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Upcoming ARC
Camps & Events

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February 3-5

Couple's Retreat
February 17-18 (19)

Women's Retreat
March 23-25

Men's Retreat
April 20-21 (22)

ARC Family
Weekend
May, 2012
(actual date TBD)

Youth Camp
June 24-29

Kids Camp
June 29-July 1

Family Camp
July 29-August 4



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AFLC Leadership Retreats



AFLC Home Missions Director, Pastor Paul Nash addressed the 2012 Home Missions Conference.



Pastor Jerry Moan led the group in a Bible Study and prayer each morning. A special luncheon was provided by the Women's Mission Fellowship (WMF) for the Pastor's wives. A Banquet and communion service were also part of the program.



Daily insights and an opportunity to share your journey experiences can be found on the new 'ARC Blog' at <http://arcnotes.wordpress.com>.

Home Missions Conference

The AFLC Home Missions Leadership Retreat was held at the ARC January 16 & 17.

The Retreat started out with a Banquet Monday night with Pastor Jim Johnson bringing a message from God's Word.

Tuesday Eric Barger (www.ericbarger.com) was keynote speaker addressing the issues of the Emergent Church and other issues facing the Church in these perilous times.

The Retreat also offered opportunities for those in various aspects of the Home Missions program to network with each other.

AFLC Pastors & Wives Retreat

Over 125 Pastors & their wives descended on the ARC for the 2012 Pastors & Wives Retreat.

This years Retreat took a bit of a different approach than in years past. More time was given to each individual ministry within the AFLC for presentations regarding their ministry activities.

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Youth Workers Retreat

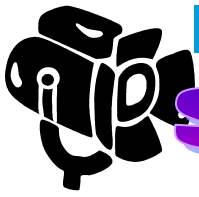
Seventy men and women spent January 20-22 at the ARC for the annual AFLC Youth Workers Retreat. The theme for this years retreat was "Encourage Hearts & Equip Hands".

This was a record number of people to attend this national conference designed to equip all those in our AFLC churches who work with teenagers.

21 Day Prayer Focus

The ARC Staff invites you to spend 21 days in prayer for our ministry. The 2012 Prayer Focus is centered around our 2012 ARC theme of "Follow Me" based on Mark 1:17.

A Prayer Focus journal is provided for you online at www.arc-aflc.org. This journal provides a daily verse, some meditation questions and prayer requests specific to the ARC ministry. There is also room to write your own thoughts as you progress through the journey.



Spotlight on the ARC



The economy has hit everyone hard and the ARC is no exception. As a result of smaller camps, fewer groups and higher operating costs the ARC leadership has been forced to make some pretty difficult decisions in the past few months.

Expect to see some significant changes but know that through this transitional period our mission remains the same, to provide a place where God's people can come away to a quiet place and be re-energized to go back to their families, churches and communities and make a difference.

If you have been thinking of supporting our ministry but haven't yet, this would be an excellent time to make that commitment to the ministry of the ARC provides to over 11,000 people every year. Thousands of lives have been changed for eternity and your gift helps us continue making a difference in the lives of people and their families. Your support enables us to continue to serve over 200 groups that use the ARC annually.

Donations can be made online (www.arc-aflc.org), or by mail (The ARC; 2372 30th Avenue; Osceola, WI 54020). For more information on how you may be able to help call Pat Flanders at 800-294-2877 or email him at pjfland@centurytel.net.

They're at it again!!



The 'Schwer Boys' Left to Right: (front) Bob Buhr; Paul Van Hovel; Warren Butzow, Jr.; Eilert Buhr, Jr.; Dennis Eilers; Dennis Van Hovel; Steve Lehman; Cliff Seldal; (back) Gene Vukonich; Bob Dietsche; Jerry Anderson.

Every year during Pastor's & Wives Retreat, for more than 15 years now, a group of men travel to the ARC from the Milford, IL area to play some cards, hobnob with some pastor's, and complete a volunteer project for the ARC.

These guys have refurbished buildings, built new rest-rooms, and a variety of other projects we couldn't get done without help.

This year's main project was to do some maintenance and build a new video booth in the gymnasium. Thank you guys for your dedication, friendship and work for the kingdom. You are truly **A**wesome **A**RC **V**olunteers (AAV's)!

If your group would like information on how you can be an AAV call Pat Flanders (800-294-2877) or email him at: pjfland@centurytel.net.

Room Changes Ahead!

New Beds for the ARC



The ARC recently acquired full-sized beds for 12 of our Motel Style rooms. These beds are part of our plans to refurbish our Motel Style rooms to make them more

family friendly. Eventually we would like to refurbish all 32 of our Motel Style rooms with full-sized beds and perhaps some of our other rooms as funds allow.

