

Announcements

•Combined Worship Service – 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation

You are invited to attend a special worship service of commemoration and witness on the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation at First Reformed Church (420 Central Ave NW in Orange City) at 5:30 PM this afternoon, Sunday, October 29. American Reformed Church, First Reformed Church, and Trinity Reformed Church are collaborating together to commemorate this special occasion, with leaders from all three congregations sharing in worship responsibilities. You will have an opportunity to listen to a panel discussion from three theologians from Northwestern College (Dr. Michael Andres, Dr. Mark Husbands, and the Rev. Dr. Cambria Kaltwasser), and we will celebrate communion together. A fellowship time will follow the service in our fellowship hall.

•F3 & MSYG Family Meal Night -- Wednesday, Nov 1st @ 5:30-6:30 PM

Please remember to invite a special friend of your family (prayer n' care partner, Sunday school teacher, older ARC member) for our Thanksgiving Meal this month! We will give thanks for people near and far as we hear from our ARC Nicaragua Service Team after the meal.

Menu: Turkey, mashed potatoes/gravy, corn, apple salad, rolls, pumpkin dessert, milk and water.

RSVP to Sue Mulder at lsredlum@mtcnet.net by Oct 30th.

Help Needed! If you are available to help prepare or serve food any time between 4 - 7:30 PM, please contact Sue Mulder. Your assistance would be appreciated!

•MARK THE DATE: Sunday, November 12

10:45-12:00 Noon Flourish Celebration Brunch (Fellowship Hall)

In celebration of American Reformed Church's past, present, and future, you are cordially invited for brunch. Nursery care and a supervised children's party will also be held during the brunch for all children 5th grade and younger. All children 6th grade and older are encouraged to attend the church brunch. There is no cost to attendees. To ensure your reservation, please RSVP by November 1 by dropping your reservation card in the box at the Welcome Center. Extra reservation cards are available at the Welcome Center.

•FLOURISH PRAYER VIGIL

flourish Prayer nourishes a God-shaped life—and a God-shaped congregation. As we explore how God wants us to flourish as a church family, you're invited to participate in a Flourish campaign prayer vigil, taking place Sunday, Nov. 12, after our all-church brunch. The prayer vigil aim is to have at least one person praying at all times between noon and 6 p.m., so we're asking anyone interested in contributing the gift of prayer to sign up for a 15-minute time slot. You can sign up by contacting Flourish Inspiration Team chairperson Bonnie Kaericher (bonniek@premieronline.net or 712-441-4928) to let her know what time(s) you are available between noon and 6 p.m. on Nov. 12. She will assign you a time when you may be at church to pray that the ministry of ARC will flourish in whatever ways God is leading us.

•Membership at American Reformed Church

What does it mean to be a member? How do I learn more about the beliefs, ministries, and leadership structure of ARC? Is membership for me? How do I become a member of ARC?

We explore these questions and more in our *Discovering American* class. Although the next *Discovering American* class will not start meeting until after the new year, plans are underway. If you are interested in receiving information about this opportunity as details are finalized, please contact Pastor Elizabeth at elizabetharcoc@gmail.com to indicate interest. In the meantime, if you have any questions about American Reformed Church, the pastors welcome your calls and emails.

•Expresses Thanks

"I want to thank my family of American Reformed Church for all the prayers, crds, food, flowers, phone calls, and visits during my hospitalization and recovery. Also, we thank you for all the prayers for our son, Jeff, during his time of illness and recovery A special thanks to Pastors Elizabeth and Mike Hardeman for their visits and prayers."

