

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 – First Sunday of Lent

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



NEXT SUNDAY – Second Sunday of Lent

Scripture: Luke 23:32-43
Message: “The Promise of Pardon”

MINISTRIES FOR AVERY STREET CHURCH HOSPITALITY

Praying Elder
Doug Christians

North Door Elder
Cal Hulstein

Offertory Deacon
Annie Rentz

Greeters: Paula Raymond and Judith Collar
Ushers: Sal & Cathy Cerrigione



Coffee Servers: This week: John & Carol Drohan
Next Week: Kathy Dzen and Dawn Faber

Children’s Worship: Dave Hiskes 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.

2/18/18 & 2/25/18
9:15 AM
Sunday School
Page Volunteer

2/18/18
10:30 AM
Worship Service
Judith Collar
Melanie Smedley
(Teresa VanderLeest on call infants)

2/25/18
10:30 AM
Worship Service
Judy Straayer
Drew Smedley
(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

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: This past week many of us finished reading through the book of Acts—if you haven't finished, there is still time to do so before the next round of readings through Ephesians and Colossians begins after Easter. In the meantime, please continue to ponder the questions with which we ended Acts: *What did I learn about the New Testament church while reading through Acts? How can we be as persistent in preaching the gospel and making disciples as the early church was? What Holy Spirit-inspired thoughts came to me while reading that I would like to share with our Church Renewal Lab team?* Please forward your thoughts and ideas to Pastor Dave, Brad Sylvester, or Sandy James.

SAVE THE DATE! The *Time to Remember* Church Renewal Lab lunch will be held on Saturday, March 3, from noon to 2 pm in the church Fellowship Hall. The main reason for this event is to enjoy a fun, casual event in which we reflect on and celebrate what God has done through the story of Avery Street Church, remember God's faithfulness, and think about what kind of community we are and what spiritual values have been and should continue to be important to us. We would love to be able to offer child care at this event; if you would be willing to help with that please let Pastor Dave know (860-644-2731). In order to help our Support Team know how much food to provide, please sign up on the sheets that have been placed in the main lobby. Young or old, long-time members or those new to Avery who aren't members yet—all are welcome!

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!

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.**

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!

THE DINNERS FOR EIGHT CONTINUE IN MARCH AND APRIL: The "Dinners for Eight" program picks up again in March. A sign-up sheet is available in the narthex today and next Sunday for the March Dinners for Eight. We are looking for those willing to host the dinner as well as those who wish to participate. These dinners are a great opportunity for fellowship and for getting to know better some people who you may not know as well as you would like. Please give some thought to participating in these dinners which have proven to be a great success in the past and sign up quickly. Groups of eight will be formed after the February 25th service and those who are hosting will notify the others in the group with additional details. The sign-up sheet for April will be available later in March. Come and have fun!

DRIVERS NEEDED: We have two volunteers for drivers and would like to have a few more for our team to call when needed. Please consider this and let me know if you are willing to volunteer. You can email me, Sandra Dominguez, doming871@aol.com or let your deacon know. Thank you for your service.

GRIEF SHARE: 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.

CHURCH E-MAIL ADDRESS: The church e-mail address was changed to 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.

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.

<u>This Week's Calendar</u>		
Sunday 2/18/18	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
	4:00 PM	GriefShare (FH)
	7:30 PM	(NA)(FH)
Monday	7:00 PM	NO Coffee Break
Tuesday	7:00 PM	MMT (Admin)
	(5:00-10:00 PM)	(MRPF)(Church)
Wednesday	8:30AM	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)
	7:30 PM	Book Club (FH)
Saturday	10:30 AM	April Piela Shower (FH)

<u>Next Week's Calendar</u>		
Sunday 2/25/18	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	World Hunger 10:30 AM	Worship Service
	Sunday 4:00 PM	GriefShare (FH)
	(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)
Ash Wednesday	7:00 PM	Choir
	Thursday	6:45 AM
Friday	9:30 AM	Coffee Break
	4:30 PM	GEMS (Room A)
	6:30-7:30 AM	Men's Bible Study (Admin)
Saturday	12:00 Noon-2:00 PM	Renewal Luncheon (FH)



February 18, 2018
Session 3
The Journey of Grief
Part I

Helpful goals to set on your journey of grief
How to deal with those who try to rush you through your grief
How long the journey of grief typically lasts

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

FAITH PROMISE MISSIONARIES

Jermayne & Meredith Chapman, Indianapolis, Indiana

Bruce & Pam Johnson, Japan

Jim & Josephine Zylstra, Tanzania

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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