



**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 – Third Sunday of Advent**

Scripture: Luke 1:37  
Message: Light Through the Fog



**NEXT SUNDAY – Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Scripture: Isaiah 9:2-7; Matthew 11:28-30  
Message: Traveling Light

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**MINISTRIES FOR AVERY STREET CHURCH HOSPITALITY**

**Praying Elder**  
David Van Deusen

**North Door Elder**  
Barry Priest

**Offertory Deacon**  
Henry Huizinga

**Coffee Servers:** **This Week:** Brendan and Betsy Flynn  
**Next Week:** Bill and Jane Forbes



**Children’s Worship:** Heather Brindisi and Deb/Kelli Poolman

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**12/15/19**  
**10:30 AM**  
**Worship Service**  
Daniela Gore  
Emily Gore  
Kyra Fopma  
(Melanie Fopma on call  
infants)

**12/22/19**  
**10:30 AM**  
**Worship Service**  
Lois Hibma  
Mary Christians  
Amy Marcos  
(Teresa VanderLeest on  
call infants)

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.

**\* \* \* A U D I O E Q U I P M E N T \* \* \***

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**

**ADVENT:** Today is the third Sunday of the **Advent** season. Traditionally Advent has been a time for Christians to focus on preparation for Christmas and the celebration of Jesus' first coming as well as to remember and renew their desire for Jesus' second coming. This year's Advent sermons focus on the theme of light, remembering that Jesus is the Light of the world and of our lives.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** At last Sunday's congregational meeting, **Joy Ferwerda** was elected as a Shepherding Elder, taking the place of **Tony Liebl**, and **Sandy James** and **Eric Rentz** were elected as new Shepherding Deacons, taking the place of **John Hibma** and **Sandra Dominguez**. Installation of our new leaders is scheduled for Sunday, January 12. The congregation also approved the proposed 2020 operating budget as presented.

**ADVANCED NOTICE:** Our **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** will be held this year on Tuesday, December 24, at 6:00 p.m.

**NEW BIBLE STUDY:** Our newest Bible study will begin meeting on Monday, January 13. The study will be called "Prime Time" and will meet (weather permitting) in Room A on the second and fourth Mondays of the month from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The theme for spring and fall of 2020 is *Favorite Psalms* and will be led by Pastor Dave. Everyone is welcome to come, though this study is being provided especially for those who would prefer not to be out at night or who cannot attend one of our already-existing studies. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Dave.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE:** There will no Sunday School on Sunday, December 29.

**VALET SERVICE:** Several members of the church have been asked to consider helping to provide valet service during the winter months. If you received one of those requests, would you please put your reply in Gloria Ranney's mail slot as soon as possible? With the winter season here, there are a number of folks who really need this service, and it's also a great way to welcome and show hospitality to members and guests. Thank you!

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**YANKEE SWAP DINNER:** The sign-up sheet for the **YANKEE SWAP** dinner on January 11 is in the narthex today as well as a tentative schedule of events for the evening. We are looking for appetizers, main courses and desserts and are asking each family/couple/individual who signs up to bring two of those items. FYI – the Congregational Life Ministry will be providing a spiral ham to the dinner. Last year's event was a great success so come with a good appetite and an "interesting" gift for the swap.

**VERY ADVANCE NOTICE:** **Vacation Bible School** at Avery Street Church will be held August 3 to August 7 this coming summer. In addition, please note the Congregational picnic will be held August 2.



**This Week's Calendar**

<b>Sunday 12/15/19</b>	9:15 AM 10:30 AM <b>6:00 PM</b>	Sunday School Worship Service <b>Sunday School Christmas Pageant</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	7:00 PM (5:00-10:00 PM)	MMT (Admin) (MRPF)(Church)
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:00 AM 7:00 PM	Men's Life (Emeralds) Choir
<b>Thursday</b>	6:45 AM 4:30 PM	Man-to-Man (FH) GEMS (Room A)
<b>Friday</b>	6:30-7:30 AM	Men's Bible Study (Admin)

**Next Week's Calendar**

<b>Sunday 12/22/19</b>	9:15 AM 10:30 AM 7:00 PM	Sunday School Worship Service Paul Baloche Concert (Church)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>Christmas Eve Service</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Christmas Day</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	6:45 AM	Man-to-Man (FH)
<b>Friday</b>	6:30-7:30 AM	Men's Bible Study (Admin)

**From Calvin Theological Seminary**

Paul's Missionary Journeys in Greece - (April 2-14, 2020) 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.

