

STUFF TO KNOW...
kids & youth
 MINISTRIES

Dates to Know

TODAY, November 4
 During Worship 10:45–11:30AM Children & Worship
 Sunday School
 NO Leaps of Faith Practice
 6:30–8:30PM High School Youth Group (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, November 7
 5:30 – 6:00PM Pizza Picnic Family Meal Night
 6:15 – 7:30PM F3 & MGYC (1st-8th) Buddy Groups

Sunday, November 11
 During Worship 10:45–11:15AM Children & Worship *
 *Starting Nov. 11 pick up all children @10:45 from room 204.
 All All-Ages Choir Practice
 NO Sunday School
 4:40–5:45PM Leaps of Faith Practice
 6:30–8:30PM High School Youth Group

Where does my kid go?

LL=Lower Level; UL=Upper Level

Primary Grade Sunday School

PreK to Kinder LL Room 112
 1st & 2nd LL Room 101
 3rd & 4th LL Room 105

Mid-Grade Sunday School

5th & 6th UL Room 201
 7th & 8th LL Room 109

High School Sunday School

9th–12th LL Room 107

NEAR FUTURE DATES

Sun. Nov. 11, 18, & 25
 10:45–11:15AM
 All-Ages Choir Practice*
 *No regular Sunday School. Choir open to all ages.

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

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

Lower Level: #103 Upper Level: #201

Sept. 9 – May 5

after children's message*

*Leaders take children to their Sunday school room after C&W music time. They may be picked up @ 11:30AM from their Sunday school room. Children may also be picked up earlier when C&W music time ends @ 10:50AM (LL Room 111).

Participating in Worship

The Congregation Sharon Bartlett
 Jenn Lambert, Teresa Sampson, Jeff Tolsma, Tom Truesdell, Pete Van Kley, and Angela Kroeze Visser
 Pastors Mike & Elizabeth Hardeman
 Beau Koerselman
 Leaps of Faith
 Leaders: Maggie Kensak, Katelyn Reuvers, Natalie Sampson, & Natasha Sampson
 Dancers: Autumn Anderson, Neriah Hardeman, Katie Kensak, Nevaeh Sampson, Ava Schmitz, Ava Truesdell, Amalia Visser, & Abby Wallinga
 Advisors: Rosalyn De Koster & Emelie Swonger

Serving the Lord in Worship
 Organist
 Praise Team
 Leading in Worship
 Children's Message
 Communion Prayer

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 mickearcoc@gmail.com).

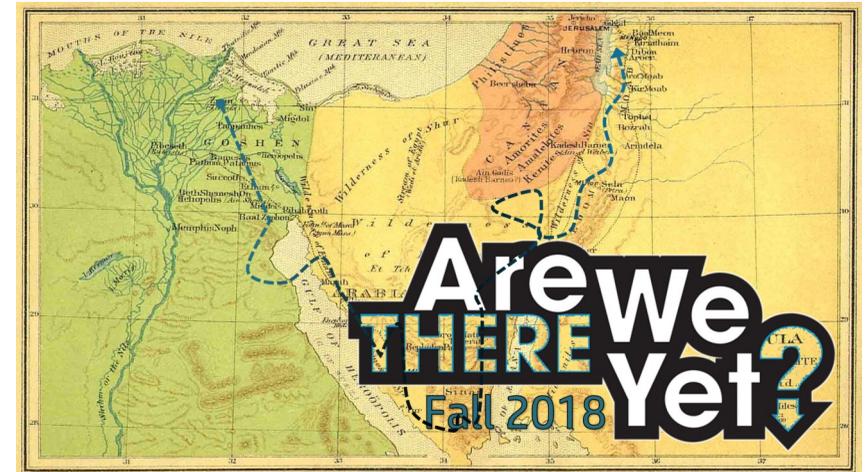
But remember...you belong beyond membership.



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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 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" arr. Praetorius

CALL TO WOSHIP

*SONG OF WORSHIP "We Will Remember"

*GOD'S GREETING

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Adapted from a prayer by Bruce Prewer
Almighty God:
if we have placed our only hope
in the things we can see and touch
and have denied ourselves, or those close to us,
the greater hope in the glory of things unseen,
Lord, have mercy.
If we have chosen to nurse our grief for the loss of dear ones
with the bitterness of those who weep
without hope or faith in your saving love,
Christ, have mercy.
If we put the saints on pious pedestals,
and restrict ourselves to a diminished respect
for our own capacity to grow in the knowledge and love of God,
Lord, have mercy.

