

STUFF TO KNOW... kids & youth MINISTRIES

Dates to Know

TODAY, October 28

During Worship 10:45–11:30AM Children & Worship
 4:40–5:45PM Sunday School
 6:30–8:30PM Leaps of Faith Practice (Sanctuary)
 High School Youth Group

Wednesday, October 31

NO F3 (1st to 4th Grade)
 NO MCGY (5th to 8th Grade)

Sunday, 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

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

Wed. Nov. 7 5:30–6:15PM
 Last 2018 Family Meal Night

Wed. Nov. 7 6:15–7:30PM
 Last 2018 Buddy Group Night
 (F3 & MGYG together)

Sun. Nov. 11 10:45–11:15AM
 All-Ages Choir Practice*

Sun. Nov. 18 10:45–11:15AM
 All-Ages Choir Practice*

*No regular Sunday School.
 Choir open to all ages.

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
 Daniel Huey
 Tamara Fynaardt, Jacob Gabel, Rebecca Koerselman,
 Kevin McMahan, Teresa Sampson, Tom Truesdell
 Pastors Mike & Elizabeth Hardeman
 Kim Van Es

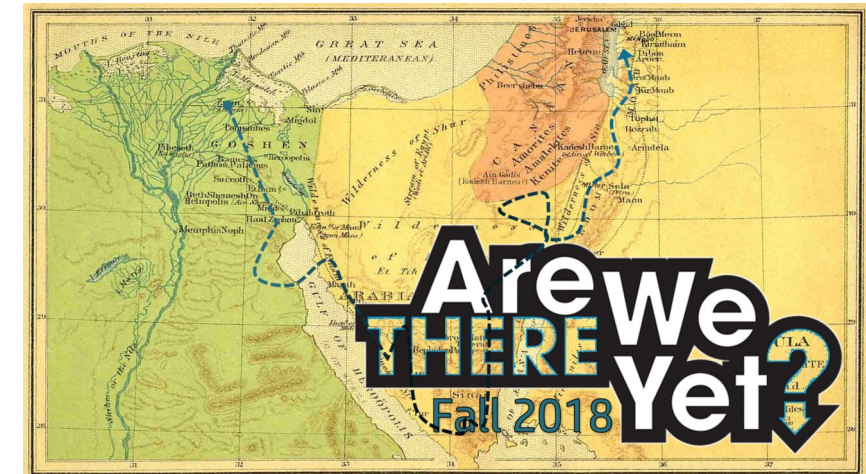
Serving the Lord in Worship
 Organist
 Praise Team

Leading in Worship
 Children's Message

◆ BUILDING & OFFICE HOURS

Unless otherwise noted, regular building and office hours from the second week in September through the second week in May are as posted below. The church office and building are closed for regularly observed holidays.

DAY	BUILDING HOURS	OFFICE HOURS
Sunday	7:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Closed
Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday	8:30 AM - 5:00 PM*	8:30 AM - 12:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
*From 3:00 - 5:00 PM only upper level door is open		
Wednesday	8:30 AM - 8:00 PM	8:30 AM - 12:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Friday	8:30 AM - 5:00 PM**	8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Closed Friday Afternoon
**From 12:00 - 5:00 PM only upper level door is open		
Saturday	Closed	Closed



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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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bless the Lord, O my soul.
O Lord, my God, great and mighty,
who stretched out the heavens,
who set the earth on its foundation.
I will sing praise as long as I have being.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.

*SONG OF WORSHIP

"10,000 Reasons"

*GOD'S GREETING

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

 written by 5th-8th Graders in MGYG

Almighty God,
we confess that we turn away from you.
We tend to lose sight of you in times of happiness.
In the midst of our suffering,
we turn inward rather than toward you.
We are your children and should not run from you, but we do.
We focus on ourselves in times of blessings and curses
when we should turn to you.

Please use this moment of silence for personal confession.

God of mercy,
we ask for your forgiveness.
Restore us. Lead us on the right path to return to you.
Even though we turn away,
bring us back from captivity into your mercy and compassion.
In Jesus' name, we pray . . . amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"
Sanctuary Choir

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 "We Are Called"

SCRIPTURE Deuteronomy 30:1-5

SERMON "Are we there yet?"
The true story of blessings and curses"

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.

*DOXOLOGY #809

Please stand and sing when the organ begins playing.

*SONG OF RESPONSE "God, We Sing Your Glorious Praises"
Lyrics on screen; sung to tune #45

*BENEDICTION

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

*POSTLUDE

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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.

PRAYING FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

Pray for Military Service Personnel:

***Dwaine Tiedeman**, son-in-law of **Al & Sandy Nibbelink**, deployed to Kabul, Afghanistan.

EXPRESSES THANKS

"Thank you to all of the American Church Family for the prayers, food and kind thoughts following the death of my mother, Shirley Hajek. We greatly appreciate our church family!"
...Kathy & Dan Kraai and Families

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

4:30 PM Amistad Cristiana Worship

ARC members are invited to worship with Amistad Cristiana (Spanish for Christian Friendship) at 130 3rd St NW in Sioux Center. Translation headsets are available. Experience the diversity of the Church right here in Sioux County.

4:40-5:45 PM Leaps of Faith Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

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

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.

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, October 29

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Wednesday, October 31

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆2ND SUNDAY GATHERINGS



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

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Then perhaps you'd like to learn about and serve on the Sunday morning Sound Team on a rotating basis. For further information please contact Tony Altena (441-5749) ASAP!

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