

**W**ELCOME 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**

Scripture: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23; Colossians 1:28-2:7  
Message: "The Best Time to Plant a Tree"



**NEXT SUNDAY – First Sunday of Lent**

Scripture: Luke 23: 26-34  
Message: "The Plea for Forgiveness"

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**MINISTRIES FOR AVERY STREET CHURCH HOSPITALITY**

**Praying Elder**

David Van Deusen

**North Door Elder**

Doug Christians

**Offertory Deacon**

Kevin Crawford

**Greeters:** Paula Raymond and Judith Collar

**Ushers:** Sal & Cathy Cerrigione

**Coffee Servers: This week:** Kevin & Eileen Crawford

**Next Week:** John & Carol Drohan

**Children’s Worship:** Elisabeth Winkel and Drew Smedley

**\* \* \* 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.

**2/11/18 & 2/18/18**

**9:15 AM**

**Sunday School**

Page Volunteer

**2/11/18**

**10:30 AM**

**Worship Service**

Deb Poolman  
Jean Ohliger  
(Chris Kloter on call  
infants)

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**Worship Service**

Judith Collar  
Melanie Smedley  
(Teresa VanderLeest  
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**

**THANK YOU:** With grateful hearts we thank the congregation for the love shown to us over the past few weeks. Your cards, phone calls, visits, prayers, encouraging words, meals, and volunteer efforts for Peter Sr.'s memorial service were greatly appreciated. We've been blessed by our church family, and although this time is difficult, we've been comforted by your many gestures of love. With love and thanks, the Ferwerda family.

**LENTEN SOUPS:** Lenten Soups are here again. So come and join in the fellowship right after church services on the following Sundays, Feb.25, Mar. 11 and Mar. 25. We need at least 10 soups or more per date so sign up in the Narthex if you are willing to bring soups. All are welcome to come. Any questions call Teresa VanderLeest or Mike Ohliger.

**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:** Today 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 see Joe Christians with any questions. Hope to see you there!

**GRIEFSHARE:** We have a young mother coming to GriefShare who has four children. We are looking for people who may be willing to come and be in the nursery with them while she comes to GriefShare. It could be people who are willing to take turns from 4:00-5:30 on Sunday afternoons. If you feel that you can help out this mom, please contact Gloria Ranney.

**WORLD HUNGER SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 25:** Families in many parts of the world are working hard to break barriers that have kept them in a cycle of poverty and hunger. Through your **Peter Fish** contributions you are helping these families learn ways to improve their lives and write a new story that is filled with hope and promise. This week, please continue to read about God's work breaking the barrier of chronic hunger. Then bring your **Peter Fish** banks to church on February 25 as we commemorate World Hunger Sunday. **There will also be a second offering taken on February 25.**

**CHILI COOK-OFF:** 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 today so our committee can plan accordingly. Looking forward to another great evening of fellowship!

**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.

**SENIORS AGE 55 AND OVER:** Our next "Out to Lunch Bunch" luncheon will be at the Track 139 Restaurant, 139 Broad Street, Windsor, CT on Thursday March 1st at 12:30 PM. Sandy & Paul are recommending this restaurant. Please let me know by email if you plan to attend so I can provide the restaurant with an accurate count. Thank you!

**CHURCH E-MAIL ADDRESS:** The church e-mail address was changed to [averycrc@gmail.com](mailto:averycrc@gmail.com) a few months ago. All e-mails sent to the AOL address have been automatically forwarded to the new address so we do receive them. However, it is now taking longer for this to happen, and we will be phasing out the AOL address. Please update your address book and records with the current address: [averycrc@gmail.com](mailto:averycrc@gmail.com).

<u>Next Week's Calendar</u>		
<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	NO 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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	10:30 AM	April Piela Shower (FH)

February 11, 2018	
Session 2	
Challenges of Grief	<p>More eye-opening reasons why your pain is so overwhelming</p> <p>Some of the overlooked, yet common, effects of grief has on your mind</p> <p>How to get things done when you don't feel like you have any energy</p>

