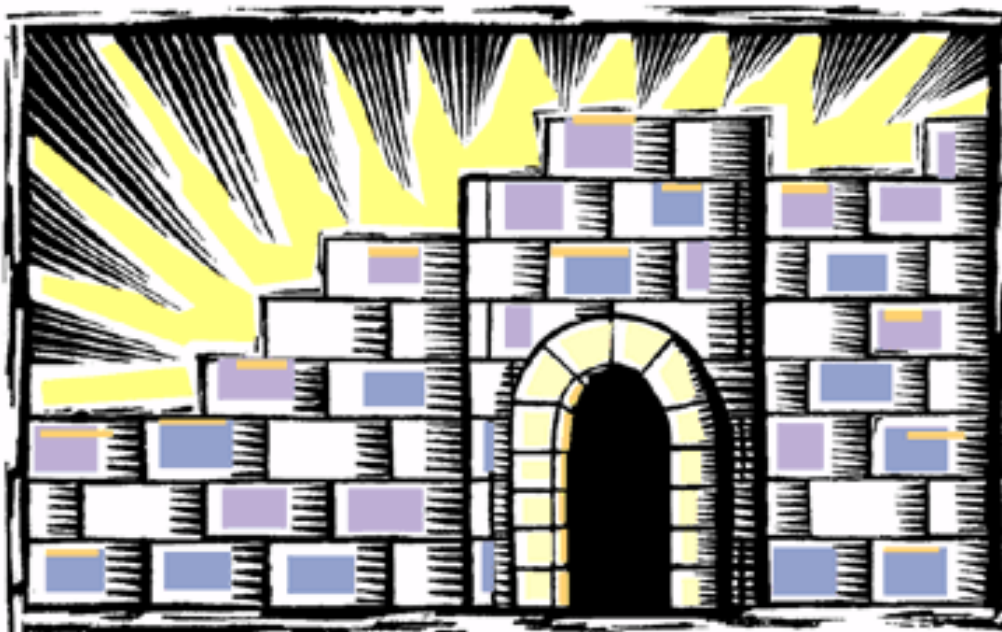


Maurice 1st Reformed Church

Helping People Come to Christ, Grow in Christ and Belong to His Family



"Let's Build A Wall"

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September 5, 2010

Church Family Prayer Box

Weddings:

- Congratulations to **Daniel Van Schepen and Margretta (Gretta) L. Melsted** who were married at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls, SD on Saturday, August 21, 2010.
- Congratulations to **Rick Hoekstra and Kayla Bylsma** who were married in our church sanctuary on Friday evening, September 3.

Ongoing care needs:

- Pray for **Marilyn Kruid and Lee VanDer Weide** as they deal with cancer.
- **Chris Budden** is a resident at the Center for Comprehensive Services in Carbondale, Illinois.

Pray for our servicemen and women:

- **Jeremy Korver, Carsten Bossow, Chrissy Elms, David De Bondt, Richard Scholten and Riley Bruxvoort.**

TODAY

Today we will have a SUNDAY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE for Nursery through 5th graders. Teachers will be at their classrooms during the Sunday School hour if you are in Nursery though Kindergarten. If you are in 1st through 5th your open house will be in the multi-purpose room! Hope to see you all there!!

“Short” Consistory meeting at 9:45 AM today in the old consistory room.

All Church BBQ Serving will begin in the Family Life Center around 11 AM and continue after the second worship service. Come for some great food and a great time with your church family & friends! A freewill donation is appreciated.

Tonight is dedicated to small group meetings. There is no corporate worship this evening.

Sunday School for all ages begins next Sunday.

THIS WEEK

Stitches of Love will kick off the fall by meeting to work on mission projects on **Tuesday, September 7 from 1 to 5 PM in Room 9**. Come when you can and leave when you must. We are always looking for new faces to join us. Anyone who enjoys sewing or would like to learn more about sewing is encouraged to come (we all learn together and share ideas and tips about sewing). If you were not able to sew with us last year why not give it a try this year.

