

Dates to Know

TODAY, September 16

During Worship Children & Worship
 10:45–11:30AM Sunday School
 6:30–8:30PM High School Youth Group (HSYG Room)

Wednesday, September 19

6:15 – 7:30PM Fuel For Faith (F3) *
 *Bring your Sparkhouse Bible if you have one. If you don't have one, NO BIG DEAL! We'll share!
 6:15 – 7:30PM Mid-Grade Youth Group (MCGY)

Sunday, September 23

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

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

We still need . . .

1 adult to guide a small group of kiddos for F3

- Wednesday evenings
- Sept. 19–Oct. 24
- 6:15 to 7:30 PM
- No preparation needed.

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

9:15–10:45 AM*

*Sept. 9 hours extend to 11:30AM for parents/guardians who teach or attend an adult class.

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
 Pam Anderson
 Pam Anderson, Doug De Zeeuw, Marlene De Zeeuw,
 Tamara Fynaardt, John Hubers, Rebecca Koerselman
 Pastors Mike & Elizabeth Hardeman
 Kim Van Es

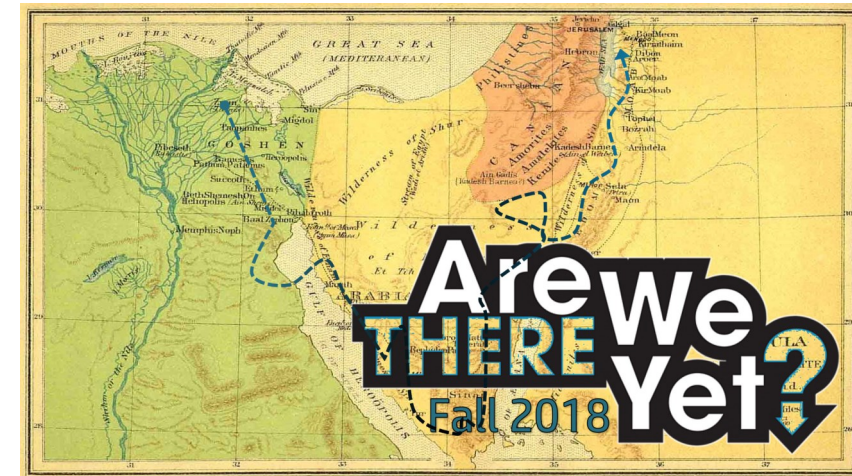
Serving the Lord in Worship
 Pianist/Organist
 Praise Team

Leading in Worship
 Children's Message

◆BUILDING & OFFICE HOURS DURING PROGRAMMING YEAR

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 "Abide with Me/Old Rugged Cross" Lori Line

CALL TO WORSHIP "Your Great Name We Praise"
Praise Team only. Please join when invited to do so.

*SONG OF WORSHIP "Your Great Name We Praise"

*GOD'S GREETING

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION "Before the Throne of God Above"

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*Children (3 YO–1st grade) may exit out the sanctuary doors
to meet Children & Worship leaders. Children are also welcome to
remain in worship. Worship bags are available by the elevator.*

*SONG OF PREPARATION "To Every Generation"

SCRIPTURE Exodus 1:8-14; 2:23-25

SERMON "Are we there yet? ...beginning with the Mess in Mind"

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 "Amazing Grace" Lori Line

*DOXOLOGY #809

Please stand and sing when the organ begins playing.

*SONG OF RESPONSE #60

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"
vv. 1 & 2

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING SONG #60

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"
v. 3 and refrain

*POSTLUDE "Postlude in Classic Style" Gordon Young

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PRAYING FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

*We offer prayers of thanksgiving for a successful surgery for **Lisa Schwarz** in Sioux Falls this past Monday, September 10. Please continue to pray for Lisa's healing and recovery, and pray for Shane and Luke, Jenna, and Blake as they support her throughout.

*Please pray for **Susan West**, who has once again been diagnosed with pneumonia. Pray for rest for Susan, and for strength and healing.

*Finally, please pray for those in the Carolinas who are encountering the devastating effects of **Hurricane Florence**. Several ARC members and friends have family members in the area. Please pray for their safety and protection.

*Pray for military service personnel **Dwayne Tiedeman**, son-in-law of **Al & Sandy Nibbelink**, deployed to Kabul, Afghanistan.

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 this 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 Pastor Elizabeth and Pastor Mike (elizabetharcoc@gmail.com and mikearcoc@gmail.com).

But . . . remember . . . you belong beyond membership.

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 All Ages

Adult Classes include:

♦ **SURPRISED BY HOPE - Video Series** (UL Room #202)

Facilitator: Julie Elliott

Many Christians believe our future in heaven is all that really matter. But that's not what the Bible teaches. This is a six-session small group DVD study, by premier Bible scholar N. T. Wright.

♦ **BIBLE STUDY: 1 THESSALONIANS** (UL Room #204)

Facilitator: Paul Bartlett

This letter to the Thessalonians is one of the Apostle Paul's earliest letters. Paul spent a short period of time in Thessalonica during his second mission trip.

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, September 17

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

7:00 PM Esther Circle

Lesson: Page 24 from *The Upper Room* for Sep 17 "PLAYLIST"

Discussion Leader: Betty Ferrell

Lunch: Marlys Hop

Wednesday, September 19

Note: For Kids & Youth Ministries, see back of bulletin!

11:30 AM All ARC Seniors are invited to meet at the OC Pizza Ranch for lunch. Questions? Contact Marilyn Jiskoot

NEXT WEEK

♦ **Sunday, September 23**

At 4:30 PM on Sunday, September 30, members of ARC will again attend the worship service of Amistad Cristiana at 130 3rd St NW in Sioux Center. Translation headsets are available. Questions can be addressed to Kim Van Es. Come experience the diversity of God's people right here in Northwest Iowa!



Adult Discipleship

OPPORTUNITIES

FALL SESSION
SEPTEMBER 16—OCTOBER 21, 2018

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Location: Fireside Room (202)

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Location: International Room (201)

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~ FLEXIBLE BOOK STUDY OPTIONS
SIGN UP AT THE WELCOME CENTER

Not always available Sunday morning? Then consider the Flexible Book Study Options! The facilitator of each discussion group will contact those who sign up to determine the best time to meet, number of sessions, and location. These groups are a great engage deeper conversations and relationships with others.

ESCAPE THE COMING NIGHT

- by David Jeremiah

Facilitator: Keith Hoskins

RESPECTFUL LGBT CONVERSATIONS:

SEEKING TRUTH, GIVING LOVE, AND MODELING CHRISTIAN UNITY

- by Harold Heie

Facilitator: Harold Heie

THE SIN OF CERTAINTY:

WHY GOD DESIRES OUR TRUST MORE THAN OUR "CORRECT BELIEFS"

- by Peter Enns

Facilitator: Steve Mahr

STRONG & WEAK: EMBRACING A LIFE OF LOVE, RISK, & TRUE FLOURISHING

by Andy Crouch

Facilitator: Kevin McMahan

Note: An ARC Adult Discipleship brochure with further details of each class is in each family mailbox and at the Welcome Center.