

STUFF TO KNOW... kids & youth MINISTRIES

Dates to Know

TODAY, November 18

During Worship Children & Worship *
*Pick up all children @10:45 from room 204.
NO Sunday School
NO Leaps of Faith Practice
10:45–11:15AM All All-Ages Choir Practice
4:30PM HSYG (9th-12th) to Rend Collective

Wednesday, November 21

NO F3
NO MGYG

Sunday, November 25

NO Children & Worship
NO Sunday School
10:45–11:15AM All All-Ages Choir Practice
4:00PM Advent Adornment
NO HSYG

Where does my kid go?

LL=Lower Level; UL=Upper Level

Sunday School is in the midst of a renovation hiatus.

Please note these location changes for Children & Worship:

Green (3YO-4YO) UL #201
Purple (K-1st) UL #204
Feast & Music UL #204

All children may be picked up @ 10:45 from room 204.

NEAR FUTURE DATES

Sun. Nov. 25 4PM
Advent Adornment*
*Everyone welcome as we prepare the church for Advent.
See announcement for details.

Sun. Dec. 2
HSYG (9th-12th) lead worship

At ARC children are invited to fully participate in worship, and all ages and stages are welcome in the service.

These ministries are also available to families during worship:

Worship Bags

All Children

Year Round

pick up & drop off by elevator

Nursery

Birth–3YO

Upper Level: #203

Year Round

9:15–11:30 AM

Children & Worship

3YO–1st Grade

Upper Level: #201(Green) #204(Purple)

Sept. 9 – May 5

after children's message*

*These 2 groups join together in room 204 for feast and music time for the last half of C & W. All children may be picked up @ 10:45AM from room 204 (behind Rosalyn DeKoster's office).

Participating in Worship

The Congregation
Pam De Haan
Rebecca Koerselman
Doug De Zeeuw, Marlene De Zeeuw, Tamara Fynaardt,
Teresa Sampson, Mary Schram, Tom Truesdell
Kim Van Es
Daniel Den Boer

Serving the Lord in Worship
Organist
Worship Leader/Liturgist
Praise Team
Children's Message
Guest Preacher

We welcome Daniel Den Boer as our guest preacher this morning! Daniel is the Director of Living Your Faith at Northwestern College and is a student in the Master of Divinity distance learning program at Western Theological Seminary.



Twenty-Sixty Sunday
after Pentecost
November 18, 2018

Who belongs at American Reformed Church?

Everyone is welcome here. Everyone belongs. Whether you walked in the doors for the first time or the 321st time this morning . . . you belong. There are no special requirements to be a part of church.

Our denominational tradition does invite people to become members of a local church like American. But this isn't a club; it's a community. Becoming a member is simply a sign of mutual commitment between a person and the entire ARC community. If you are interested in learning more about what it means to become a member, please contact the pastors (elizabetharcoc@gmail.com and mikearcoc@gmail.com).

But remember...you belong beyond membership.



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ACCEPTANCE + GRACE + WISDOM + LOVE



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 "Your Name"

*GOD'S GREETING

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of great mercy-
**we confess that we have sinned against you,
and we have sinned against our neighbors.
We are quick to overlook the needs of others.
We are quick to judge and condemn.
We are slow to live in gratitude for your gift of grace,
and we are slow to give that same gift of grace to others.
Forgive us, by your steadfast love.**

Please use this time of silence for personal confession.

God of wondrous love-
**empower us, by your Spirit,
to see the places where your grace is needed,
and to be people who are both
willing to receive your grace
and generously give it to others,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*SONG OF ASSURANCE Insert "My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness"

THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*Children ages 3–1st grade may exit the sanctuary doors
to meet Children & Worship leaders. Children are also welcome to
remain with their families in worship.
Worship bags are by the elevator.*

SONG OF PREPARATION #538 "I Need Thee Every Hour"
vv. 1, 3, & 4

SCRIPTURE Mark 6:30-44

SERMON "Weary? Welcome to God's Dinner Party"

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.**

STORIES OF GRATITUDE Video

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Please pass the fellowship pad found at the end of the pew.

OFFERTORY

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

*SONG OF RESPONSE #426—vv. 1-3 "Lord Whose Love..."

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING SONG #426—v. 4 "Lord Whose Love..."

*POSTLUDE

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Pastors' Vacation

Elizabeth and Mike are on vacation through today, Sunday, November 18. If you have a pastoral emergency today, please contact the elder on call: Benjamin Langton (712.203.9636).

PRAYING FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

Home from the hospital:

***Don Guthmiller** returned home the hospital in Sioux Falls on Thursday following a procedure for placement of a pacemaker on Wednesday, November 14. Pray for continued healing and strength.

Prayers for Peace:

***Ron Kolenbrander** (uncle of Sara & Kevin Huyser) - in hospice care at the Orange City Area Health System Hospital

EXPRESSES THANKS

"Thank you for the prayers, visits, calls and your concern during and following my hospitalization. I appreciate is all very much."

...Iva Fylstra

EVENTS FOR TODAY

10:30-10:45 Coffee Fellowship in the gathering area directly behind the sanctuary.

10:45-11:15 AM All-Ages Choir

WHO: Anyone 3 to 103*

WHEN: Practice—November 18, 25; 10:45—11:15AM**

WHERE: the ARC Sanctuary

**EVERYONE is invited to an intergenerational choir experience. The choir will practice and prepare a piece that will be sung in worship on December 9.

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, November 19

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

Those of us who participate in the Monday morning prayer group would like to invite you to join us. These Monday morning prayer times have become a very sweet time of fellowship with our Lord and with each other.

7:00 PM Esther Circle Meeting

(at the home of Shirley Mouw, 410 3rd St NW; Use garage entrance)

Lesson: *Upper Room*; November 21, p. 28

Discussion Leader: Bev Nieman

Lunch: Shirley Mouw, Muriel Powell

Wednesday, November 21

11:30 AM ARC Seniors Lunch at the OC Pizza Ranch.

Thursday, November 22

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

The building and church office are closed.

Friday, November 23 and Saturday, November 24

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Sunday, November 25

9:30 AM Worship (Sanctuary)

10:45—11:15AM All All-Ages Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

4:00 PM Advent Adornment

(See Announcements insert for further information!)

4:30 PM Amistad Cristiana Worship in Sioux Center

Worship with your Spanish-speaking brothers and sisters at Amistad Cristiana, 130 3rd St NW, Sioux Center. Translation headsets are available.

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