Attention Kids ages 4 through 5th Grade (and their parents!): Pioneer Club starts this week!! We will begin our new year at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 8. Please wear your shirts, if you have one for your class, and come ready for a night of fun! We will have a table set up in the fellowship hall to help you find your room and answer any questions you may have. Also, if you have not paid your registration dues (\$15 per child), if you need a new shirt, or if you would still like to register your children, please come to the registration table and we can help you. We are excited to get Pioneer Club started and look forward to seeing you there! Jill Muilenburg and Melissa Dykstra, Coordinators

Calling all Mother's of young children! The 'All the R.A.G.E.' (Raising A Generation of Excellence) Bible study will be kicking off for the new year this Thursday, September 9th at 9:30 am in the Fireside room. We will be picking out our materials for the year and just reconnecting with one another. We would love for you to join us!! We meet every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month with childcare provided. We are not your ordinary Bible study. We are a group of moms who come together to share ideas, frustrations, joys and lots and lots of laughter. We love to dig into the Word and look at how Christ has modeled for us to be the best mothers that he has created us to be. We love to meet outside of church for our monthly 'Mom's night out' adventures which take us shopping, to pottery classes, scrapbooking and eating out, just to name a few. If you have any questions or are interested in joining, please call or e-mail Becky Leusink at 722-2183 or bbleu@premieronline.net. Thank-you!

A Big Thank You - I want to thank everyone who donated money, food, or their time for the Banquet! Again it was a great success! Officially we served 506 people. Unofficially we served 507 because someone who will be unnamed forgot to turn in her meal ticket (chip). By the way her name starts with a J. I will let you guess who it was. Of that 507, 106 were children 12 or younger. Everything went very smoothly and everyone was blessed by the experience. We heard many, many heart felt thank you's from the guests, plus many complements on the burgers and brats! So thank you for stepping up to the plate and hitting a home run again! It makes it so easy for me when everyone is so willing to help! Thanks! Jerry Vermeer, for the Mission Team

Thank you to all who visited the Deacons booth Wednesday night at the Fall Ministry Kick Off and guessed the dollar amount in the jar. The amount in the jar was \$21.00 and the winner of the money by the closest guess was DeeAnn Cleveringa who guessed \$21.03.

CROP Walk 2010: Communities Reaching Out to People in need!

DATE: Sunday September 26, 2010 at 5 PM

♦YOU ARE INVITED to join our team of walkers! We will worship together, walk a mile within Maurice, and learn more about the impacts of hunger today. A light meal will follow the walk.

♦Also please consider giving financially during the month of September to help those in need. 15% of our donations will go to the local food pantry in Orange City. Donation envelopes will be placed in your mailbox and can be returned to Jeff and Sara Wielenga, or placed in the offering plate.

♦You can also donate non-perishable food items for the food pantry or sign up to bring food for the supper following the walk. Will you join the walk to fight hunger here and throughout the world?

♦You can come to the table in the Family Life Center to sign up to join us in the walk or donate food for the supper. Any questions please contact Jeff and Sara Wielenga.



We will have a Congregational Care Team Meeting on Sunday, September 26. We invite everyone who is currently a Care Team leader, or, if you would like to be a Care Team leader, to please join us in the Fireside Room at 10:00 AM.

It's back! Jr. GAP will soon be selling sub sandwiches.

You can order from any Jr. GAP member, or there will be an order form in your mailbox soon. They cost \$16 for a dozen, or \$8 for half-dozen. They work great for farmers in the fields, and you can stock up because they freeze well, too.

Thanks for supporting the Jr. GAP ministry and enabling us to attend events like Power Connection, Dare 2 Share, and other retreats.

ALS Fundraiser for Mike Poll - Remember to turn in your order for pig in the blankets and/or salsa before September 19. Please place your prepaid order in the box by the Information Center by **September 19**. All items will be available to be picked up in church on Wednesday, Sept 29 between the hours of 5-8 pm. Look for order blanks in your church mailbox or pick up an extra one at the information counter. Thank you for your support.

Urgent Need: Pioneer Club is still seeking help for three open positions.

