

WELCOME TO AVERY STREET CHURCH! We greet those who are visiting with us today in the name of our Lord and Savior. Please join us for coffee after the service. Our Pastor and the greeting Elder are available to answer any questions you may have. For more information about the Christian Reformed Church visit our website at www.ascrc.org

THIS WEEK

Scripture: Mark 8:34-37
Message: "Me First or Father First"



NEXT WEEK

Scripture: Mark 9:14-32
Message: "When Our Faith Fails"

MINISTRIES FOR AVERY STREET CHURCH HOSPITALITY

Greeting Elder
Barry Priest

North Door Elder
Toby Lewis

Offertory Deacon
Chuck Hulstein

Greeters: Jim & Sue Brownell
Ushers: Sal & Cathy Cerrigione

Coffee Servers: **This week:** John & Carol Drohan
Next Week: Kathy Dzen and Dawn Faber



Children's Worship: Heather Brindisi and Judith Collar

* * * **NURSERY** * * *

A nursery is available during the worship service. The nursery is located in the north hall of this building. Electronic pagers are available and will vibrate if it should become necessary for a parent to come to the nursery. For parents with small children, we also offer a "cry room" in which you can see and hear worship and feel more comfortable should your child become fussy during worship. It is located near the corner with the sound and visual equipment.

* * * **AUDIO EQUIPMENT** * * *

A voice copy of the sermon is available on the church website at ascrc.org. CD copies are available as well. See David Van Deusen or email him at rm15.13@cox.net. Please specify sermon or service. Copies are ready the following week but can also be expedited if necessary. Thank you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY: We give our Christian sympathy to Bill and Eileen Nelson, and their children Shaelyn, Brooke, and Brandon, in the death of Bill's mother, Betty Nelson of Mantua, NJ, on February 23. *"We pray that our God will put His arms of love and grace around you as you mourn the passing of your mother and grandmother. May He lighten your sorrow with the knowledge that she is now rejoicing in the presence of Jesus, her Lord and Savior."*

PRAYER MEETING: This evening at our monthly prayer meeting we will take some time to share with each other about any answers to prayer or conversations with our neighbors that may be a result of our prayers during the past month.

LENTEN SOUP: Lenten Soup Lunches continue Sunday 3/19 and 4/2. This is a chance for a quick meal and some fellowship immediately after church service on Sunday. There are sign-up sheets in the lobby for soup makers and attendees. Contact Eric Rentz ericrentz111@gmail.com with any questions.

WEDNESDAYS FOR WOMEN is a new ministry that meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 10am in Fellowship Hall. It is a place where women can come as they please for coffee, great company, and nice inspiring conversation. In the past we have created gifts and cards for encouragement to those deserving. At our next gathering on 03/08/17 we plan to spend an hour watching a movie and then look forward to a good group discussion. Popcorn and refreshments will be served! Meanwhile if you're unable to attend, please feel free to leave us a note in our mailbox or contact Marg, Heidi, or Sue if you have any suggestions or know of anyone who could use a card for that little bit of encouragement that means a whole lot!

MEMBERSHIP CLASS: Have you been a guest at Avery Street and wondering more about what our church believes? Have you been thinking of becoming a member of Avery Street? Have you been considering becoming a Christian for the very first time, or making a profession of your faith? If you answered "yes" to any of those questions, Pastor Dave will be offering a 4-6 week class sometime after Easter that will allow you to ask your questions and learn more about the Christian faith and about Avery Street CRC. Times and dates for the class will be determined after we know how many people are interested in it. If you'd like to be a part of that class, or if you have questions, please contact Pastor Dave before Sunday, March 26.

BUDGET STATUS: The latest budget status is given below. The fiscal year for Avery St. Church is July 1 through June 30.

	<u>January</u>	<u>YTD (July 1 – Jan 31)</u>
Receipts	\$31,121	\$194,127
Expenditures	\$25,051	\$171,298
Net	+\$6,070	+\$22,829

Thanks to everyone for your continued faithful giving!

BOOK CLUB: Book Club will meet on Friday, March 24, at 7:30 PM in Fellowship Hall. Gloria Ranney will lead the discussion on the book Look Again by Lisa Scottoline. "When reporter Ellen Gleeson gets a *Have You Seen this Child?* flyer in the mail, she almost throws it away. But something about it makes her look again, and her heart stops – the child in the photo is identical to her adopted son, Will. Her every instinct tells her to deny the similarity between the boys, because she knows her adoption was lawful. But she is a journalist and won't be able to stop thinking about the photo until she figures out the truth. And she can't shake the question: If Will rightfully belongs to someone else, should she keep him or give him up?" Look Again is a thriller that's both heart stopping and heart-breaking. Everyone is welcome to join us for the evening. Refreshments will be served by Heather Brindisi.

