

**W**ELCOMES 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](http://www.ascrc.org)

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**THIS WEEK**

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



**NEXT WEEK**

Scripture: Mark 9:42-50  
Message: "What Jesus Taught About Sin"

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**MINISTRIES FOR AVERY STREET CHURCH HOSPITALITY**

Greeting Elder  
Toby Lewis

North Door Elder  
Doug Christians

Offertory Deacon  
Annie Rentz

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

**Coffee Servers: This week:** Kathy Dzen and Dawn Faber  
**Next Week:** Peter & Joy Ferwerda



**Children's Worship:** Elisabeth Winkel and Sharon Satalino

\* \* \* 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](http://ascrc.org). CD copies are available as well. See David Van Deusen or email him at [rm15.13@cox.net](mailto: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



**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](mailto:ericrentz111@gmail.com) with any questions.

**MISSIONS REPORT:** Please check out the Missions bulletin board in the lobby for an update from Jermyne and Meredith Chapman and also some artwork done by the children in Honduras.

**ELDER NOMINEES:** Council will be meeting on Tuesday, March 28, to nominate candidates for administrative elder to replace those whose terms are ending on June 30. The outgoing elders are Bruce Laube (clerk) and Joe Christians (president). If you'd like to suggest any candidate names (including yourself!), please contact Pastor Dave, Joe Christians, or any council member. Nominees who are approved by council will be submitted for congregational approval, and the new elders selected, in our June congregational meeting (date is tbd).

**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.

**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.

**Seniors Age 55 and Over:** Our next luncheon is Thursday April 6th, 12:30 pm at Maggie McFly's Restaurant, Buckland Hills Mall. Please let me know if you plan to attend so I can provide the manager an accurate count. Thank you!

Jim Childs, Email - [jimchilds@hotmail.com](mailto:jimchilds@hotmail.com)

ps Fifteen of us enjoyed a very nice luncheon at Bertucci's Restaurant earlier this month. Bertucci's will again be sending 15% of our total checks as a donation to our church.

For March 12

Session 5-Grief & Your  
Relationships



How the death of a loved one affects your friendships

Why solitude can be a blessing and a curse

How to deal with friends who don't understand your grief

**This Week's Calendar**

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

**Next Week's Calendar**

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<b>Tuesday</b>	7:00 PM (5:00-10:00 PM)	MMT (Admin) (MRPF)(Church)
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:30AM 10:00 AM 7:00 PM	Men's Life (Emeralds) Wednesdays for Women (FH) Choir
<b>Thursday</b>	6:45 AM 9:30 AM 4:30-6:00 PM	Man-to-Man (FH) Coffee Break GEMS (Room A)
<b>Friday</b>	6:30-7:30 AM 7:30 PM	Men's Bible Study (Admin) Book Club (FH)

**FROM WORLD RENEW**

Discovery Tours - Are you interested in a 7--10 day authentic cultural experience? World Renew is looking for compassionate, respectful, and adaptable individuals to take part in an international Discovery Tour. Learn about the deep history and traditions that define the life of the local community and engage in the work of World Renew. You will build relationships with World Renew staff and local communities and discover how they are working to build God's kingdom in their context. Find out more at [globalvolunteer@worldrenew.net](mailto:globalvolunteer@worldrenew.net) or call Mary at 800-552-7972 in the U.S. or Iona at 800-730-3490 in Canada.



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## **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**

Jermaine & Meredith Chapman, Indianapolis, Indiana

Jim & Josephine Zylstra, Tanzania

Rev. Timothy & Wilma Palmer, Nigeria

Bruce & Pam Johnson, Japan

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## **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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