

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: Matthew 20:16,20-28
Message: "Home Improvement (III): Serving"



NEXT SUNDAY

Scripture: Deuteronomy 6:4-9
Message: "Home Improvement (IV): Vision"

MINISTRIES FOR AVERY STREET CHURCH HOSPITALITY

Praying Elder
Steve Zielinski

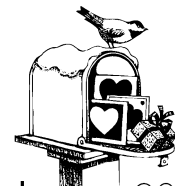
North Door Elder
Cal Hulstein

Offertory Deacon
Kevin Crawford

Greeters: Judith Collar and Mary Lou Powers
Ushers: Sal & Cathy Cerrigione

Coffee Servers: **This Week:** Greg & Melanie Fopma
Next Week: Bill & Jane Forbes

Children's Worship: Elisabeth Winkel and Judith Collar



February 2019

*** * * 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.

2/3/19 & 2/10/19
9:15 AM
Sunday School
Page Volunteer

2/3/19
10:30 AM
Worship Service
Melanie Smedley
Lydia Smedley
(Daniela Gore on call
infants)

2/10/19
10:30 AM
Worship Service
Ariana Lewis
Brandon Nelson
(Judy Straayer 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

WEDDING: The VanderLeests and the Hulsteins would like to joyfully invite the congregation to Anna and Neal's wedding ceremony on February 9 at 2pm in the church sanctuary.



OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY: We offer our Christian sympathy to Andrea Strickland and her family, as they mourn the unexpected passing of Andrea's daughter, Megan, on January 25. *"We pray that our God will put His arms of love and grace around you as you mourn the passing of your daughter. We promise you our continuing prayers and support."*

COMMUNION: Next week Sunday morning, February 10, we will celebrate the **Lord's Supper** together as part of our worship. Please be sure to take time this week for prayer and spiritual preparation, so that you come ready to participate in the sacrament in a God-honoring way (1 Corinthians 11:23-29).

DENOMINATIONAL SURVEY: Avery Street Church is a member congregation in the Christian Reformed Church in North America (CRCNA). Since 1992, the denomination has been conducting periodic surveys of member churches to listen to individual church members, gauge the effectiveness of the CRCNA's work, and assist in future planning. We have been asked to participate in this year's survey, *Our Journey 2020*, and it is very important that as many people from our congregation as possible participate. Please visit www.crcna.org/survey and answer the survey questions by February 28. If you have any questions, or if you need assistance accessing the online survey, please contact Pastor Dave. If you prefer to use a paper copy of the survey, a few of those are available on the credenza in the church lobby; once complete, those need to be mailed in one of the envelopes provided with the survey.

COFFEE BREAK: "WALKING WITH GOD IN THE DESERT" -- Monday Evening Coffee Break Bible Study for Women starting **February 4** in the church fellowship hall. We'll be guided by Ray Vander Laan (video) on an interactive journey with the Israelites after they left Egypt and discover how God walked with and cared for them in the desert (Exodus). Each evening will include a video presentation and time for small group discussion on applicable Bible passages and prayer. Refreshments will be served. Join us in learning how God walks with us today in our "desert times" of life. Questions? Contact Marg Christians at Christiansdm@comcast.net. Bring a friend and discover together!

COFFEE BREAK: "BECOMING A KINGDOM OF PRIESTS IN A PRODIGAL WORLD"- Thursday morning Coffee Break Bible Study, starting **February 7**, 9:30-11:00 AM. God gave the assignment to His people thousands of years ago: to bring "lost sheep" back into the love and safety of His kingdom. He said to become a "Kingdom of Priests," and put God on display to show the world what He is like. It's still our task today. Each week there will be a video by Ray Vander Laan. There will be a discussion of the video and time for prayer. Join us on Thursday mornings for refreshments, friends and bible study. For more information, please contact Gloria Ranney granney1@gmail.com or Michelle Hoyt mmhoyt@cox.net. Invite a friend and come together.

GRIEF SHARE: Are you or a friend walking the journey of grief alone due to the death of a loved one? Come to GriefShare where you will find others who are walking this same journey. GriefShare is an international grief support group of 13 weeks, each week consisting of a video by experts who have gone through their own grief. Each video deals with an aspect of grief and how healing can begin. These Winter/Spring sessions start today, February 3-April 28. Come and find comfort and healing from the hurt of the loss of your loved one. Throughout the ten years that Avery Street Church has been presenting GriefShare, many people have said that without GriefShare they would not have been able to cope with the deep pain of grief.

Sunday afternoons- 4:00-5:30 PM.

For more information contact Marg Christians, Judith Collar, Sandra Dominguez or Gloria Ranney.



February 3, 2019

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

Renewal Lab Daily Bible Readings: There is an insert in today's bulletin with the readings for this coming week; readings are also posted on the church website (www.ascrc.org).

