

MAURICE REFORMED CHURCH EASTER HAPPENINGS



he is risen

PALM SUNDAY - APRIL 14, 9:30 AM

MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION SERVICE - APRIL 18, 7:00 PM

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE - APRIL 21, 7:00 AM

PANCAKE BREAKFAST - FLC - APRIL 21, 8:00 - 9:00 AM

EASTER CELEBRATION - APRIL 21, 9:30 AM

MAURICE MOMENTS - APRIL 2019

MRC FAMILY NEWS

Our members who are celebrating an "Over 80" birthday this month:

Ron De Jager

316 6th St, PO Box 45
Maurice, IA 51036

**Ron will celebrate his 82nd
birthday on April 3*

Vera Brouwer

Sanford Care Center
P.O. Box 250 #115
Sheldon, IA 51201

**Vera will celebrate her 97th
birthday on April 15*



Elvera Van Horsen

518 4th St, PO Box 25
Maurice, IA 51036

**Elvera will celebrate her 81st
birthday on April 9*

Wanda Kuiken

310 Orange St.
Maurice, IA 51036

**Wanda will celebrate her 86th
birthday on April 17*

Hospitalizations...

- ◆ We pray for our church family who have been hospitalized or have health concerns: Chris Budden, Brent De Kok, Isaac Schmidt, Linda Zevenbergen, Val Dykstra, Ruth Heidebrink, Loren Vander Schaaf, and Gracelyn Schuetz.

Sympathy...

- ◆ We extend our sympathy to **the Holtrop family** as Rena Holtrop passed away. Rena is Daryl (Sandy) Holtrop's mom, and a grandma to Isaac Holtrop, Rita Blackman, and Lana Bruxvoort.
- ◆ We extend our sympathies to **Carol & Mark Kleyer and Matt & Nikita Kleyer** in the passing of Carol's mother, Jane Haverdink.
- ◆ We extend our sympathies to **Marlin Wichers & family** as Darlene Wichers passed away.

Congratulations...

- ◆ Congratulations to **Sean, Katie, Ella, and Nora Schuller** on the birth of their new son and brother, Hue! God's blessings to you all!

Congregation Thank You Notes

- ◆ **Linda & Dan Zevenbergen** - *Thank you to all you who have prayed and continue to pray for me. For all the cards and notes that I received, I thank you. It is all so much appreciated. To those who brought food and treats and visited me, thank you. Its been a long haul once again for me and I'm still getting used to dialysis as my new normal. I am improving and hoping to continue to improve over time. I've learned many things during this ordeal and one of those things is that God is always faithful even when I feel alone. A special thank you to Pastor Wick and Glen Leusink for redoing our deck steps. That redo has been such a great blessing and an easy up and down for me. How great it is to have a church family that cares.*
- ◆ **Fred & Evelyn De Vries** - *Thank you for all the birthday wishes, calls, and cards. We are blessed by each of you. It's so good to belong to this church family. Thank you, too, for all those who sent Fred cards and wishes for his birthday in January.*

We apologize if we inadvertently missed anyone

Thank You Notes Continued...

- ◆ **Daryl & Sandy Holtrop, Lana & Dan Bruxvoort, Isaac & Jessi Holtrop, and grandchildren** - Thank you everyone who empathized and prayed for our family as we said goodbye to our mother, grandmother, and great grandmother Rena Holtrop. Pastor Wick shared comforting words, and the meals and baked goods came in so handy as more relatives arrived! The cards warmed our hearts, again making us aware of the importance of a church family & nurturing fellowship.
- ◆ **Marlin Wichers & family** - Thank you for the prayers, cards, flowers, food, and words of comfort following the passing of Darlene. A special thank you to Pastor Wick and Pastor Ross for their visits and encouraging words. Your kindness is very much appreciated.
- ◆ **Taylor & Jess Schuetz** - Thank you MRC family for all your support and prayers as Gracelyn had RSV and was once again flown to Sioux Falls. It was a scary time for us, but knowing we had prayer warriors helped ease some fear.