...*Phyl and Stan De Haan*

Participating in Worship

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| The Congregation | Serving the Lord in Worship |
| Julia Huisman | Organist |
| Cindy Cleveringa, Bethany Dykstra, Rosalyn De Koster, | Praise Team |
| Jeff Tolsma, and Angela Kroeze Visser | |
| Pastors Mike & Elizabeth Hardeman | Leading in Worship |
| Leaps of Faith | Assurance of Forgiveness |
| Maggie Kensak, Katelyn Reuvers, Natalie Sampson, and | |
| Natasha Samspon - Leaders | |
| Rosalyn De Koster - Staff Advisor | |
| Riah Hardeman, Katie Kensak, Mari Langton, and Nevaeh Sampson | |
| Bethany Dykstra | Children's Message |
| Sanctuary Choir | Offertory |
| Philip De Koster, Director | |
| Alyssa Daun, Accompanist | |



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"...a God-shaped life is a flourishing tree."

Proverbs 11:28, *The Message*



THE APPROACH TO GOD

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

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| PRELUDE | “The Church’s One Foundation” Bunjes “Variations on St. Anne” Krapf/Young |
| CALL TO WORSHIP | |
| *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. |
| PRAYER OF CONFESSION | Adapted from <i>Common Prayer: From Conflict to Communion</i> . Lutheran-Catholic Common Commemoration of the Reformation in 2017 |
| | God of reformation: on this Sunday commemorating the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, we give you thanks for the ways you have reformed your Church throughout all of human history. We thank you for the presence of your ever-reforming Spirit, who unites us with Jesus Christ, the only King and Head of the Church. On this day of commemoration, we also lament that even good actions of reform and renewal had unintended negative consequences. We bring before you the burdens of the guilt of the past when our forbearers did not follow your will that all be one in the truth of the Gospel, and we confess our own ways of thinking and acting that perpetuate the divisions of the past. Have mercy upon us and forgive us, Lord. |
| | <i>(Please use this time of silence for personal confession.)</i> |
| | God of transformation: empower us by your Holy Spirit to be your Church—reformed and ever-reforming, transformed and ever-transforming according to the Living Word revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen. |
| ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS | “Never Stop” |

THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Children ages 3–1st grade may exit out the sanctuary doors to meet Children & Worship (C & W) leaders. Leaders will take the children directly to their Sunday school classrooms following the service. Children who do not attend C & W are welcome to use the worship bags by the elevator during the service.

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| *SONG OF PREPARATION | “ | Everlasting God” |
| SCRIPTURE | | 2 Chronicles 31:1-10 |
| SERMON | | “Flourish: Placing God First” |

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

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| OFFERTORY | | “Offertory” |
| *DOXOLOGY | | #809 |
| GENEROSITY TESTIMONY | | Teresa Sampson |

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

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| *SONG OF RESPONSE | #43 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” v. 1, 2, & 3 |
| *BENEDICTION | |
| *SENDING SONG | #43 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” v. 4 |
| *POSTLUDE | “A Mighty Fortress” Held |

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Praying for God’s People

***Denis Rons**, patient in the Orange City Area Health System Hospital.
***We** offer prayers of celebration along with **Lisa & Doug Burg** in the recent marriage of their son and his wife, **Isaac Plueger & Aimée Fisher**, on Friday, October 27, in Prior Lake, Minnesota. Pray that God will richly bless their marriage.

Events for Today

10:30-10:45 AM

Coffee Fellowship in the gathering area behind the sanctuary.
Hands of Praise in the fellowship hall.
Children & Worship Music Time (ages 3-1st grade) in Room 111

10:45-11:30 AM

Discipleship Classes for Ages 3-12th Grades (Lower Level)
Discipleship Classes for Adults:
1) **Jesus is ... According to the Gospel of John** (Room #204)
Facilitators: Paul Bartlett & Eric Elder
2) **ARC Diversity in Political Affiliation** (Fireside Room #202)
Facilitator: Tamara Fynaardt

4:40 PM Leaps of Faith Practice (Grades 4-12) in the sanctuary

6:30-8:30 PM High School Youth Group at the Lamberts.

Events for this Week

Monday, October 30

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

Need a change of scenery? Tired of playing with the same toys every day? 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)

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)

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6:15-7:30 PM Middle School Youth Group (MSY Room)