

•Easter Lily Sale



The Middle School Youth are selling Easter Lilies for \$20 from now until April 2. Forms are available at the Welcome Center. Please indicate if your lily is in honor or memory of a loved one. Lilies will be available for pick-up following the Easter Service on April 16.

•Focus on Mission of the Month

In the month of March our mission focus is on Chuck (and Jean) Van Engen. Chuck is Professor of Biblical Theology at Fuller Theological Seminary, and is also the Founding President and CEO of Latin American Christian Ministries, Inc. (LACM). LACM exists to provide teaching and church leadership mentoring skills, programs and resources for Christian ministries and pastors in Latin America. LACM supports the Latin American Doctoral Program in Theology (PRODOLA), a 4-year Ph. D. program in Theology associated with the Evangelical University of the Americas in San Jose, Costa Rica.

(Note: Please join us on April 2 to hear Chuck preach and share more about LACM.)

•Expresses Thanks

"Dear American Reformed Church, Thank you very much for your generous donation in partnering with our SSP Team to Bluefields. We are so appreciative for your partnership through the breakfast fundraiser and service trip scholarship. We were so excited to visit Pastor Adrian and Doctor Bernardeth. Thank you for your encouragement and prayers."

...2017 Northwestern SSP to Bluefields

•Have you signed up to attend a focus group?

The ARC Facilities Planning Team and Consistory are seeking your feedback! We *want* to hear from you, and we *need* to hear from you as we discern God's leading regarding the facilities conceptual plan as designed by Canon Moss Brygger Architects. Focus groups are scheduled to be held in the upper level coffee fellowship area:

- ◆ **TODAY**, Sunday, March 19 from 6:00-7:15 PM
- ◆ Wednesday, March 22 from 6:15-7:30 PM

You can sign up to attend a focus group in one of three ways:

1. Sign up on the sheet located at the Welcome Center this morning
2. Sign up online at: <http://signup.com/go/9PMcjc>
3. Call ARC Administrative Assistant Mary Abels to have her sign you up (712.737.4430)

In order to ensure we have sufficient materials for everyone who attends a focus group, it is very important we have an accurate count ahead of time. So please do not forget to sign up! Thank you for your participation in this important process.

Participating in Worship

The Congregation	Serving the Lord in Worship
Julia Huisman	Organist
Sharon Bartlett, Adam Blom, Cindy Cleveringa,	Praise Team
Jeff Tolsma, and Angela Kroeze Visser	
Pastors Mike & Elizabeth Hardeman	Leading in Worship
Sanctuary Choir	Assurance of Forgiveness
Philip De Koster, Director	
Mikayla Vos, Accompanist	
Laura Jonker, Director of Children's Ministry	Children's Message
Rosalyn De Koster, Seminary Intern	Preaching



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Third Sunday in Lent
March 19, 2017



THE APPROACH TO GOD

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

PRELUDE	“O Worship the King” Wyrzten “Come, Let us Worship and Bow Down” Doran
CALL TO WORSHIP	
*SONG OF WORSHIP	“Lord Most High”
*GOD’S GREETING	
*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST	The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.
PRAYER OF CONFESSION	Adapted from <i>Call to Worship</i> , Vol. 47.1 God of great mercy: we confess that we have sinned against you. We are quick to quarrel and condemn and slow to receive your gift of grace. We boast about our own success and deny our suffering Savior. Forgive us, by your steadfast love.
	<i>(Please use this time of silence for personal confession.)</i>
	God of wondrous love: create a clean heart within us, teach us your holy way, and restore the joy of salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS	“What Wondrous Love Is This?”

THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE	<i>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</i>
*SONG OF PREPARATION	Insert “I’ll Not Be Shaken”

SCRIPTURE	Psalm 95
SERMON	A Season in the Psalms—Psalm 95

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS	<i>(Please pass the fellowship pad found at the end of the pew.)</i>
OFFERTORY	“Give to Our God Immortal Praise” Held
*DOXOLOGY	#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	#108 “Come, Christians, Join” v. 1 & 2
*BENEDICTION	
*SENDING SONG	#108 “Come, Christians, Join” v. 3
*POSTLUDE	“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” Page

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Praying for God’s People

In hospice care:
*Don Hop (Orange City Area Health System Hospital)
Those who are grieving:
*The family and friends of **Andrea Van Beek**, who passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, March 12.
Hospitalized
*Don Guthmiller (Nebraska Medicine, Omaha, NE)
Those recovering from a surgical procedure:
*April Buysman (Rock Rapids Health Centre - Room 211, 703 South Union St., Rock Rapids, IA 51246

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:
 - ◆ **HELPING ALL ARC FAMILIES TO FLOURISH**
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.
#5: Inter-Generational Families (March 19 & 26)
Facilitator: Lynne Hubers
- ◆ **6:00-8:00 PM High School Youth Group** at ARC.
- ◆ **6:00-7:15 PM ARC Facilities Conceptual Plan Focus Group**
Location: Upper Level Coffee Fellowship Area

Events for the Week

Monday, March 20

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 (Fireside Room—#202)
Contact: Lynne Grossmann (737-4202)
7:00 PM Esther Circle (Fellowship Area)
Let’s celebrate our heritage and those saints who encouraged us!
p. 40-41 in The Upper Room—Prayer Workshop—“Old-Timers”
Lesson: Betty Ferrell
Lunch: Betty Ferrell and Rachel Van Roekel
When did your family immigrate to America?

Wednesday, March 22

- 6:15-7:30 PM**
- ◆ **F3** (“Fuel for Faith”) for children in 1st-5th grades
Location: Fellowship Hall (Lower level)
 - ◆ **Middle School Youth Group** (6th-8th Grades)
Location: Room 110
 - ◆ **Focus Group**
Location: Coffee Fellowship Area