Pizza Ranch Tip Night on Monday, January 30 (Note change in date!) from 4:30–7:00 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, and 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. Awards will be presented at 6:30 PM.

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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

CALL TO WORSHIP "O Come to the Altar"

*SONG OF WORSHIP Insert "O Come to the Altar"

*GOD'S GREETING

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God:
**where you have intended open and spacious places,
we confess our tendency to create boundaries.
Where you intend bridges, we build walls.
Where you intend the free give-and-take of conversation,
we shut down the discussion by drawing lines in the sand.
Where you desire the creation, flourishing,
and deepening of relationships,
we set up obstacles that prevent us from
developing connections with those who are unlike us.
Have mercy upon us and forgive us, Lord.**

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

Merciful God:
**in the cross of Jesus Christ,
you tore down all the walls we use to keep
each other at a distance.
Empower us by your Holy Spirit
to live in light of that witness—
to be a boundary crossing people. Amen.**

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS "May the Peoples Praise You"

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 #297 "Spirit of the Living God"

SCRIPTURE Matthew 4:12-25

SERMON "On Mission: Boundary Crossing"

The Response to God

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

OFFERTORY "All Things Bright and Beautiful"

*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 #695 "In Christ There Is"
vv. 1, 2, 3, & 4

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING SONG #695 "In Christ There Is"
v. 5

*POSTLUDE

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Participating in Worship

The Congregation Serving the Lord in Worship
Mikayla Vos Organist
Sharon Bartlett, Rosalyn DeKoster, Jenn Lambert, Praise Team
Jeff Tolsma, Angela Kroeze Visser
Pastors Mike & Elizabeth Hardeman Leading in Worship
Sanctuary Choir Offertory
Philip DeKoster, Director
Mikayla Vos, Accompanist

Praying for God's People

In hospice care:

***Mary Kepp** at the Prairie Ridge Care Center

Hospitalized at the OC Hospital:

***Dorothy Brown**
***Arlyne Ten Clay**
***Lucille Wierda**

Hospitalized at the Buena Vista Regional Medical Center in Storm Lake:

***Donna Kleinhesselink**

Those with cancer:

***Don Hop**
***Russ Krull**

Those who are grieving:

***John & Noreen Vande Weerd** – death of John's sister, **Sharon Vande Weerd**, on 1/10
***Lynne & John Hubers, Jill & Seth Vander Weide and Katelyn and Lucy** – death of Lynne's brother-in-law and Jill's uncle, **Dave Clausen**, on 1/14

Participating in a service trip:

***Todd & Erin Nelson** with Children of the Promise in Haiti – returning home on Jan. 23

In transition:

***Brittany Bolluyt** – moved from Sheldon to Des Moines on Dec. 31
-Email address: brooey89@yahoo.com
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Congregational Meeting, Sunday, January 29

All ARC confessing members are invited to attend a brief congregational meeting at 10:30 AM (immediately following worship) on Sunday, January 29 for the purpose of voting on the proposed revised process for nominating and electing consistory members. If you are unable to attend, you may obtain an absentee ballot in the church office. Absentee ballots must be returned to the church office before noon on Friday, Jan. 27.

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#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.