For March 5

Session 4-The Journey of Grief Why it's important to put effort into your healing

Part 2

How the events surrounding your loved one's death affect your grief

The best ways to deal with your loved one's belongings



This Week's Calendar

Sunday 3/5/17	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
		Honduras Slideshow and Potluck (FH)
	4:00-5:30 PM	GriefShare (FH)
Monday	6:00 PM	Prayer Meeting
	(7:30) PM	(NA)(FH)
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Coffee Break
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Council (Admin)
	(5:00-10:00 PM)	(MRPF)(Church)
Thursday	8:30AM	Men's Life (Emeralds)
	10:00 AM	Wednesdays for Women (FH)
	(6:30 PM)	(Garden Club)(FH)
Friday	7:00 PM	Choir
	6:45 AM	Man-to-Man (FH)
	9:30 AM	Coffee Break
Saturday	4:30-6:00 PM	GEMS (Room A)
	6:30-7:30 AM	Men's Bible Study (Admin)
	9:30 AM-1:00 PM	Praise Team Rehearsal

Next Week's Calendar

Sunday 3/12/17	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
	4:00-5:30 PM	GriefShare (FH)
	(7:30) PM	(NA)(FH)
Monday	7:00 PM	Coffee Break
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Shepherding Elders & Deacons
	(5:00-10:00 PM)	(MRPF)(Church)
Wednesday	8:30 AM	Men's Life (Emeralds)
	7:00 PM	Choir
Thursday	6:45 AM	Man-to-Man (FH)
	9:30 AM	Coffee Break
	4:30-6:00 PM	GEMS (Room A)
Friday	7:00-8:30 PM	LifeGroup (Sylvester)
	6:30-7:30 AM	Men's Bible Study (Admin)
	7:00-8:30 PM	LifeGroup (Christians)
		LifeGroup (Paquet)

From Christian Reformed World Missions

Visit the Holy Land - You are invited to visit the Holy Land. This tour will help you understand the biblical sites better and gain insight into the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Visit crwm.org/HolyLand for more information or to apply.

From CRC Communications

Available Free in the Digital Library - "Forty: Devotions for Lent" is available free to all in the CRC through the Digital Library (crcna.org/Library). This devotional explores the biblical motif of "forty" through the stories of Noah, Moses, the exodus, Elijah, and Jonah. All of these narratives foreshadow the gospel—they are reminders of Easter morning in light of the "forties" that have come before.



CHURCH COUNCIL

Full Council/Administrative Council

Elders: Joe Christians, President
Bruce Laube, Clerk

Deacon: Kevin Crawford

Shepherding Council

Shepherding Elders and Deacons

District 1 (A-F)

Elder: Ed VanderLeest

Deacon: Sue Brownell

District 2 (G-L)

Elder: Doug Christians

Deacon: Chuck Hulstein

District 3 (M-Ra)

Elder: Barry Priest

(Secretary Shepherding Elders)

Deacon: Sandra Dominguez

District 4 (Re-Z)

Elder: Toby Lewis

(V.P. Shepherding Elders)

Deacon: Annie Rentz

MINISTRY MANAGEMENT TEAM

Elder Joe Christians, President

Marg Christians, Adult Ministries Team Leader

Jean Ohliger, Children/Youth Team Leader

Dave Hiskes, Support Ministries Team Leader

John Drohan, Worship Ministries Team Leader

Eric Rentz, Congregational Life Team Leader

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Dave Poolman (644-2731)

Church Secretary: Bev Kaldy (644-2731)

Custodian: Randy Wiggins

Michael May

Treasurer: Shirley Mannheim

Sonshine Ministry: Melanie Smedley

Transportation Coordinator: Lucy Berghuis

FAITH PROMISE MISSIONARIES

Jermayne & Meredith Chapman, Indianapolis, Indiana

Jim & Josephine Zylstra, Tanzania

Rev. Timothy & Wilma Palmer, Nigeria

Bruce & Pam Johnson, Japan

MISSION STATEMENT

Avery Street Christian Reformed Church seeks to be a church of obedient Disciples of Jesus making obedient Disciples of Jesus.

VISION STATEMENT

Avery Street Christian Reformed Church is committed to fulfilling Jesus' command as expressed in the Great Commission: "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."

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