

*****Praying for God's People*****

Please pray for **Marilyn Jiskoot**, who had knee replacement surgery on Tuesday, September 5 in Dakota Dunes, South Dakota. Pray for healing and a quick recovery!

Please continue to pray for **Russ Krull, Jeff De Haan (son of Stan & Phyllis De Haan), and Amy Plagge**. Pray for healing and peace.

Please continue to remember **Mary Abels** and her family as they grieve the passing of Mary's mother-in-law, **Lois Abels**. A memorial service was held in Sibley on Saturday, September 2. Pray for the comfort and peace of Christ to surround the family.

*****Events for this Week*****

Monday, September 11

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.

Wednesday, September 13

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

Location: Fellowship Hall (Lower level)

6:30 PM Deacons' Meeting (Room 204)

6:30 PM Elders' Meeting (Room 201)

7:45 PM Consistory Meeting (Room 204)

*****Announcements*****

◊Are you fluent in a language other than English?

On October 1 we will celebrate World Communion Sunday. We would like to incorporate 2 to 4 other languages in the service. If you are fluent in a language other than English and willing to participate in the service, please contact Pastor Elizabeth for more information. You can contact her by sending an email to elizabetharcoc@gmail.com or calling 712-737-4430. Or just grab her after worship to express interest.

(Announcements continued next flap.)

◊DISHING OUT ARC NOSTALGIA

Previously used stoneware dishes and tableware from the ARC kitchen are available for purchase-by-donation between now and Sunday, Sept. 24, on a first-come, first-served basis. Bread and butter dishes have an ARC monogram; please take no more of those than 4 per family. Make your freewill donation for the dishware to the church office (suggested donation at least \$1 per piece).

◊The ARC youth are in need of a DVD player.

Do you have one lying around that you would be willing to donate to the youth? Have you been wanting to clear it out of your house? If you have one and are willing to donate, please contact Rosalyn De Koster (arcyouthmin@gmail.com).

◊HURRICANE HARVEY RELIEF – SPECIAL OFFERING

The ARC Serve Team and Deacons have collaborated to offer an opportunity for friends of ARC to give to the Hurricane Harvey Relief Effort through the Reformed Church in America throughout the month of September. If you would like to give—above and beyond your regular tithes and offerings—to this effort, please make your check payable to American Reformed Church and write, "Hurricane Harvey Relief" in the memo line of your check. You may place your check in the offering plate any Sunday during the month of September, drop off your check in the church office, or mail your check to the church. The deacons will combine these gifts and will send one check to the RCA for Hurricane Harvey Relief efforts at the end of September. If you'd like to read more about the RCA's efforts regarding this, please go to: <https://www.rca.org/news/global-mission-seeks-help-hurricane-harvey-response>. Thank you for praying for and generously supporting those in need!

◊Local Service Opportunity at ATLAS in Orange City

Service project on Saturday, September 30th from 9-11 AM. Light indoor cleaning and gardening. Please sign-up at the Welcome Center. For questions please contact Laura Genade (lgenade@gmail.com or 712-441-6882).



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Fourteenth Sunday
after Pentecost
September 10, 2017

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The Core Four



THE APPROACH TO GOD

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

PRELUDE "God Moves in a Mysterious Way" arr. Krapf
"Rejoice, the Lord is King" Page

CALL TO WORSHIP "All Are Welcome"

*SONG OF WORSHIP "May the Peoples Praise You"

*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

God who speaks,
**we confess that we have filled our calendars
and burdened our hours with constant activity
making it difficult to listen to your call on our lives.
Transform our priorities so that we make space to listen.**

God who sees,
**we confess that we have defined power, success, and wealth
in ways that are contrary to Jesus' life and ministry.
Transform our values so that they are shaped
by your concern for the weak, the poor, and the powerless.**

God who knows,
**we confess that we too often let our certainty
prevent us from curiosity and wonder.
Transform our minds so that we may embody
your divine creative imagination in the world.**

God who welcomes,
**we confess that we harbor thoughts which estrange
and breed hostility and division.
Transform our hearts so that we are filled
with the desire to forgive, make peace, and reconcile.**

God who is at work in us and through us,
**transform us that we may reflect your image in the world.
In Jesus' name, we pray . . . amen.**

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS "What the Lord Has Done"

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.*

*SONG OF PREPARATION "Sanctuary"

SCRIPTURE 2 Corinthians 3:12-18

SERMON *The Core Four*

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

OFFERTORY

*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 Insert "All Are Welcome"
vs. 1, 2 & 4

