



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

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**THIS SUNDAY**

Toby Lewis will be our guest preacher.

Scripture: Matthew 5:20



**NEXT SUNDAY**

Scripture: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23; Colossians 1:28-2:7

Message: "The Best Time to Plant a Tree"

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**MINISTRIES FOR AVERY STREET CHURCH HOSPITALITY**

Praying Elder  
Gloria Ranney

North Door Elder  
David Van Deusen

Offertory Deacon  
John Hibma

**Greeters:** Paula Raymond and Judith Collar

**Ushers:** Sal & Cathy Cerrigione

**Coffee Servers: This week:** Joe & Alicia Christians

**Next Week:** Judith Collar and Sandra Dominguez

**Children's Worship:** Greg Fopma and Shaelyn Nelson

**\* \* \* 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.

2/4/18 & 2/11/18  
**9:15 AM**  
Sunday School  
Page Volunteer

2/4/18  
**10:30 AM**  
Worship Service  
Damaris Torres  
Brooke Nelson  
(Annie Rentz on call  
infants)

2/11/18  
**10:30 AM**  
Worship Service  
Deb Poolman  
Jean Ohliger  
(Chris Kloter on call  
infants)

**\* \* \* 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 Rich O'Neill or email him at [roneill28@cox.net](mailto: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 is in Florida, where he is attending the *More and Better Conference* as part of our participation in the Renewal Lab. He expects to return home Thursday evening. If you need pastoral care while he is gone, please contact your district Elder or Deacon. This 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 an insert in today's bulletin. Daily readings can also be found on the church website ([www.ascrc.org](http://www.ascrc.org)).

**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 VanderLeest, Eric Rentz, or Tim VanderVos.

**YOUNG FAMILIES FELLOWSHIP:** On Sunday, February 11, we'll be having a fellowship lunch after church in the Fellowship Hall for young families in the congregation. The focus is on people in their 30's and 40's (and into their 50's). This will be a very informal time to eat lunch together, have a few laughs, and get to know each other better. People should generally plan to bring food for their family, and perhaps something to share as well if you'd like (although that's not necessary). Please contact Joe Christians with any questions ([joe.christians@att.net](mailto:joe.christians@att.net)). Hope to see you there!

**CHILI COOK-OFF – Additional Details as Promised:** The chili cook-off, slated for February 17<sup>th</sup>, 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 11<sup>th</sup>, so our committee can plan accordingly. Looking forward to another great evening of fellowship!



GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone. Each of the 13 weeks has three components: View the video, discuss the workbook "From Mourning to Joy," and group discussion time. People who are grieving face many deep emotions that may be difficult to untangle. At GriefShare there is a way to face grief from a healthy outlook. Each circumstance is different and each person will approach grief from a unique and personal perspective. If you or someone you know is grieving the loss of a loved one or friend, GriefShare may be the place to find out how God can start to heal the hurt and loneliness. **GriefShare starts today, Feb. 4-April 29 from 4:00-5:30 pm** at Avery Street Church. For more information or to pre-register, please see Marg Christians, Judith Collar, Sandra Dominguez or Gloria Ranney, GriefShare leaders.

February 4, 2018

Session 1

Is This Normal?

Why your grief experience is harder  
than you imagined

Why the intensity & duration of your emotions  
are normal & appropriate

Despite how you feel right now, there is reason  
for hope

**BREAKING BARRIERS TO END HUNGER!** World Renew invites you to join us in changing the story of communities around the world. Through daily devotions and activities you can gather with your family to learn how God is moving families beyond poverty, hunger and oppression and equipping them with skills to succeed. Join us on February 25 for this year's World Hunger Sunday.

**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".

**BOOK CLUB:** Book Club will meet on Friday, February 23, at 7:30 PM in Fellowship Hall. Mike Ohliger will lead the discussion on the book "The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics" by Daniel James Brown. Out of the depths of the Depression comes an irresistible true story about beating the odds and finding hope in the most desperate of times. It is the improbable, intimate account of how nine working-class boys from the American West showed the world at the 1936 Olympics in Berlin what true grit really meant. Refreshments will be provided by Marg Christians. All are invited for an interesting evening. If you have questions, phone Anne Hulstein.

<b><u>This Week's Calendar</u></b>		
<b>Sunday 2/4/18</b>	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
	4:00 PM	GriefShare (FH)
	7:30 PM	(NA)(FH)
<b>Monday</b>	7:00 PM	Coffee Break
<b>Tuesday</b>	7:00 PM	Council (Admin)
	(5:00-10:00 PM)	(MRPF)(Church)
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:30AM	Men's Life (Emeralds)
	7:00 PM	Choir
<b>Thursday</b>	6:45 AM	Man-to-Man (FH)
	9:30 AM	Coffee Break
	4:30 PM	GEMS (Room A)
<b>Friday</b>	6:30-7:30 AM	Men's Bible Study (Admin)

<b><u>Next Week's Calendar</u></b>		
<b>Sunday 2/11/18</b>	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
	12:00-4:00 PM	Young Families (FH)
	4:00 PM	GriefShare (FH)
	(7:30 PM)	(NA)(FH)
<b>Monday</b>	7:00 PM	Coffee Break (FH)
<b>Tuesday</b>	7:00 PM	Elders & Deacons (Admin)
	(5:00-10:00 PM)	(MRPF)(Church)
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:30 AM	Men's Life (Emeralds)
<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	7:00 PM	Choir
<b>Thursday</b>	6:45 AM	Man-to-Man (FH)
	9:30 AM	NO Coffee Break
	4:30 PM	GEMS (Room A)
<b>Friday</b>	6:30-7:30 AM	Men's Bible Study (Admin)
<b>Saturday</b>	5:00 PM	Chili Cook-Off (FH)

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**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)  
**Custodian:** Randy Wiggins & Michael May  
**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

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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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