



# The ARC-ives

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## 2021 'Press Onward'

The theme for 2021 is 'Press Onward' taken from Philip-pans 3:14 "I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus". This season of uncertainty and audibles caused much concern for the future of organizations and business across the country. The ARC staff has been called to steel its resolve and 'press onward' through this time and continue to plan for the future ... and it has. The ARC has been blessed beyond anything we could have expected. Prayer, in person visits, fiscal donations and physical donations have poured into the ARC. For this we are humbled and encouraged that our resolve is being reinforced and The ARC will be here for years to come.

Is your resolve being tested in this time? If you are being challenged to make a decision we challenge and encourage you to 'Press Onward' regardless of what the situation may look like. We are experiencing joy through the blessings God is providing through His people via His provisions ... they are never lacking.

## Kingdom Gift 2020: God Provides Again and Again

This season's Kingdom Gift was nothing short of God's direct voice speaking to the crew at The ARC. We all agreed that He was firmly stating that His camp is not going anywhere and to watch His provision flow in like a flood. In November and December, The ARC received donations daily. It never failed that if any of us were having a day of questioning the future, the mail would arrive and that concern was crushed immediately. Seeing God's call being answered will be forever burned into our memories. This year including the \$20k matching donation just over \$100,000 was raised. To God be the glory! This will put the ARC into the beginning of summer. Thank you to all who have and will support the ARC in the future. We will continue to 'Press Onward' and look forward to seeing you all soon.

## Beyond Blessed: Creativity in raising support



The ARC has been blessed by donations throughout the years, but this year was something special. Individuals, families, groups and congregations came together and thought up some of the best ideas for fundraisers I have seen. Being able to watch on social media, phone call updates and emails correspondence with these fundraisers made the late year months fly by. Knowing the vast array of supporters the ARC has is nothing less than amazing.

### **Special thanks to all who supported the ARC this year!**

-Hot Coco Hut pictured left (stole picture with permission) - Pasty Fundraiser - Pamper Chef fundraiser and donation - Linen shower - Thrivent Action Team cards raised thousands of dollars for material to continue and finish projects - Dozens of volunteers for Annual Conference and Family Camp - Amazon wish list items donated - Special offerings from various churches - Families coming and renting Gabriel or Mary Martha for family getaways - Sound system updates donated and installed - Special Offerings collected by congregations - Multiple WMF's have donated - Personal Donations - Nearly 200 new donors supported the ARC this year!



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## Prayer & Praise



- ◆ **Pray** for the ARC staff as we prepare for the upcoming season
- ◆ **Pray** for our national and world leaders as they make decisions that affect us
- ◆ **Pray** for ARC finances
- ◆ **Praise and Pray** for the continued safety for ARC staff and grounds
- ◆ **Praise** for the groups that are inquiring and booking
- ◆ **Praise** for the wonderful response of donors and supporters
- ◆ **Praise** for the sports teams renting the gym
- ◆ **Praise** for the Thrivent Action Projects that have been accomplished with the Community Impact Cards
- ◆ **Praise** for all of the ARC supporters may they be blessed

## ARC 2021 EVENTS & RETREATS

### WINTER YOUTH RETREATS - FEBRUARY 5-7, 2021

Side x Side (grades 9-12) and Sno-Daze (grades 5-8) will be held February 5 - February 7, 2021. Two great camps, one fun weekend. ARC staff works closely with the Free Lutheran Bible College (FLBC) to provide each age group with sound, relevant, Biblical teaching as well as social and physical recreation. Play broomball on Lake Elim, go tubing on the tube chute, or enjoy some gym time.

### WOMEN'S RETREAT - APRIL 23 - 25, 2021

The ARC Women's Retreat promises to be a great weekend of inspirational teaching, uplifting music, edifying fellowship and great food. Spend a weekend with your sisters in Christ and maybe meet a sister you never knew you had!

### SPRING FAMILY WORK WEEKEND - MAY 28-31, 2021

ARC volunteers provide a valuable gift of time and talents to help us get ready for the busy spring and summer camping season. Painting, planting, general maintenance and cleaning are just a few options available for volunteers of all ages. And best of all...It's free! Please register (for free) by May 22nd so we know you are coming.

### FLY ZONE - JULY 18-22, 2021

Fly Zone is our summer camp for those in Grades 5-8. Update your flight information, all systems check! Be prepared to FLY with a test run at the ARC. Enjoy time at the lake, sand volleyball or many more activities All this plus great Bible teaching and food. Fly Zone helps your faith take flight.

### FAMILY CAMP - AUGUST 1-7, 2021

ARC Family camp is the highlight of the year for many families. Great Bible teaching, activities and classes for all ages, opportunities to spend time with your family. Take your vacation at the ARC and let us do the cooking for you!

### YOUNG ADULTS RETREAT - SEPTEMBER 24-26, 2021

Come for a weekend of refreshing conversation and teaching catered to Young Adults. Take time to reconnect with friends, play some games and take in some sessions designed to enrich your daily life with Christ.

### ARC HOLIDAY SHOP - NOVEMBER 6, 2021

Get an early start on your holiday shopping with the help of local vendors at the ARC Holiday Shop. We had over 40 different vendors supplying us with a variety of crafts and products. ARC Holiday Shop is open to the public. Watch this page for updated information on vendors who will be at the ARC Holiday Shop! If you are a vendor and would like to rent space for the ARC Holiday Shop contact us by phone at 715-294-2877, or by email at [arccamps@arc-aflc.org](mailto:arccamps@arc-aflc.org).

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