Darlene J. Wichers

Mrs. Darlene Wichers, age 87, of Orange City, passed away on Thursday, March 14, 2019, at the Orange City Area Health System.

Darlene Joan was born on October 15, 1931, in Orange City, the daughter of John and Johanna (Sybrandy) Van Beek. After graduating from high school, she worked at the Million Dollar Café, where she met her future husband when he was home on furlough from the military.

On June 22, 1953, she married Marlin Wichers at the Little Brown Church in Nashua. They were blessed with two children, Dawn and Rallyn. She worked at local grocery stores for forty and a half years and at Casey's Bakery in Sioux Center for eight and a half years.

Mrs. Wichers was a member of the First Christian Reformed Church in Maurice, where she taught Bible School and Sunday School classes and enjoyed working in the church library for 25 years. For fifteen years, she played the harmonica with Marlin and her brother-in-law, Allen Wichers, who both played the guitar, for the residents at local nursing homes.

Survivors include her husband of more than 65 years; her children & their spouses, Dawn and Ken Beukelman and Rallyn and Mary Wichers, all of Orange City; five grandchildren & their spouses, Jamie and Michelle Beukelman, Chad and Amber Beukelman, Shawndra and Philip Kuiken, Karen and Tony Korver, and Cassandra and Chris Rollman; and twelve great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by four sisters and two brothers and their spouses, Tena and Henry Gerritsen and Chris Dekker, Grace and Chris Dekker, Marie and William De Vos, Bernard and Charlene Van Beek, John A. and Mathilda Van Beek, and Alice Van Beek; and four infant brothers and one infant sister.



"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

MRC HAPPENINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Easter Lily Sign Up

Please sign up at the information center if you would like to donate an Easter lily for our sanctuary in memory or in honor of a loved one.

Cost is \$17.00 and can be paid at the church office



Summer Camps

It's been exciting to hear kids talking about what camp they want to go to. Some of you may be wondering, how old do kids have to be to go to camp?

Check out the camp brochure for Inspiration Hills in the mailbox area.

There are camps for various ages, starting with 1st grade through adults. Yes, adults can go to camp too, with the Grand Camps and Family Camps.

Registrations for all camps can be done online. If you register other ways, there will be a fee. MRC can help you with the cost, paying ½ of the camp cost, up to \$180.00. *If you have any questions about camp, you can contact*

Priscilla Jansma or Bonnie Wolf.

AN AMAZING STUDY AT LIFE GROUPS

Who is in control of this world anyway? People are becoming more bitter and mean, sin is more and more being excused, police shootings, riots and demonstrations, and so much more. Life in many ways seems to be going out of control. Larry Osborne addresses many of these questions in his study, "Thriving in Babylon", a five session study in the Book of Daniel.

The first session of five deals with the questions of "Who is in charge?" Larry states over and over, "God is in charge of who's in charge." It may seem that life is going out of control, but it is not. God is in charge. He uses the first two verses in the Book of Daniel that says, "The Lord delivered Jehoiakim king of Judah into his (Nebuchadnezzar) hands." What seemed like a horrible time for Judah was led by God, "who delivered Jehoiakim to Nebuchadnezzar. Nobody likes it when seemingly bad things happen in our lives, but God had a purpose, the refining of his people. Larry says, "God is more concerned with our holiness than our happiness."

The discussion in the Life Groups around this lesson was amazing. The following Life Groups have just started this study and you could easily join in. If you would like to, feel free to contact the leaders of the following groups: Mark and Becky Van Ommeren, Mark and Priscilla Jansma,

Rob and Heather Hofmeyer, Rog and Nov Van Regenmorter,

or Don and Sue De Kok.

Life Groups are where the action is.



Overdue Books

Please note that some of you have received notices in your mailboxes for books that are overdue. We are trying to update our files and looking for books that have been checked out and not returned. Some have been checked out for a while already. Please everyone look for the books that are mentioned on your notice. If we can't retrieve them, then they need to be taken out of our roll.



