

Dates to Know

TODAY, September 23

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

Wednesday, September 26

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 30

During Worship Children & Worship
 10:45–11:30AM Sunday School
 4:40–5:45PM Leaps of Faith Practice (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

Did You Know?

The nursery is open during Sunday School/ Adult Discipleship so parents/guardians can teach or attend a class.

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

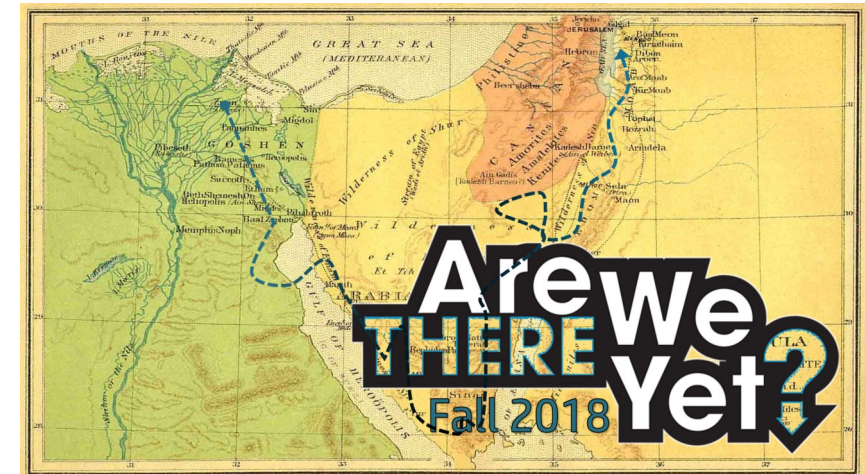
The Congregation
 Julia Huisman
 Pam Anderson, Doug De Zeeuw, Marlene De Zeeuw,
 Tamara Fynaardt, John Hubers, and Rebecca Koerselman
 Pastors Mike & Elizabeth Hardeman
 Benjamin Langton
 Sanctuary Choir
 Philip De Koster, Director
 Alyssa Daun, Accompanist

Serving the Lord in Worship
 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.

<u>DAY</u>	<u>BUILDING HOURS</u>	<u>OFFICE HOURS</u>
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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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 "Am I a Soldier of the Cross" Bock
"Be Thou My Vision" Page

CALL TO WORSHIP

*SONG OF WORSHIP "Mighty to Save"

*GOD'S GREETING

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God who leads:
**we confess that we often find it difficult to follow.
At various points throughout our lives,
we struggle to understand the journeys we find ourselves taking.
Sometimes, we feel as if life is a series
of detours or dead-end roads,
and we wonder if we'll ever arrive at our destination.
Forgive us for our inability to depend on you
in the midst of your sometimes confusing ways.**

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

God who loves:
**we know that throughout the biblical story
you often empower growth through journeys—
even when those journeys consist of detours and dead-ends.
Remind us once again of your promise
through your Son Jesus Christ to be with us always,
even to the end of the age. Amen.**

*SONG OF ASSURANCE "I'll Not Be Shaken"

THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*Children ages 3–1st grade may exit out 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 #538 "I Need Thee Every Hour"

SCRIPTURE Exodus 13:17-18

SERMON "Are we there yet? The God of the Roundabout Way"

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 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

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

*SONG OF RESPONSE #643 "I Know Not Where the Road Will Lead"
vv. 1, 2, & 3

*BENEDICTION

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

*POSTLUDE "Lift High the Cross" Manz

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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

*Please join us in offering prayers of comfort and peace for **April Buysman** in the death of her father, **Lawrence "Larry" Buysman**. Larry passed away on Friday, September 14 at Country View Manor in Sibley. The funeral service was held at on Tuesday, September 18 at the First Reformed Church in Sibley. Please pray for April and the entire Buysman family as they grieve.

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.

Note: 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. Stop by the Welcome Center to sign up!

4:40-5:45 PM Leaps Rehearsal in the sanctuary.

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, September 24

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

Wednesday, September 26

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

NEXT WEEK

◆ **Sunday, September 30**

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.



Adult Discipleship

OPPORTUNITIES

FALL SESSION
SEPTEMBER 16—OCTOBER 21, 2018

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Location: International Room (201)

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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.