

Events for the Week

Monday, July 3

ARC building and office closed for the holiday.

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? Please contact Arlene Punt (707-4600).

Tuesday, July 4

ARC building and office closed for the holiday.

Wednesday, July 5

2:00 PM Ruth Circle

(Landsmeer Ridge Private Dining Room)

Lesson 9: Mark 12

Leader: Arlene Punt

Hostess: Pat Heie

Announcements

◆ Expresses Thanks

"Thank you, American Reformed Church, for your acts of kindness in ways of support, prayers and love during our recent health issues."

...Vernie and Paul Van Engelenhoven

Note New Address: Paul & Vernie Van Engelenhoven
1007 7th Street NE Apt. 313
Orange City, IA 51041

◆ Sign Up! ARC Creative Arts Camp

This summer, we'll explore new ways to explore our God-given creativity. Students entering 1st-6th grades are welcome to come to ARC to learn how learning choreography to a new dance, designing a lego kit or baking pretzels can be an act of worship. Our first sewing workshop in June was great fun! But it's not too late to join us in July and August! Sign up for the workshops as your schedule allows..

July 10th @ 6-7 PM Legos with Kit and Gideon Fynaardt or Dance with Noelle & Natalie Sampson and Maggie Kensak

August 14th @ 6-7 PM Bread making with Brad & Kathy Gabel

RSVP to Laura Jonker (arckidsmin@gmail.com) to reserve your spot!

◆ Survey for Planning ARC Adult Discipleship Offerings

In order to plan the types of Adult discipleship offerings this fall, please fill out the survey that was sent to your home via email. Those without email, this survey has been placed in your ARC mailbox. Extra "hard copies" are available by the mailboxes and at the Welcome Center. We ask that you complete the survey and place it in the box at the Welcome Center by Sunday, July 16.

(Announcements continued next panel.)

◆BBX: Backyard Bible eXplore is July 17-19!

Check out the display in the Coffee Fellowship Area for information about how you can get involved and/or donate items to our community-wide VBS program this summer! Children entering K-5th grade are welcome to gather from 6:30-8:00PM each night in one of the backyards listed on the display to explore what it means to live as "Children of the Light" in our community. We'll finish with a BBX celebration on July 20th with a family pool party at Orange City Pool! No pre-registration is required. Questions? Contact Laura Jonker at 737-4430 or email: arckidsmin@gmail.com.

◆THE RCA'S MISSION IN ISRAEL/PALESTINE: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW AND HOW TO GET INVOLVED

The Regional Synod of the Heartland and RCA Missional Mosaic are sponsoring an event about the RCA's mission in Israel/Palestine on Thursday, July 20, 2017 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM at New Life Reformed Church, 232 16th Street SE in Sioux Center. At this event, you will learn about the historical and current conflicts in the Holy Land, the RCA's mission in Israel/Palestine and our partnership with Churches for Middle East Peace, and how you can get involved (including through upcoming Holy Land study tours). Featured presenter are Joshua Vis, RCA facilitator for church engagement in Israel/Palestine; Mae Cannon, executive director of Churches for Middle East Peace; and Earl James, RCA coordinator of Missional Mosaic and advocacy. Register to attend at www.rca.org/israel-palestine-event.



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Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

July 2, 2017



Learning to Ask

Summer 2017 Sermon Series



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 "Be Unto Your Name"

*GOD'S GREETING

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Revealing God,
**you speak to us through your Word
revealed in the person of Jesus Christ
and in the writings of sacred scripture.
We confess this morning that we do not listen for your voice.
When Jesus calls us to love you above all else
and to love our neighbors as much as ourselves,
we ignore his voice.
When the Bible calls us to do justice, to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with you,
we remain captive to our own selfish desires.
Have mercy upon us, O Lord, and forgive us.**

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

Restoring God,
**by your Holy Spirit, give us ears to hear
your Word revealed in the person of Jesus
and in the pages of scripture.
Then, give us hearts and minds and hands and feet
to become the people you call us to be. Amen.**

*SONG OF ASSURANCE "Cornerstone"

THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

All children will remain with us in worship today.

*SONG OF PREPARATION #10 "Glorify Your Name"
v. 3 sung a cappella

SCRIPTURE 2 Timothy 3:16-17 & Hebrews 4:12-13

SERMON "Learning to Ask: How is the Bible God's Word?"

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 we will remain seated for communion. All communion elements are gluten free. If you so desire, please come forward for prayers for healing and anointing of oil while the bread is being passed. Children are welcome to participate in communion at the discretion of their parents/guardians.

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 #809
*SONG OF RESPONSE #316 "For Your Holy Book"
v. 1, 2, & 3

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING SONG #316 "For Your Holy Book"
v. 4

*POSTLUDE

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Participating in Worship

The Congregation	Serving the Lord in Worship
Pam De Haan	Organist
Rosalyn De Koster, Jacob Gabel, Laura Jonker	Praise Team
Teresa Sampson, and Mary Schram	
Pastors Mike & Elizabeth Hardeman	Leading in Worship
Kim Van Es	Children's Message