

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 – Second Sunday of Lent

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



NEXT SUNDAY – Third Sunday of Lent

Scripture: John 19:25-27
Message: “The Provision of Love”

MINISTRIES FOR AVERY STREET CHURCH HOSPITALITY

Praying Elder
Cal Hulstein

North Door Elder
Gloria Ranney

Offertory Deacon
Sandra Dominguez

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



Coffee Servers: This week: Kathy Dzen and Dawn Faber

Children’s Worship: Michelle Hoyt 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.

2/25/18 & 3/4/18
9:15 AM
Sunday School
Page Volunteer

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

WORLD HUNGER SUNDAY: Today, on World Hunger Sunday, we bring our offerings to God and ask Him to use them to supply the needs of those living in poverty through the work of World Renew. To learn more about how your gift will be used to equip people around the world, visit www.worldrenew.net.

LENTEN SOUPS: Lenten Soups are here again. So come and join in the fellowship right after church services today, 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.



CONGRATULATIONS: Congratulations to Brendan and Betsy Flynn, and grandparents John and Lois Hibma, as they welcome Sydney Jane Flynn born on February 16. *We praise God with them, and pray that Sydney will grow healthy and strong and become a woman of God as she grows older.*

PASTOR DAVE: Pastor Dave will be out of town from Tuesday through Friday this coming week, as he mentors distance learning students at Calvin Theological Seminary in Grand Rapids, MI. If you need pastoral care in the meantime, please contact your district Elder or Deacon.

RENEWAL LAB DAILY BIBLE READINGS: Last Sunday we announced that the next round of daily Bible readings wouldn't begin until after Easter, but our Avery Street Renewal Lab Team decided afterwards that they would like to continue to encourage all of us to get in the habit of daily Bible reading, if we're not already. Therefore, there is an insert in today's bulletin with the readings for this coming week; we continue with Ephesians, and will move on to Colossians after that.

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!

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 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. Groups of eight will be formed after today's 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!

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!

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.

This Week's Calendar

Sunday 2/25/18	9:15 AM	Sunday School
World Hunger	10:30 AM	Worship Service
Sunday		Lenten Soup (FH)
	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	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)
Saturday	12:00 Noon-2:00 PM	Renewal Luncheon (FH)

Next Week's Calendar

Sunday 3/4/18	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)
Wednesday	8:30AM	Men's Life (Emeralds)
	7:00 PM	Choir
Thursday	6:45 AM	Man-to-Man (FH)
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February 25, 2018
 Session 4
 The Journey of Grief
 Part II

Why it's important to put effort into your healing
 How the events surrounding your loved one's
 death affect your grief
 The best ways to deal with your loved one's
 belongings

From Calvin Theological Seminary

PAUL'S MISSIONARY JOURNEYS IN GREECE - (Oct 4-16, 2018): Travel by motor coach (8 days) and cruise ship (3 days) to sites connected with Paul's second and third missionary journeys, as well as visit other major sites of biblical, archaeological, and cultural interest. Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading Pauline scholar, hosts this inspirational tour. For more information, contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or weimje@calvinseminary.edu.



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CHURCH STAFF

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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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