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

God of love:
we thank you for your patience.
You have given us many guides and helpers to inspire us,
and have given us the promise
that one day we shall be as Christ Jesus is;
yet we have been slow to hear, reluctant to learn,
and sluggish in our efforts.
We repent of our lack of faith,
and ask that the love of Jesus Christ,
which so healed and uplifted the saints,
may mercifully deal with our sin
and empower us for service in your kingdom. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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 "To Every Generation"

SCRIPTURE Joshua 24

SERMON "Are we there yet?
History Recounted & Covenant Renewed"

MEANING OF THE SACRAMENT

INVITATION

COMMUNION PRAYER "Come to the Table"

COMMUNION
*This morning we will remain seated to receive communion. Our
communion celebration is gluten free. Children are welcome to
share in communion at the discretion of parents/guardians.*

*As the bread is served, you are also welcome to come forward for
anointing of oil and prayer for healing.*

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.**

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

OFFERTORY "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" arr. Pachelbel

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

*SONG OF RESPONSE #60 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"
vv. 1, 2, & 3

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING SONG #60 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"
Refrain only

*POSTLUDE "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" arr. Held
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PRAYING FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

Please pray for:
Barb Ramsey who has a significant foot wound, and **Jamie Ramsey**
as he cares for her at home.

Prayers for Peace:
***Ron Kolenbrander** (uncle of **Sara & Kevin Huyser**) – in hospice care at
the Orange City Area Health System Hospital

Pray for Military Service Personnel:
***Dwaine Tiedeman**, son-in-law of **Al & Sandy Nibbelink**, deployed to
Kabul, Afghanistan.

EVENTS FOR TODAY

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

10:45-11:30 AM Discipleship Classes for Ages 3-Grade 12

4:40-5:45 PM NO Leaps of Faith Rehearsal

6:30-8:30 PM High School Youth Group (HSY Room)

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, November 5
10:00-11:00 AM Women's Prayer at Prairie Ridge Care Center
(Grandview Cottage Dining Room) Questions? Contact Arlene Punt
(707-4600).

6:30 PM Deacons Meeting, Elders Meeting, Consistory Meeting

Wednesday, November 7
For information on Kids & Youth Ministries, see back of bulletin!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆ Young? Old? In-between? And do you like to sing?

Join the All-Ages Choir!



The building renovation is giving us an opportunity to try something new! Due to the upcoming shut-down of the lower level, Sunday school will be taking a hiatus November 11 through Christmas.

In place of S.S., 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.

WHO: Anyone 3 to 103*

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

Worship—December 9

WHERE: the ARC Sanctuary

*Children will also be practicing a piece of this song in C&W music time and are encouraged to participate in this all-ages opportunity.

**The nursery will also be open for children 3 and under.

◆ 2ND SUNDAY GATHERINGS



Making new friends, getting to know your ARC family, gathering around a table and sharing a meal...

We're mixing things up this year to provide a fellowship opportunity that works around the building project and seasonal schedules. In lieu of some of our past fellowship activities, we are inviting ARC families and visitors to sign up for a SECOND SUNDAY meal. Members are invited to either HOST a group in your home, or attend as a GUEST. There will be a new sign-up for each month - NOVEMBER 2018 THRU APRIL 2018 (subject to change if there are other church events). You may sign up for every month or skip months to work with your family schedule. We'll mix it up every month. Hosts will contact guests and plan the POT LUCK menu. It may vary from brunch, pizza, or soup to a full dinner menu - HOST'S CHOICE. Host and Guests may choose the time that works best for each, either 12:00 noon or 5:00 PM and we will match accordingly. Gatherings will last approximately 1 1/2 hours. We will also attempt to keep some spots open for visitors and college students that who might not be able to sign up ahead of time.

(Future Dates: Dec. 9, Jan. 13, Feb. 10, March 10, April 14)

SIGN UP OPTIONS:

1) At church **TODAY, November 4, for November 11 gathering.** Look for members with sign up sheets in the coffee gathering area.

2) **Call/EMAIL:** Pam Boonstra **by November 5**

(712-548-7148 / pamboonstra@gmail.com)

◆ Kids Hope Mentor Needed for a 4th Grade Girl



I am currently in search for a FEMALE mentor for a 4th grade girl for the Kids Hope USA program and I need your help! Kids Hope USA is a program that creates life-changing relationships for students and mentors alike by nurturing a one-on-one relationship. A mentor meets with their mentee once a week during the student's lunch period to build the relationship and help the student's development. If you are interested in helping out or even just learning more, please email me, Ben Patzlaff- Director of Kids Hope USA at American Reformed Church (benjaminarcoc@gmail.com).

◆ DO YOU HAVE THE GIFT OF TECHNOLOGY?

Then perhaps you'd like to learn about and serve on the Sunday morning Sound OR Video Team on a rotating basis. For further information, please contact Tony Altena, sound (441-5749) or Paul Lambert, video (737-4597) ASAP!

◆ DONATE SHOES FOR SOLES4SOULS

TODAY is the last day to bring your gently used or new shoes and place them in the Soles4Souls collection box on the lower level of ARC. (*NOTE: Please put a rubber band around each pair of shoes before placing it in the collection box.*) Should you have any questions, please contact Keith Hoskins.