We have two classrooms without a leader, a Kindergarten class and a 2nd grade class, and we could really use an activities assistant for our Skippers. If your Wednesday evenings are generally open, we would love to have you join us. Please talk to Jill Muilenburg or Melissa Dykstra today to see where you can help! Thank you!

Students: The Nursery Committee is in need of student volunteers to help in the nursery during the morning services. It's a small commitment of one service about every other month, less often if we have more volunteers. If you are in 6th grade through college, our nursery kids will enjoy playing with you! Sign up at the information booth anytime.

NEEDED: BIBLES Jr. GAP and Sr. RCYF groups are looking to purchase NLT Live Teen Bibles for students in the youth group who don't have one. Some students don't have a Bible; others don't have a study Bible with tools for teenagers. Are you willing to sponsor a Bible? They cost \$16 each, and our goal is to purchase 60 of them! Wouldn't it be great to equip our teenagers with a relevant, easy-to-read study Bible? If you feel led to make a donation for Bibles, talk to Justin or Tracy. Thanks!

AND THE SURVEY SAYS....

Have you ever wished that there was a class for you at church that helped you with a life situation? Do you wish that your gifts were better used? Did you ever wonder how you can feel more connected to others? Well, we cannot promise FAST results, but we can make a difference with your help. The surveys in your mailboxes will help the church better equip the ministries that involve YOU. Yet, we need your help... we need all adults (18 years and older) to fill out a survey and return to the information center by October 3. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Justin. Thanks for your time and openness.

Area and Community events:

BETHANY GIVES BACK! Bethany is hosting a FREE Kids Karnival on Saturday September 11th, from 11am to 2pm at Windmill Park in Orange City. Kids are invited to come and participate in some small carnival-like games; there will also be face-painting, balloons, popcorn, cake walk, drawing for prizes, and a puppy petting pen. Call Candace at 737-4831 for more information! **If raining the Kids Karnival will take place at First Reformed Church in Orange City.**

From FEMA - Disaster Assistance - If you or someone you know is interested in knowing more about disaster assistance and relief, please check out the flyer on the bulletin board. There are copies of the flyer on the information counter also.

Helping Hands at Maurice First Reformed

THIS WEEK - September 5

Sharing the Word

8:30 and 10:45 AM - Pastor Mark Haverdink

Evening - Small groups meet

Organist - 8:30 - Judy Vlietstra

Pianist - 8:30 - Barb Van Horn

10:45 - Rachel Van Klompenburg

Greeters 8:30 - Justin & Vicki Schrock, Greg & Chris Van Beek, Dave Van Beek (west) 10:45 - Elaine Vander Broek, Rob & Alice Vander Broek, Linda Vander Laan (west)

Little Blessings Nursery 8:30 - Rob & Wendi Groen 10:45 - Jason & Kristi Hargens

Big Promises Nursery - 8:30 - Doug and Cindy Hubers, Paige Hubers 10:45 - Colette Hofmeyer, Betty Anderson, Jessie De Weerd

Prayer Room - Before morning worship - Cindy VanDer Weide; During 8:30 AM worship- Aimee Boden; During 10:45 worship - Jill Haverdink

Audio/Video - Greg Haverdink, Amy Muth, Rick Schouten, Jessie Holtrop, Jeff Hartman

Information Center - Nov Van Regenmorter

Flower Chairperson - Sharon Plendl

Bulletin Folders - Evonne Wielenga and Edna Vander Broek (September 10)

NEXT WEEK - September 12

Sharing the Word

8:30 and 10:45 AM - Pastor Randy Blumer

Evening - Pastor Mark Haverdink

Prelude - Strings for the King

Organist - Janene Van Gorp

Pianist - 8:30 - Shellie Vander Schaaf

10:45 -Gina Dorr

Greeters 8:30 - Larry & Rhonda Vande Kieft, Loren & Shellie Vander Schaaf, Ryan & Dyan Vander Sluis (west) 10:45 - Al & Faye Vander Lugt, Nate & Jenn Vander Schaaf, Bryce & Erin Vander Stelt (west)

Little Blessings Nursery 8:30 - Reid & Leah Holverson 10:45 - Adam & Ashley Maassen