Cost for linens for these beds (mattress pads & Sheets) is \$32.00. Due to the importance of purchasing linens that are best for ARC use, we have a supplier for these linens. You can help us insure that people using the ARC will have linens for these beds by donating \$32.00 for a set of linens. For each set of linens you 'buy' we will issue a **gift certificate of \$7.00** which you can use towards ARC linens on your next visit.

Make your check for \$32.00 payable to the ARC and put 'linens' in the memo line. We will mail your gift certificate to the address you supply.

Thanks for supporting the ARC!

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ARC Retreats & Events



Couples' Retreat
February 17-18 (19)*
 Cost \$130 per couple

Join leaders Pastor Jerry & Kristi Nelson as they lead a study

based on "Sacred Marriage: What if God designed marriage to make us Holy more than to make us happy?" by Gary Thomas.

Jerry is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and is currently the Director of Psychological Health for the Army Reserve, 88th RSC. He also maintains a private practice with his wife, Kristi, in La Crosse, WI. He specializes in marital relationships, male sexual addiction and does personal counseling as well.

Kristi is a Licensed Professional Counselor who works with families on parenting and co-parenting issues, couples with marital difficulties and does personal counseling as well.

The retreat begins Friday at 7:00 pm and concludes following the banquet on Saturday evening. Saturday lodging, including Sunday breakfast, is available for an additional \$30.00

Skiing (nearby) and other recreational activities are available at the ARC.



YESTERDAY, TODAY, FOREVER

ARC Women's Retreat
March 23-25, 2012
Cost: \$85.00

Take a trip into yester-year as the AFLC Women's Missionary Fellowship (WMF) celebrates 50 years of ministry.

Enjoy supper on your own before registering in the Tabernacle at 6:00 PM. Speakers for the retreat will be Faith Nelson, Esther Hylden, and Emily Nash, Skits for the retreat will be performed by The New Image Players.

There will be a time to show pictures from the past, or clothing from the past. See the ARC website (www.arc-aflc.org) for a brochure with information on those events as well as registration information.

The retreat concludes with a Sunday morning worship service. For more information contact Lois Grothe at: 3745 Franklin Avenue; Astoria OR 97103 or call at 503-325-0463. Lois can be reached by email at: loisgrot@pacifier.com.

The ARC Men's Retreat
 April 20-21 (22)*, 2012
 Cost \$65

A guy's weekend grounded in God's Word with fun and fellowship
Enjoy Basketball, Archery, Golf, Trap Shooting, Volleyball, Horseshoe & more...



Speaker:
 Rev. Michael Brandt

The retreat begins Friday at 7:00 pm and ends following Saturday supper.

**Optional Saturday lodging with Sunday breakfast: add \$20*

ARC FAMILY WEEKEND

"Come Away and Rest Awhile" for **FREE!**

Enjoy a weekend at the ARC and help us get ready for summer camps. Be watching our website for more information. The date will be sometime in May!



GET READY FOR ARC SUMMER CAMPS!!

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Kids Camp
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Family Camp
 July 29-August 4

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The ARC-ives can be viewed online at www.arc-aflc.org or received by email. If you would like to receive the ARC-ives by email please call us at 800-294-2877.

NEEDED!!

The ARC is in need of a 200 Amp Breaker panel for Good News Lodge. If you would like to purchase, or help with the purchase or installation of this item call us @ 800-294-2877

For other items you can help with see the 'Wish List' on our website.

Praises to our King:

- ★ A mild winter
- ★ Many reports of salvations
- ★ Good health for Staff
- ★ A great leadership week

Prayers before the Throne:

- ARC Finances
- Provision for staff families
- Increase in ARC groups
- ARC Board & Leadership

Keep up on ARC information and activities by following us on:

Facebook: arccenter
Twitter: @thearcosceola
The ARC Blog: <http://arcnotes.wordpress.com>
Online: www.arc-aflc.org

WE ARE GOING DIGITAL!

In order to save costs the ARC-ives will be going to an email only format in the next couple months. If you would like to continue to receive the ARC-ives by mail call 800-294-2877!

Did you know you can donate to the ministry of the ARC online? Go to our website (www.arc-aflc.org) and support this ministry through Paypal!

Help Support the Ministry of The ARC

YES! You can count on me to support the ministry of the ARC. I realize that my gift is an investment in the lives of people who come to the ARC seeking a closer relationship with God. (*The ARC is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. All gifts given to the ARC are tax-deductible.*)

Here is my gift of: _____ This is a one time gift. By faith I am pledging a monthly gift of: _____

I would like information on how my company can match this gift.

Please withhold my name from recognition.

My gift is: Cash Personal Check Credit Card: VISA Mastercard Discover

Name (on card): _____

Card #: _____ Expiration Date: _____