BOOK CLUB: Book Club will meet on Friday, February 22, at 7:30pm in Fellowship Hall. Since Cal was not well and able to lead the book in January, we will discuss Martin Luther by Eric Metaxas in February. Heather Brindisi will provide refreshments. All are welcome to join us for the evening.

CLOSET CLEAN OUT!!

Some items from the Children and Youth closet and the VBS closet in the basement have been moved into the main basement. There are some old toys, previous curriculum, craft supplies and kits, and many odds and ends.

Please feel free to look at these items and take anything that you want! The items will be "on display" until the end of February. At that time decisions will be made regarding donation or discarding of the items.

Children going to the basement need to be accompanied by an adult.

Thanks very much. See Jean Ohliger if you have any questions.

<u>This Week's Calendar</u>		
Sunday 2/3/19	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
	4:00 PM	GriefShare (FH)
	6:00 PM	Prayer Meeting
	(6:00 PM)	(N/A)(Room A)
	(7:30 PM)	(N/A)(FH)
Monday	7:00 PM	Coffee Break
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Council (Admin)
	(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)
	4:30 PM	GEMS (Room A)
Friday	6:30-7:30 AM	Men's Bible Study (Admin)
		Rehearsal
Saturday	2:00 PM	Anna and Neal Wedding

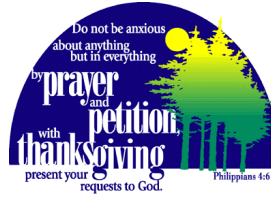
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	7:00 PM	Choir
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	6:45 AM	Man-to-Man (FH)
	9:30 AM	Coffee Break
Friday	4:30 PM	GEMS (Room A)
		Adult CRL Discipleship (Room A)
		Men's Bible Study (Admin)

From Faith Formation Ministries

Family Faith Formation Tip - In the book Family: The Forming Center, Marjorie Thompson observes that the Christian home is a sacred shelter where parents and caregivers can reflect God's love to children through presence (being there), acceptance, affirmation, accountability, forgiveness, and hospitality. How can you help your kids' faith grow in the everyday-ness of life? (Faith Formation Ministries; crcna.org/FaithFormation)

From Resonate Global Mission

Urgent Need for Missionaries - How is God calling you to spread the gospel? Resonate has an urgent need for people to step into ministry in North America and throughout the world. You might be surprised by how God can use your knowledge, skills, and abilities to expand his kingdom. Explore volunteer and career opportunities by visiting resonateglobalmission.org/go.



Prayers for our nation and world

- Pray for those who have suffered from this past week’s frigid weather. Pray especially for those who are homeless and those whose jobs require them to work outside even when the weather is bad.
- Pray for the leaders of our nation to be able to find ways to work together and do what is best for all of us. Pray that all of us will be able to show love and grace to those we may disagree with.

Prayers for our church family and friends

- Continue to pray for healing for Pat Burke’s son **Peter**, who recently underwent cancer-related surgery.
- Pray that effective treatment can be found for **Ken Johnson**’s back pain, and that he will respond well to in-home care.
- Continue to pray for **Jane McNary**, as she recovers at home. Progress is slow, and she is often too tired to have visitors. Pray for a full recovery.
- Pray for God to comfort **Andrea Strickland** and her family, as they mourn the unexpected passing of Andrea’s daughter, **Megan**, on January 25.
- Pray for all who deal with ongoing physical, mental, emotional, or spiritual challenges, as well as for their family members, friends, and others who provide care.

Prayers for God’s work in the world

- Pray for missionary **Tim Palmer**, who remains tired, weak, and in pain. Pray that God will strengthen his faith and comfort Tim and his family.
- Pray for missionary **Bruce Johnson**, as he struggles with Meniere’s Disease.
- Pray for **Bruce and Pamela Johnson** serving in Japan.

CHURCH COUNCIL

Administrative Council

Elders: Cal Hulstein, President
Steve Zielinski, Clerk
Deacon: Kevin Crawford

Shepherding Elders and Deacons

District 1 (A-F)

Elder: Bill Nelson 872-5419
Deacon: Sue Brownell 871-8770

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Elder: Gloria Ranney 874-1295
Deacon: John Hibma 648-4605

District 3 (M-Ra)

Elder: David Van Deusen 644-7593
Deacon: Sandra Dominguez 871-1887

District 4 (Re-Z)

Elder: Tony Liebl 871-8463
Deacon: Henry Huizinga 645-9270

MINISTRY MANAGEMENT TEAM

Elder Steve Zielinski, Chair
Carol Drohan, 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: Doug Christians
Sonshine Ministry: Carol Hulstein
Rides Coordinator: Lucy Berghuis

FAITH PROMISE MISSIONARIES

Jermayne & Meredith Chapman, Orlando, Florida
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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