

## Events for this Week

### Monday, November 27

#### **9:30-10:30 AM Young Family Nursery Play Dates**

Come to the ARC Nursery on Monday mornings for an informal play-time and fellowship with parents and young children. Questions? Please contact Laura Genade, Coordinator ([lgenade@gmail.com](mailto:lgenade@gmail.com)).

#### **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.

#### **1:30PM Weekly Faith Sharing Group (Room 201)**

Contact: Lynne Grossmann (737-4202)

### Wednesday, November 29

#### **6:15-7:30 PM F3 ("Fuel for Faith") for children in 1st-5th grades**

Location: Fellowship Hall (Lower level)

#### **6:15-7:30 PM Middle School Youth Group (Grades 6-8)**

Location: Middle School Youth Room - Rm 110 (lower level)

## Announcements

### •Pastors' Vacation

Elizabeth and Mike are on vacation through today, Sunday, November 26. They will return to their offices on Monday, November 27. If you have a pastoral emergency today, please contact the elder on call: Marlene De Zeeuw (712-707-2365)

### •Congregational Meeting

All ARC confessing members are invited to attend a congregational meeting on Sunday, December 3 from 10:45 to 11:25 a.m. At the congregational meeting, we'll hear a ministry update and we'll vote on the consistory-proposed 2018 ARC General Fund Budget. The budget is in your family mailbox this morning, and will be emailed to those on the congregational mailing list on Monday, November 27.

### •Sign Up at the Welcome Center to Provide Cookies/Bars

Four weekly volunteers are needed to each provide 4 dozen cookies/bars for coffee fellowship time on a designated Sunday, beginning January 7, 2018.

### •Poinsettias for Sale

The Middle School Youth Group is selling Christmas Poinsettias again, November 26 - December 10. The cost per poinsettia is \$25. Color choices include red and white poinsettias. Forms are available online and at the Welcome Center. Stop by after church to place your order!

### •Bake for the Christmas Brunch

Support our High School Youth Group (HSYG) by volunteering to provide a 9x13 egg bake or breakfast baked goods for the HSYG's annual Christmas Brunch fundraiser on Sunday, Dec. 10. If you like baking and love our high schoolers, let Tamara Fynaardt know what you can donate: [fynaardt@nwciova.edu](mailto:fynaardt@nwciova.edu) or 712-395-1187.

### •Help with Angel Tree Project

The Angel Tree project is starting up again, and we need your help. There are many families and individuals in the area who are unable to provide happy holidays. What you can do is take one or multiple ornaments from the tree by the mailboxes, and purchase the gifts that are on them. Please return them to the tree by Sunday, December 10 with the ornament and receipt attached. If you would like the shopping done for you, contact Amber Altena at 712-360-0134 or Lesley Tjaden at 712-360-2874 and they would be happy to do this for you! Thanks for making the holidays a little brighter for others!



**Christ the King Sunday**  
November 26, 2017



## Participating in Worship

The Congregation

Sharon Bartlett

Rosalyn De Koster, Angela Kroese-Visser

Julie Vermeer Elliott

Rev. Shirley Folkerts

Serving the Lord in Worship

Organist

Praise Team

Liturgist

Leading in Worship

We welcome the Rev. Shirley Folkerts as our guest preacher this morning. Shirley is a professor at Dordt College in Sioux Center and an ordained minister of Word and sacrament in the Reformed Church in America.



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## THE APPROACH TO GOD

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

PRELUDE "We Plow the Fields and Scatter"  
arr. Burkhardt

CALL TO WORSHIP  
Blessed be your name forever, O Lord.  
**May your glory fill the whole earth.**  
Blessed be your name among the nations, O Lord.  
**We proclaim your works. We remember your name.**

\*SONG OF WORSHIP "Blessed Be 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 all creation, in your mercy hear our confession.  
**We live in abundance with access to everything we need  
and most of the things we want.  
Yet, we take this abundance for granted.  
We often yearn for more than we need,  
and have difficulty living in moderation.  
We are often discontented and dissatisfied  
even though our closets and storage rooms are full of stuff.  
We confess our blindness to our abundance  
and our lack of thankfulness for your good gifts.**

*Please use the silence for personal confession.*

Forgive us, O God,  
**and renew in us thankful hearts and content spirits.  
Awaken in us a sense of gratefulness for your good gifts,  
and empower us to live generous lives in the world.  
In the name of Jesus, we pray . . . amen.**

\*SONG OF ASSURANCE Insert "My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness"  
*Please stand and sing when invited by the praise team.*

## THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE  
*Worship bags are available by the elevator for children to  
use during worship. Please return the bags following the  
service.*

\*SONG OF PREPARATION #306 "Standing on the Promises"

SCRIPTURE John 1:1-5

SERMON "Light Shines"

## THE RESPONSE TO GOD

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

OFFERTORY "Now Thank We All Our God"  
arr. Davenport

\*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 #374 "Now Thank We ..."  
vv. 1 & 2

\*BENEDICTION

\*SENDING SONG #374 "Now Thank We ..."  
v. 3

\*POSTLUDE "Nun danket alle Gott"  
arr. Kaufmann

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## Praying for God's People

\*We give thanks and praise that **Emily Stauffer**, infant daughter of **Joel & Laura**, who is hospitalized at the Orange City Area Health System Hospital, was able to return home on Tuesday, November 21st.  
\*Please be in prayer for **The Bluefields, Nicaragua Team**. They write:  
*"Dear ARC Family, One month from today (December 26), we leave for Bluefields, Nicaragua, to spend a week alongside missionaries Dr. Bernadeth and Adrian Bobb-Kelly. We humbly go as representatives of ARC to offer encouragement as well as deepen our relationship with them and our understanding of their mission calling. We look forward to leading VBS at the Comedor, spending time with the Tabitha House kids, and doing whatever else the Bobb-Kellys may have in store for us. In the next few weeks more information will be shared about the upcoming trip. Would you please join us in praying about our time in Nicaragua and for our team? With gratitude for your prayers, The Bluefields, Nicaragua Team (Doug & Marlene De Zeeuw, Kathy, Heather & Jacob Gabel, Jenn & Edan Lambert, Brent & Noelle Sampson, and Jo Van Es)*

## Events for today

**10:45-11:30 AM Discipleship Class for Adults**  
Continuing discussion of ARC Diversity in Action (Room 202)  
Facilitators: Kevin McMahan & Kim Van Es

**4:00 PM Advent Adornment**  
Please join us for our Advent Adornment. We will begin at *4:00 P.M.* decorating the church for the Advent and Christmas season followed by a meal together and some carols in the sanctuary. Bring the whole family and stay as long as you can. There will be decorating for kids as well as adults, and lots of festive music playing while we work together. Sandwich supplies will be provided. We ask for you to bring a finger food side or dessert to share. Please sign up at the Welcome Center so we have an accurate count for food. If you have any questions, contact Rosalyn De Koster @ [arcyouthmin@gmail.com](mailto:arcyouthmin@gmail.com).