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING SONG Insert "All Are Welcome"
v. 5

*POSTLUDE

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Participating in Worship

The Congregation Serving the Lord in Worship
Julia Huisman Organist
Pam Anderson, Tamara Fynaardt, Praise Team
Mary Schram, Jeff Tolsma,
Tom Truesdell, Angela Kroeze Visser
Pastors Elizabeth & Mike Hardeman Leading in Worship

Calling and Commissioning Litany

Pastor: In baptism God promises by grace alone:
to forgive our sins,
to adopt us into the Body of Christ, the Church,
to send the Holy Spirit daily to renew and cleanse us,
and to resurrect us to eternal life.

**People: In baptism we promise to love, encourage,
and support each other
by modeling the gospel of God's love,
and by journeying together
in discipleship, prayer, and service.**

Pastor: Whether our call is to rock babies in the nursery,
teach an adult discipleship class,
lead a station during F3,
guide children during Children & Worship,
serve as a middle school youth leader or
pray for a senior high student,
we are all called and equipped by the Spirit of God.

**Volunteers: As people called and equipped by the Spirit of God,
we remember these baptismal promises
as we begin another program year of loving,
encouraging, and supporting children, youth, and adults.**

Pastor: Teachers, leaders, and all volunteers,
will you join the journey of transformation
that is happening in the lives of children, youth and
adults here at ARC as you model the values
of acceptance, grace, wisdom and love?

Volunteers: We will.

Pastor: People of American Reformed Church,
will you pray for and stand alongside those called
to teach, lead, and volunteer in our discipleship
ministries.

People: We will.

Events for today

10:30-10:45 AM

- Coffee Fellowship in the gathering area behind the sanctuary.
- Sunday School Open House

Parents of elementary students are invited downstairs for refreshments and to meet their children's Sunday School teacher/s. and make some noise with your offerings! (Coins are welcomed, but all monetary donations are appreciated.) We will continue to support the Sack Pack Program in Orange City so that hungry children of our community can take home sacks of food on the weekends. Check out the brochure in your mailbox for more information!

10:45-11:30 AM

- Sunday school for ages 3-High School are on the lower level.
- Adult Discipleship Classes
 - 1) **Jesus is ... According to the Gospel of John:** (Genesis Room #205)
Facilitators; Paul Bartlett & Eric Elder

This Adult Discipleship Class will examine selected passages of the Gospel of John which use metaphors to describe Jesus. The following metaphors will be examined.

Jesus is the Word of God
Jesus is the Bread of Life
Jesus is the Good Shepherd
Jesus is the Source of Living Water
Jesus is the Light of the World
Jesus is the True Vine
Jesus is the Resurrection and the Life

There is no required preparation for this class. These beautiful and sometimes mysterious metaphorical expressions will hopefully change your understanding of who Jesus is to you and to the world.

2) **ARC Diversity in Action** (Fireside Room #202)

Facilitators: See reverse side for a complete listing, theme and dates

The diversity among ARC members is a gift from God. The purposes of this Adult Discipleship series are: To foster "mutual understanding and trust" by listening to one another's diverse stories; To talk about differing ways in which we envision being agents for God's redemptive purposes into the future based on our unique stories and gifts.

6:30-8:30 PM

- High School Youth Group @ Lamberts
(1002 Seventh Street NW, Orange City)

NEXT Week Sunday-Sept 17th

10:30-10:45 AM

- Hands of Praise (2nd-5th grade) resumes in the Fellowship Hall
- Children & Worship Music Time resumes (Room 111)

4:40 PM

- Leaps of Faith Practice begins, in the sanctuary
Please bring socks or dance shoes and wear comfortable clothes

ARC ADULT DISCIPLESHIP OFFERINGS - FALL TERM 2017

(September 10 - November 19, 2017)

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#1: **Diversity in Age (September 10 & 17)**

Facilitator: Wanda Korthals

#2: **Diversity in Gender (September 24 & October 1)**

Facilitator: Sara Tolsma

#3: **Diversity in Church Background (October 8 & 15)**

Facilitator: Mike Hardeman

#4: **Diversity in Political Affiliation (October 22 & 29)**

Facilitator: Tamara Fynaardt

#5: **Diversity in Vocation (November 5)**

Facilitator: Jeff Tolsma

#6: **Diversity in Ethnicity/Culture (November 12 & 19)**

Facilitators: Kevin McMahan & Kathy Gabel

