

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 SUNDAY

Scripture: Genesis 12:1, 18:18-19; Matthew 28:19-20
Message: "The Four Essentials of Renewal (II): Vision"



NEXT SUNDAY

Scripture: Genesis 2:15-25
Message: "The Four Essentials of Renewal (III): Health"

MINISTRIES FOR AVERY STREET CHURCH HOSPITALITY

Praying Elder
Doug Christians

North Door Elder
Ed VanderLeest

Offertory Deacon
Sandra Dominguez



Greeters: Bill and Brandon Nelson
Ushers: Sandra Dominguez and Barry Priest

Coffee Servers: This week: Doug & Marg Christians
Next Week: Joe & Alicia Christians

Children's Worship: Tami Pugrab 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.

1/21/18 & 1/28/18
9:15 AM
Sunday School
Page Volunteer

1/21/18
10:30 AM
Worship Service
Elisabeth Winkel
Kelli Poolman
(Jean Ohliger on call
infants)

1/28/18
10:30 AM
Worship Service
Eric Rentz
Shaelyn Nelson
(Dave Hiskes on call
infants)

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

A voice copy of the sermon is available on the church website at ascrc.org. CD copies are available as well. See Rich O'Neill or email him at roneill28@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 extend our sincere Christian sympathy to Janet Ferwerda, Peter and Joy, Chuck and Carol Hulstein, and the rest of their family in the passing of Peter Ferwerda this past Thursday. *"We pray that our Lord Jesus may carry you in His arms in this time of great loss and deep grief and that He will already now begin to transform your sorrow with the sure knowledge that Peter is now rejoicing with Jesus in heaven. We promise you our continuing prayers and support."*

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS: This morning we welcome **Jim and Nancy Melough** as the newest members of Avery Street Church! We are thankful that the Lord has led them to Avery Street, and look forward to worshiping and serving with them in the future. Welcome, Jim and Nancy!

CONGRATULATIONS: We congratulate grandparents Merrill and Chris Kloter in the birth of their grandson, Lincoln Edward Kloter, son to Mike and Jill on December 26. *"We rejoice in the Lord with you in the safe birth and good health of Lincoln. May you join with their parents, Mike and Jill, in raising him to God's honor and glory."*

COFFEE BREAK: Our Evening Coffee Break Bible Study begins tomorrow, Monday, January 22, at 7:00 PM in the church fellowship hall. We'll be using the study guide, "Prayer – An Adventure with God". We will actually be doing the first study that night. If you need a study guide please contact Marg Christians or email Christiansdm@comcast.net and we'll make arrangements to get one to you. The cost is \$5.00. This is a 12 week study on twelve different Bible characters and how prayer impacted their lives. Please join us for a time of Bible study, learning together and prayer. Feel free to invite a friend!

THURSDAY MORNING COFFEE BREAK: Come join us on Thursday mornings, from 9:30-11:30 beginning January 25 for our study on the video series, "Twelve Women of the Bible." This is an interesting study of how the lives of women of the Bible are much like our lives and what we can learn from them. Come and enjoy the study, fellowship, and refreshments. All women are invited. Invite a friend to come and enjoy this study with you. For more information, please see Michelle Hoyt or Gloria Ranney



BOOK CLUB: Book Club will meet Friday, January 26, 2018, at 7:30 PM in Fellowship Hall. Short Nights of the Shadow Catcher: The Epic Life and Immortal Photographs of Edward Curtis by Timothy Egan will be discussed. Edward Curtis was a charismatic, passionate mountaineer and a famous portrait photographer. In 1900 at the age of thirty-two, he went out to capture on film the continent's inhabitants before the old ways disappeared. Curtis documented the stories and rituals of more than eighty North American tribes. He put together more than 40,000 photographs and 10,000 audio recordings. With only a grade school education, Curtis created the most definitive archive of the American Indian. Cal Hulstein will lead the discussion. Refreshments will be provided by Deb Poolman. All are invited to come for an interesting evening. If you have questions, phone Anne.

CHURCH RENEWAL LAB EVENT: The *Time to Remember* Church Renewal Lab event, originally scheduled for next Sunday, January 28, will be rescheduled. More details will be coming soon!

RENEWAL LAB DAILY BIBLE READINGS: One of the ways we can all participate in the Church Renewal Lab on an ongoing basis is through reading one chapter of the Bible each day, five days out of seven, and pondering a question intended to help us think through what we've just read and how it applies both to our life together and our life as part of our broader neighborhoods and community. This week's readings are found on the back of today's sermon outline bulletin insert. We will also begin posting the daily readings on the church website (www.ascrc.org) this week.

WINTER PRAYER CHALLENGE: Avery Street ordinarily has a Sunday afternoon prayer meeting on the first Sunday of each month. However, this month our prayer challenge is for all of us to take time to pray specifically for the families on our street or in our neighborhood at least three times each week through the end of the month. Pray for marriages and families, for known and unknown needs, for children and those who are older, for opportunities to meet or help those you don't know, and for "divine appointments" to share your faith or invite those without a church home to come with you to Avery Street. This is also a key part of our focus as we work through the Church Renewal Lab, because it is necessary for us to know the needs of people around us in order to serve them in Christ's name. Thank you in advance for your willingness to pray for God to bless and touch the lives of those who live near you!