Big Promises Nursery - 8:30 - Greg & Chris Van Beek, Trenton Korver 10:45 - Donna K. Muilenburg, Pam Sandbulte, Samantha VanDer Weide

Children and Worship - 8:30 Center 1 Helpers, Brenda Baartman and Sara Jansma; Leader, Michelle Deinken; Center 2 Helpers, Vicki Schrock and Carey Borchers; Leader, Carol Kleyer 10:45 Helpers, Amy Hofland and Jenn Leusink; Leader, Heather Hofmeyer

Prayer Room - Before morning worship - Wanda Kuiken; During 8:30 AM worship- Colette Hofmeyer; During 10:45 worship - Val Dykstra; During evening worship - Don Van Horssen

Audio/Video - Arlin Van Gorp, Brandy Borchers, Trenton Korver, Alvis Van Beek, Dan Leusink

Information Center - Lori Van Gorp

Flower Chairperson - Sharon Plendl

Bulletin Folders - Dave and Edith Kuiken (September 17)

SNOWCAP - If you would like to sign-up to be automatically notified of any cancellations, postponements, or important notices for Sunday mornings, Sr. RCYF, Jr. GAP, or Pioneer Club, sign up for Snowcap! A text or e-mail will be delivered directly to you, and you'll be the first to know the change of plans. It's free! Sign up at www.snowcaponline.com and follow the instructions. If you have a group that you would like to be able to notify via Snowcap, talk to Tracy Cleveringa.

Morning Message Outline
“Healing from the Past, Focusing on the Future:
Nehemiah 3:1-4, 20
“Let’s Build A Wall!”

- **Nehemiah’s vision:** _____

- **Great visions require:** _____

- **The wall began to take shape because _____ did their part.**

- _____ a _____ given _____ with _____ equals an unstoppable _____.

- **There will always be _____.**
Nehemiah 4:3 “What they are building - even if a fox climbed up on it, he would break down their wall of stones!”

- **So do we give up building the wall?** _____
Nehemiah 4:6 “So we rebuilt the wall until all of it reached half its height for the people worked with all their heart.”

**Weekly Calendar at Maurice First Reformed Church
for the week of September 5 - September 12, 2010**

<p align="center">Sunday September 5</p>	<p align="center">8:30 and 10:45 AM Morning Worship Services 9:45 AM Short consistory meeting in the old consistory room 9:50 AM Sunday School Open House 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM All Church Barbecue in the Family Life Center 6:30 PM Small groups meet</p>
<p align="center">Monday, September 6</p>	<p align="center">Church building and offices will be closed in observance of Labor Day</p>
<p align="center">Tuesday September 7</p>	<p align="center">10:30 AM Staff Meeting 1:00-5:00 PM Stitches of Love - Room 9 6:30 PM Women's Bible Study in old consistory room</p>
<p align="center">Wednesday September 8</p>	<p>6 AM Administrative Team meets at DeKoffie Hoek & Bistro 2 PM Golden Hour Bible Study in the Fireside room; Devotions, Margaret Muilenburg; Bible study leader, Edna Vander Broek; Hostess, Edith Kuiken 6:30 PM Pioneer Club 6:30 PM Women's Bible Study in old consistory room 6:30 PM Jr. GAP Kick Off - meet in the Bus Barn 7 PM Sr. High Kick Off - see youth page</p>
<p align="center">Thursday September 9</p>	<p>9:30 AM 'All the R.A.G.E.' Bible study in Fireside Room 7 PM Celebrate Recovery meets in the youth room 7 PM Shepherd/Teacher Meeting in the Fireside Room</p>
<p align="center">Friday, September 10</p>	<p align="center">6 AM Men's PRAY DAY in the Fireside Room</p>
<p align="center">Sunday September 12</p>	<p>7:45 AM Strings for the King practice/tune up in sanctuary 8:30 and 10:45 AM Morning Worship Services 9:40 AM Sunday School for grades 1-5 9:40 AM SS Singing time in Room 9 (3 year old-kindergarten) 9:50 AM Sunday School for Jr. & Sr. High and adults 6:30 PM Evening Worship Service</p>

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Sr. High

VITAL

Information

Ephesians 2:8

RCYF starts THIS Wednesday.

