

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



NEXT SUNDAY

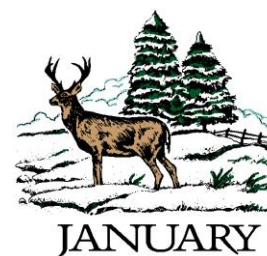
Toby Lewis will be our guest preacher.

MINISTRIES FOR AVERY STREET CHURCH HOSPITALITY

Praying Elder
Ed VanderLeest

North Door Elder
Gloria Ranney

Offertory Deacon
Sue Brownell



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

Coffee Servers: This week: Joe & Alicia Christians
Next Week: Judith Collar and Sandra Dominguez

Children's Worship: Michelle Hoyt and Jen Hulstein

*** * * 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.

1/28/18 & 2/4/18
9:15 AM
Sunday School
Page Volunteer

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

2/4/18
10:30 AM
Worship Service
Damaris Torres
Brooke Nelson
(Annie Rentz 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

PASTOR DAVE: Pastor Dave will be in Florida next weekend (Feb 3-8) for the More and Better Conference, which is part of our participation in the Renewal Lab. If you need pastoral care while he is gone, please contact your district Elder or Deacon. Next week Sunday morning Toby Lewis will be preaching and bringing God's Word to us.

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. Daily readings can also be found on the church website (www.ascrc.org).

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

VALET PARKING: Valet Parking at church is here. If you need any help getting through the parking lot, just drive up to the front door, an attendant will help you. If you have any questions feel free to call Ed VanderLees, Eric Rentz, or Tim VanderVos.

BIBLES: A few weeks ago we were blessed with the gift of new Bibles in the church sanctuary. We are happy to be able to share the news that all of the old Bibles that were taken from the sanctuary will be going to Rochester, NY, at the request of Rochester Christian Reformed Church. There are several women's shelters plus a homeless shelter in the Rochester area who have requested Bibles to give to those who stay there, and they are very happy to have ours! Pastor Dave will be taking the Bibles to the next classis meeting, where delegates from Rochester will receive them and see that they get to the shelters.



If you or someone you know has lost a spouse, child, family member or friend, it may be hard for you or them to feel optimistic about the future right now. That's the reason for **GriefShare**, a special 13 week seminar and support group for people grieving the loss of someone close. Each **GriefShare** session includes a workbook, video seminar and group discussion. **GriefShare** is a nondenominational group and features biblical teaching on grief and recovery topics. Please join us on Sundays, Feb. 4-April 29, 4:00-5:30 pm at Avery Street Church. This journey of grief doesn't have to be walked alone. Contact **Heather Brindisi, Marg Christians, Judith Collar, Gloria Ranney or Sandra Dominguez** GriefShare leaders for more information.

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!

CHILI COOK-OFF – Additional Details as Promised: The chili cook-off, slated for February 17th, will begin at 5:30 and end approximately at 7:30. We are looking for 10 to 15 entries into the chili competition. Those submitting entries should bring them to the fellowship hall by 5:00 along with an extension cord. We are also looking for several power strips which, along with the extension cords, will keep the entries warm throughout the evening. Any appetizers and desserts should be brought in before 5:15. A sign-up sheet is currently in the narthex. Please sign up no later than Sunday, February 11th, so our committee can plan accordingly. Looking forward to another great evening of fellowship!

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 (860-756-6440) know if you plan to attend so we can provide the restaurant with an accurate count. Thank you!

LIFE GROUP FORMATION 2018: Life Groups are being offered again starting in February! Below is what is being offered. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex. Any questions ask 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".

<u>This Week's Calendar</u>		
Sunday 1/28/18	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
	(7:30 PM)	(NA)(FH)
Monday	7:00 PM	Coffee Break (FH)
Tuesday	(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 PM	GEMS (Room A)
Friday	6:30-7:30 AM	Men's Bible Study (Admin)

<u>Next Week's Calendar</u>		
Sunday 2/4/18	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
	4:00 PM	GriefShare (FH)
	7:30 PM	(NA)(FH)
Monday	7:00 PM	Coffee Break
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Council (Admin)
	(5:00-10:00 PM)	(MRPF)(Church)
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FROM CALVIN COLLEGE

JUSTICE BIBLE STUDY - Calvin College is offering a Bible study on the theme of justice for 7 weeks, beginning on February 1. Seven different writers from the Calvin and wider church community have addressed such topics as race, pro-life, creation care, and poverty from a biblical perspective. All studies are available for download (pdf) at www.calvin.edu/faith. At Calvin, we equip students to think deeply, act justly and live wholeheartedly as Christ's agents of renewal in the world. This study looks at what "act justly" really means. Join us!

ENCOURAGE EACH OTHER: The Bible says in 1 Thessalonians 5:11, "Encourage one another and build each other up." As we minister and worship and experience God's presence together, we have wonderful opportunities to do that. The yellow encouragement cards in the pew racks are an easy way to recognize someone when you are touched by their words or work or life. Fill out a card and place it in the offering plate and it will be given to the person identified. This helps to make our church community richer and stronger.

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

District 2 (G-L)

Elder: Gloria Ranney
Deacon: John Hibma

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
Jean Ohliger, Children/Youth Team Leader
Dave Hiskes, Support Ministries Team Leader
John Drohan, Worship Ministries Team Leader
Mike Ohliger, Congregational Life Team Leader

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Dave Poolman (644-2731)
Church Secretary: Bev Kaldy (644-2731)
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Treasurer: Shirley Mannheim
Sonshine Ministry: Melanie Smedley
Rides Coordinator: Lucy Berghuis

Jim & Josephine Zylstra, Tanzania
Rev. Timothy & Wilma Palmer, Nigeria

FAITH PROMISE MISSIONARIES
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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