JANUARY SERIES – The January Series concludes this week at 12:30 PM each day. Refreshments provided each day.

Monday
January 22

Kevin Palau

“Unlikely: Exploring Partnership between Churches and Cities”

Kevin Palau is the son of international evangelist Luis Palau. He joined the family business, the Luis Palau Association, in 1985 and began directing the day-to-day operation of the ministry in the late 1990s. Under his leadership, LPA has produced some of the largest Christian events ever staged, created a worldwide network of hundreds of partner evangelists, and developed new models for citywide outreach that integrate major community service initiatives with open-air evangelistic gatherings. Kevin is also the founding editor of GospelMovements.org. He holds a degree in religious studies from Wheaton College and lives in Beaverton, Oregon, with his wife, Michelle, and their three children.

Tuesday
January 23

John Swinton

“Becoming Friends of Time: Disability, Timefulness, and Gentle Discipleship”

John Swinton is a Scottish theologian and former psychiatric nurse. He is professor in Practical Theology and Pastoral Care and Chair in Divinity and Religious Studies at the University of Aberdeen. He is also founder of the university's Centre for Spirituality, Health and Disability. John is an ordained minister of the Church of Scotland and Master of Christ's College, the university's theological college. He is a major figure in the development of disability theology. In 2016 he was awarded the Michael Ramsey Prize for theological writing for his book *Dementia: Living in the memories of God*. In 2017, his most recent book *Becoming Friends of Time: Time, Disability and the Art of Gentle Discipleship* won the award of merit for theology and ethics in the *Christianity Today* book awards. It was named “one of the books most likely to shape evangelical life, thought, and culture.” John is married with five children and lives in the city of Aberdeen.

LIFE GROUP FORMATION 2018: Life Groups are being offered again starting in February! Below is what is being offered. Further details regarding LifeGroups will be forthcoming. If you have any questions feel free to contact Ed VanderLeest.

Community of God by Ray VanderLaan

Doug and Marg Christians will host a LifeGroup. This group will meet the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month, beginning on the 3rd Friday of February and ending on the first Friday of May for a total of 6 meetings. The material will use 6 sessions from Ray VanderLaan's latest videos that deal with what it means to be the community of God.

Crazy Love by Francis Chan

A second group is planning to meet at Toby and Joyce Lewis's house. They are planning to start in February and will plan to host a video series based on Francis Chan's best seller, “Crazy Love”.

VALET SERVICE AT AVERY STREET! During the winter months we are offering valet service to help people with parking and entry into the church through the snow and ice. There will be someone at the front door to help usher people in. If needed we can park your car also, just let the attendant know. There will be a schedule next week of attendants. Stay warm and let us help you. If you would like to be an attendant let me know, Ed VanderLeest, ruurdvanderleest@gmail.com.

CHILI BAKEOFF RETURNING TO AVERY STREET CHURCH! After an absence of several years, the chili bakeoff is returning to ASC by popular demand. Break out your favorite chili recipe and enter it into the chili bakeoff which will take place on Saturday, February 17th. If chili dishes are not your forte, please consider bringing an appetizer or dessert for the evening festivities. Sign-up sheets will be available in the narthex next Sunday. Additional details will be provided as we get closer to the event.

SENIORS AGE 55 AND OVER: Our first 2018 luncheon will be at Maggie McFly's Restaurant, Buckland Hills Mall, on Thursday, February 1st, at 12:30 PM. Please let Jim Childs know if you plan to attend so we can provide the restaurant with an accurate count. Thank you!

This Week's Calendar

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Tuesday	(5:00-10:00 PM)	(MRPF)(Church)
Wednesday	8:30AM 7:00 PM	Men's Life (Emeralds) Choir
Thursday	6:45 AM 9:30 AM	Man-to-Man (FH) Coffee Break
	4:30 PM	GEMS (Room A)
Friday	6:30-7:30 AM	Men's Bible Study (Admin)

Next Week's Calendar

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BANNER: Writers: freelance opportunity, apply now. - Hey, have you seen the new Banner? The monthly publication of the Christian Reformed Church and its website (thebanner.org) have just had a makeover. We're looking for new writers to contribute to our news section with stories of our congregations, ministries, and members. Coaching is available. Inquire about joining our correspondent team at news@thebanner.org and our news editor will get back to you.

CHURCH COUNCIL

Administrative Council

Elders: Cal Hulstein, President
Doug Christians, Clerk

Deacon: Kevin Crawford

Shepherding Elders and Deacons

District 1 (A-F)

Elder: Ed VanderLeest
Deacon: Sue Brownell

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Elder: Gloria Ranney
Deacon: John Hibm

District 3 (M-Ra)

Elder: David Van Deusen
Deacon: Sandra Dominguez

District 4 (Re-Z)

Elder: Tony Liebl
Deacon: Annie Rentz

MINISTRY MANAGEMENT TEAM

Elder Doug Christians, Chair
Chris Kloter, Adult Ministries Team Leader
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John Drohan, Worship Ministries Team Leader
Mike Ohliger, Congregational Life Team Leader

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Dave Poolman (644-2731)
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Jermayne & Meredith Chapman, Indianapolis, Indiana
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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