

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, July 23

10:00-11:00 AM Women's Prayer at Prairie Ridge Care Center
Grandview Cottage3 Dining Room. Questions? Contact Arlene Punt
(707-4600).

Wednesday, August 1

2:00 PM Ruth Circle (Landsmeer Ridge Private Dining Room)
Lesson 5: Romans 4:13-5:11
Leader: Lynne Grossmann

ANNOUNCEMENTS

•SIGN UP TO PROVIDE COOKIES

There are still some weeks available for volunteers to help provide 16 dozen cookies/bars to be served during coffee fellowship time on a designated Sunday, beginning August 12. They can be baked, frozen and brought at a later time, or purchased. Sign-up today at the Welcome Center!

•HELP CLOTHE-A-CHILD FOR SCHOOL

Love INC (In the Name of Christ) is sponsoring the Clothe-A-Child drive, where clothes may be purchased for local children for the upcoming school year. The American Reformed Church congregation has been given the opportunity to help!

There is a clothes drying rack by the church mailboxes with slips providing the information needed to purchase these items. On each slip, you will find the age, gender, clothing item and size (i.e.: shoes, shirt, socks, underwear, etc.) of what needs to be purchased (one item per slip). You can take one slip or many, whatever you can do is a great help! When the item is purchased, please place it in a bag and return it (WITH A GIFT RECEIPT for easy exchange), to the basket by the drying rack **on or before Sunday, August 5**). If you still want to help but don't want to shop, you may contact Amber Altena (712) 360-0134 or Lesley Tjaden (712) 360-2874, and they will be happy to help you! Thank you for all your help with this great ministry!

•FELLOWSHIP CAFÉ



The next Fellowship Café will be held on Sunday, August 5th immediately following worship in the fellowship hall. So mark the above date on your calendar and plan to come for good food, conversation and fellowship! Hope to see you there!



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Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 22, 2018



THE APPROACH TO GOD

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

PRELUDE

*SONG OF WORSHIP "Your Name"

*GOD'S GREETING

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You, O God, have told us what you require of us -
to do justice, to love kindness, to walk humbly with you.
Yet, we participate in and sustain
the unjust systems and structures of our world.
We are uncertain about how to bring about change.
We are afraid of letting go of the power
and privilege that change requires.
And we admit that it is easier to close our eyes to injustice,
to explain it away, or to justify it.

Please use this period of silence for personal confession.

Creating, redeeming, sustaining God-
you sent Jesus into the world to embody
your call to justice, kindness, and humility.
In birth, life, and death, Jesus both reconciles us to you
and gives us a pattern of how we can join
in your reconciling work throughout the world.
By your Spirit, give us courage to work toward justice for all,
to extend loving-kindness to all,
and to do this work with the humility of Christ.
in whose name we pray . . . amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*Worship activity bags for children to use during worship may be
picked up near the elevator. Nursery is available for children under 3.
Children & Worship (3YO–1st grade) begins again in September.*

*SONG OF PREPARATION "We Are Called"

SCRIPTURE Micah, various verses

SERMON *Majoring in the Minors: Micah*

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Please pass the fellowship pad found at the end of the pew.

OFFERTORY "Courageous"

*DOXOLOGY #809
Please stand when the organ begins playing.

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 #712 "The Kingdom of God is Justice..."
vs. 1–3

*BENEDICTION

*SONG OF RESPONSE #712 "The Kingdom of God is Justice..."
v. 4

*POSTLUDE

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*Immediately following worship today, everyone is invited to
Fellowship Café in the fellowship hall.*

Participating in Worship

The Congregation Serving the Lord in Worship
Pam De Haan Organist
Jacob Gabel, Rebecca Koerselman, . . . Praise Team
Teresa Sampson, Mary Schram, Brad Smith,
and Pete Van Kley
Pastors Mike & Elizabeth Hardeman Leading in Worship
Benjamin Langton Children's Message
Leaps of Faith Dancers Offertory
Leaders: Katelyn Reuvers and Natalie Sampson,
Dancers: Maggie Kensak, Natasha Sampson, Rinnah Hardeman,
Neriah Hardeman, Nevaeh Sampson, and Abby Wallinga.

PRAYING FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

*We offer prayers of gratitude for **Lynne Grossmann**, who celebrated her 80th birthday on July 19.
*We offer prayers of sympathy and support for **Milt & Sheri Sikkema** in the death of Milt's father, **LaVerne Sikkema**, a long-time RCA missionary in Africa, who passed away on July 13. A funeral service was held in Holland, Michigan on Saturday, July 21.
*Please continue to pray for **Judy Wierda**, who is recovering following outpatient oral surgery on Friday, July 20.
***Please pray for the 12 MS youth and 4 leaders** as they prepare to attend Power Connection. Power Connection takes place July 27-29 in Lawrence, Kansas. Pick up a prayer card for one of the youth or leaders just outside the sanctuary on your way out of church today.

Praying for Military Service Personnel:

***Dwayne Tiedeman**, son-in-law of **Al & Sandy Nibbelink**, deployed to Kabul, Afghanistan.