

## Announcements

### Pastors' Vacation

Elizabeth and Mike are on vacation from Monday, July 10 through Sunday, July 16. If you have a pastoral need during this time, please contact ARC Administrative Assistant Mary Abels (712.737.4430 or [americanchurchoc@gmail.com](mailto:americanchurchoc@gmail.com)) or the elders on call:

Monday, July 10 through Saturday, July 15: Les Clevering  
(712.756.4084 or [lescleveringa@hotmail.com](mailto:lescleveringa@hotmail.com))

Sunday, July 16: Sara Tolsma

(712.737.8734 or [stolsma@nwciowa.edu](mailto:stolsma@nwciowa.edu))

### Guest Preacher on July 16

On Sunday, July 16, we will welcome Western Theological Seminary Student Tara Woodward as our guest preacher. Tara is an advancement officer at Northwestern College, is a member of Trinity Reformed Church in Orange City, and is enrolled in the distance learning Master of Divinity program.

### 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](mailto:arckidsmin@gmail.com)) to reserve your spot!

### 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 6:30-8PM 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](mailto:arckidsmin@gmail.com)

### 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.

### 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 presenters 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](http://www.rca.org/israel-palestine-event).

### Clothe-a-Child Drive

It may not seem like it now, but the school year will be here before you know it! For many children in this area, this means wondering where those much needed new school clothes will come from.

Once again, 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!

### Participating in Worship

The Congregation

Sharon Bartlett

Pam Anderson, Cindy Clevering, Doug De Zeeuw,

Marlene De Zeeuw, and Jenn Lambert

Pastors Mike & Elizabeth Hardeman

Serving the Lord in Worship

Organist

Praise Team

Leading in Worship



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Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 9, 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 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"  
arr. Kosche/Harmon

CALL TO WORSHIP

\*SONG OF WORSHIP "Your Name"

\*GOD'S GREETING

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

SONG OF CONFESSION "O Come to the Altar"

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS based on Rom. 5, Heb. 4

The proof of God's amazing love is this:  
**While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.**  
**In confidence, we can approach God with all that we are-  
sinful, failing, hurting, broken.**  
And God's response is mercy poured out and grace freely given.  
**We are forgiven people,**  
called forth to pour out mercy  
and give grace freely in the world.

## THE WORD OF GOD

GOD'S WORD IN ACTION Middle School Urban Plunge  
*Worship bags are available by the elevator for children to use dur-  
ing worship. Please return the bags following the service.*

\*SONG OF PREPARATION "Ancient Words"

SCRIPTURE Micah 7:18-20

SERMON *Learning to Ask: What do we do with the wrath of God?*

## THE RESPONSE TO GOD

RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING LEADERS

ORDINATION/INSTALLATION OF INCOMING LEADERS

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 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"  
arr. Pethel

\*DOXOLOGY #809

\*SONG OF RESPONSE #558 "Love Divine, All Loves . . ."  
vs. 1-3

\*BENEDICTION

\*SENDING SONG #558 "Love Divine, All Loves . . ."  
v. 4

\*POSTLUDE "Blessed Assurance"  
arr. Sanborn

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### Praying for God's People:

#### Be in prayer for:

\***Russ Krull**, who was dismissed from the Orange City Area Health System Hospital on Saturday, July 1, after being treated for an infection in his jaw. Russ underwent another medical procedure in Sioux Falls on Thursday, July 6. Pray for healing, peace, and comfort.

\***Margaret Fernow**, who has an avascular necrosis in her left hip, which is causing significant pain. Margaret is scheduled to see a specialist in Sioux Falls in two weeks. Pray for relief from the pain and for wisdom for Margaret's doctors.

\***Leif Schmitz**, attending camp at Inspiration Hills, July 10-14.

### Events for the Week

#### Monday, July 10

##### **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.)

##### **6:00-7:00 PM ARC Creative Arts Camp**

Legos with Kit and Gideon Fynaardt or Dance with Noelle & Natalie Sampson and Maggie Kensak

### Note of Thanks

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thank you for your gift of clothing! We so appreciate you and your kindness. Center of Hope enjoys sharing God's love and grace through visits, bikes clothing and prayer.

God Bless,  
Center of Hope Team