

Announcements

•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 March Mission of the Month

In the month of March our mission focus 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.

Please join us next Sunday, April 2, to hear Chuck preach and share more about LACM.

•Facilities Planning Surveys Due Next Sunday, April 2 by Noon

For all who did not participate in an interview or focus group session regarding the conceptual plan for the ARC facilities, you should have received a prospectus and facilities planning survey via US Mail this past week. To ensure that your perspective is included in the report that is shared by Gronlund Sayther Brunkow in their report to the ARC Consistory in April, please return your survey by noon next Sunday, April 2. Thank you for your participation in this important discernment process!

•Coming soon! F3 & MSYG Family Meal Night

What: End of the Year Family Meal Night!

When: April 5th, 5:30-7:00 PM

Where: ARC Fellowship Hall

Note: MSYG students will not have youth group. All are invited to stay after the meal for family games.

Menu: Hot Dogs and Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Salads, Chips and dessert

•RSVP: Pam Boonstra -- pamboonstra@gmail.com

•Thank You for Your Partnership

"Eight NWC students and one faculty member were kept busy during spring break in Annville, Kentucky. In conjunction with Grace Covenant Ministries, the team hung dry wall, taped and mudded the ceiling, painted, scrapped floors, and built a ramp. Within a week, we came to know and love the community in Annville. Tears were shed as it came time to part. As one team leader said, "They did not cry because we put in a ceiling, but because of the relationships built." The mutual love given and received was overpowering. We thank you for letting us go out and find new brothers and sisters to love and your partnership."

...Amanda Bunce, NWC Student

•Sign Up to Bake Birthday Cakes/Cupcakes

The Women's Auxiliary of Northwestern College sponsors Birthday Cakes for NWC students. Parents order the cakes through the Auxiliary. Women in the area churches make and donate the cakes. American Reformed Church has been given the opportunity to provide cakes/cupcakes the month of April. Below are the details:

- Cake/cupcake choices are angel food, chocolate or white. *(It is not necessary to decorate the cake/cupcakes.)*
- Bake cake in a disposable pan or remove from pan and deliver it in a cardboard box.
- Cakes are to be delivered to the post office in the Rowenhorst Student Center.
- We will be given several days' notice. *(More particulars will be available at that time.)*
- There is a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center.

If you have questions, please contact Denise Sneller at 737-2255.

Participating in Worship

The Congregation
Sharon Bartlett

Rosalyn De Koster, Jacob Gabel, Laura Jonker,
Anthony Reno, Teresa Sampson, and Tom Truesdell
Pastors Mike & Elizabeth Hardeman
Kim Van Es

Serving the Lord in Worship
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Leading in Worship
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Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 26, 2017



THE APPROACH TO GOD

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

PRELUDE "Wondrous Love"
Kosche

CALL TO WORSHIP

*SONG OF WORSHIP "Make Straight the Way"

*GOD'S GREETING

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION From *The Abingdon Worship Annual*
Master, Savior, Shepherd, Messiah:
we know you by many names, Lord.
Your presence fills our lives—
all that we are and all that we have
comes from you;
all that you do declares your love for us.
Yet when trouble comes,
when adversity plagues us,
we wonder where you are;
we even wonder who you are.
How quickly we forget
that you are always with us.

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

Master, Savior, Shepherd, Messiah:
dispel our gloom and despair.
Change our garments of darkness
into robes of dazzling light.
Spread your table before us,
and feed us from your hand.
Lead us in the paths of righteousness,
for it is in your name that we pray. Amen.

*SONG OF FORGIVENESS "Compassion Hymn"

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 Insert "My Shepherd Will Supply"

SCRIPTURE Psalm 23

SERMON "A Season in the Psalms: Psalm 23"

*CONFESSION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*SONG OF PRAISE: #805 "Glory Be to the Father"

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

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

OFFERTORY "By Still Waters He Leads Me" (Psalm 23:2)
Callahan

*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 #330 "The Lord's My Shepherd"
vv. 1, 2, 3, & 4

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING SONG #330 "The Lord's My Shepherd"
v. 5

*POSTLUDE "He Leadeth Me"
Thompson

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Praying for God's People

ARC expresses its sympathy to:
***Marlys Hop in the death of her husband, Don,** on Tuesday, March 21.

Hospitalized
***Don Guthmiller** (Nebraska Medical Center, 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)
 - ◆ **#5: Inter-Generational Families (March 19 & 26)**
Facilitator: Lynne Hubers
- ◆ **6:00-8:00 PM High School Youth Group** at Lamberts.

Events for the Week

Monday, March 27
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 (International Room—#201)
Contact: Lynne Grossmann (737-4202)

Wednesday, March 29
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
- ◆ **Ridder Church Renewal: "Living Your Life on Mission"**
Facilitators: ARC Ridder Team Members
Location: Room 202