WHERE: Nice weather? IN the CITY PARK Bad weather? In the Youth Room
WHEN & WITH WHAT: 7pm! Contains: Food, fun, old memories, NEW memories, and new people!
What to Bring: Yourself & an open heart and willing spirit
WHO: All Students in 9th through 12th Grade
WHY: Seriously, do you NEED a reason? COME!

On the RADAR screen:

*September 18th is our BLITZ Night (We will have various times this year where will go out as a group and do something)
Starts at 6:30 and goes until 10pm...details to follow soon!

SAVE THE DATE! Tuesday September 21

REMEDY DRIVE

in Concert @ Unity High School

Doors open at 6pm with the concert beginning at 6:40pm

Cost is \$2 at the door

Calling all Students to a great night of music!

Jr. GAP

Sept. 8 - Our FIRST youth group of the year! Get ready for our...Photo Car Rally! Meet in the bus barn at 6:30 pm on Wednesday night, and bring a digital camera if you have one! Get ready for a fun, memorable evening. Lunch will be provided by Jr. GAP leaders.



*If you weren't able to attend the Fall Ministry Kick-Off, pick up a packet of registration forms at Jr. GAP and return it to Tracy ASAP. Gracias!

~**Sub Sandwich Sales** go until September 29. Person with the most sales gets a prize!

~**Remember to order and pay** for your "STAND" t-shirt, long sleeved tee, or hoodie by September 22!

CONSISTORY

Rev. Mark Haverdink, First Vice President

ELDERS

Mark Jansma '10, Glen Leusink '10, Lee Maassen '10, Rob Schelling '11, John E. Vander Stelt, '11, Arlin Van Gorp '11, Allen De Jager '12, Greg Haverdink '12, Roger Van Regenmorter '12

DEACONS

Terry Baartman '10, Rob Hofmeyer '10, Mark Sandbulte '10, Evan Grotenhuis '11, Terry Hofmeyer '11, Shane Jager '12, Aaron Maassen '12, Steve Vis '12

Officers of Consistory

Second Vice President	Lee Maassen	General Treasurer	Evan Grotenhuis
Clerk	John E. Vander Stelt	Benevolent Treasurer	Terry Baartman
Chairman of Deacons	Terry Hofmeyer	Education Chairman	Allen De Jager

Staff

Associate Pastor	Pastor Mark Haverdink
Interim Pastor	Pastor Randy Blumer
Calling & Congregational	
Care Pastor	Pastor Harlan De Jong
Sr. High Youth Pastor	Justin Schrock
Jr. GAP Youth pastor	Tracy Cleveringa
Children's Pastor	Jill Haverdink
Music in Worship	
Coordinator	Shellie Vander Schaaf
Secretary	Jo Dekker
Assistant Secretary	Jan Budden
Custodian	Pam Sandbulte

Librarians

Evonne Wielenga, Joan Punt, and Carol Kleyer

Church Teams and Organization Officers

College Interns

Sr. RCYF	Bryce Vander Stelt Jordan Kruse
Jr. GAP	Sarah Lupkes Hannah Bartels

Pioneer Club

Coordinators	Brenda Baartman Jill Muilenburg
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Body Builders

Leaders	Dan Leusink Eric Cleveringa
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Girls for Christ

Leaders	Jen Vander Schaaf Kay Koole
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Sunday School

Superintendent	Alan Muilenburg
Ass't. Supt.	Kevin Van Klompenburg
Treasurer	Jeff VanDer Weide
Elementary Supt.	Amy Krogman
Nursery Supt.	Jamie Kamerman
Ass't. Nursery Supt.	Joni Roorda

Senior 55+ Ministry

Coordinator	Joyce Groen
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Celebrate Recovery

Coordinators	Rog and Linda Broek
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Maurice Women's Ministry

President	Marilyn Kruid
Vice President	Jonna Wierda
Secretary	Wanda Hofmeyer
Treasurer	Priscilla Jansma