Thank you so much for helping with this manner.

Joan, Carol and Evonne

Recycled Teens - April



PLEASE NOTE that the Recycled Teens will be meeting on **Wednesday, April 10!** We will be going to Waeside in LeMars and will come back to MRC for games in the Fireside Room.

ROAR VBS: Coming this summer!

We are excited to announce this year's Vacation Bible School theme: ROAR!! VBS will be hosted at MRC on June 3-7, 2019. At ROAR, kids discover that even when life gets wild, God is Good! Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, devour yummy treats, create awesome crafts, and experience one-of-a-kind Bible adventures.



ROAR is for kids from ages Kindergarten to 6th grade and will run from 8:45 am to 11:30 am each day. 3 year old and preschool/TK classes available for parent/grandparent volunteers. You can sign up your children at <https://mrc.breezechms.com/form/vbs20171395>. We'd love to have lots of volunteers, nursery provided! Please sign up at <https://mrc.breezechms.com/form/vbsvolunteer6433>. (Forms are also available at the Information Booth.)

More details will be released during the next month, but early registration is encouraged so snacks and crafts can be prepared! We are excited to have you at ROAR VBS!

Questions? Please contact:

Bonnie Wolf (567-4665 Ext 103), Jamie Kamerman (737-7444), Jessica Oolman (360-0143), or Sara Wielenga (441-9066)

**Life is wild, but
God is good.**

 *Worship*
MINISTRY

**ADULT
CHOIR**

Practice
Wed, April 3 - 7:45 Sanctuary
Leading in Worship
Sunday, April 7



Palm Sunday Children's Processional
Sunday, April 14

Master's  *Ringers* **Leading in Worship**
Sunday Morning
April 21~9:30

**EASTER
SUNRISE
SERVICE**
THE ROCK **21st**
SUNDAY THE
OF APR
MAURICE 7AM
**REFORMED
CHURCH**
410 Main Street
Maurice, IA 51036
(712) 567-4665

Piano / Organ Schedule



April 7
9:30 Janene Van Gorp / Kristi Hargens
April 14
9:30 Praise Team
April 21
9:30 Judy Vlietstra / Shellie Vander Schaaf
April 28
9:30 Jr. GAP Youth Service



Palm Sunday, April 14
(9:30 am)
Maundy Thursday, April 18
Communion Service
7:00 pm
Good Friday Service, April 19
Calvary Christian Reformed Church
(12:10 - 12:50)
Easter Sunrise Service, April 21
(7:00 am)
Pancake Breakfast
Served in the Family Life Center
(8:00-9:00 am)
(free-will donation)
Easter Celebration Service
(9:30 am)

VOLUNTEERING AT MRC

Prayer Room—April

Date	
April 7	Laura Haverdink
April 14	Jerry Vermeer
April 21	Lori Van Gorp
April 28	Don Van Horssen

NURSERY

If anyone would like to be added to the Nursery Volunteer list, please contact Lisa Smit for more information. Thanks.

	Volunteers
April 7	Jill Muilenburg, Shianne & Tye Borchers
April 14	Kyle & Katie Phillips, Jacie Van Wyk, Morgan Feenstra
April 21	AJ & Lisa Smit, AJ & Emilee Schrock
April 28	Marcia Cleveringa, Brooke Venema, Brittini Oolman

Newsletter items are due on April 20

April Welcome Schedule

Main door - Loren Vander Schaaf
Gym door - Leroy & Joan Punt

April Evening Worship

April 14 - "I Can Change" video - Easter drama & message from Kyle Idleman

April 28 - "Prayer for Crops & Industry" message by Pastor Ross

Wednesday Night Meals

- **April 3** - Hard/soft shell tacos, nachos & cheese sauce, pears, scotch-a-roo bars
- **April 10** - Creamed chicken on a bun, potato chips, green beans, oreo fluff salad, dessert
- **April 17** - Hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, baked beans, snicker salad, dessert
- **April 24** - All Church Carnival - Carnival food will be served in the Fellowship Hall!

April Memory Verse

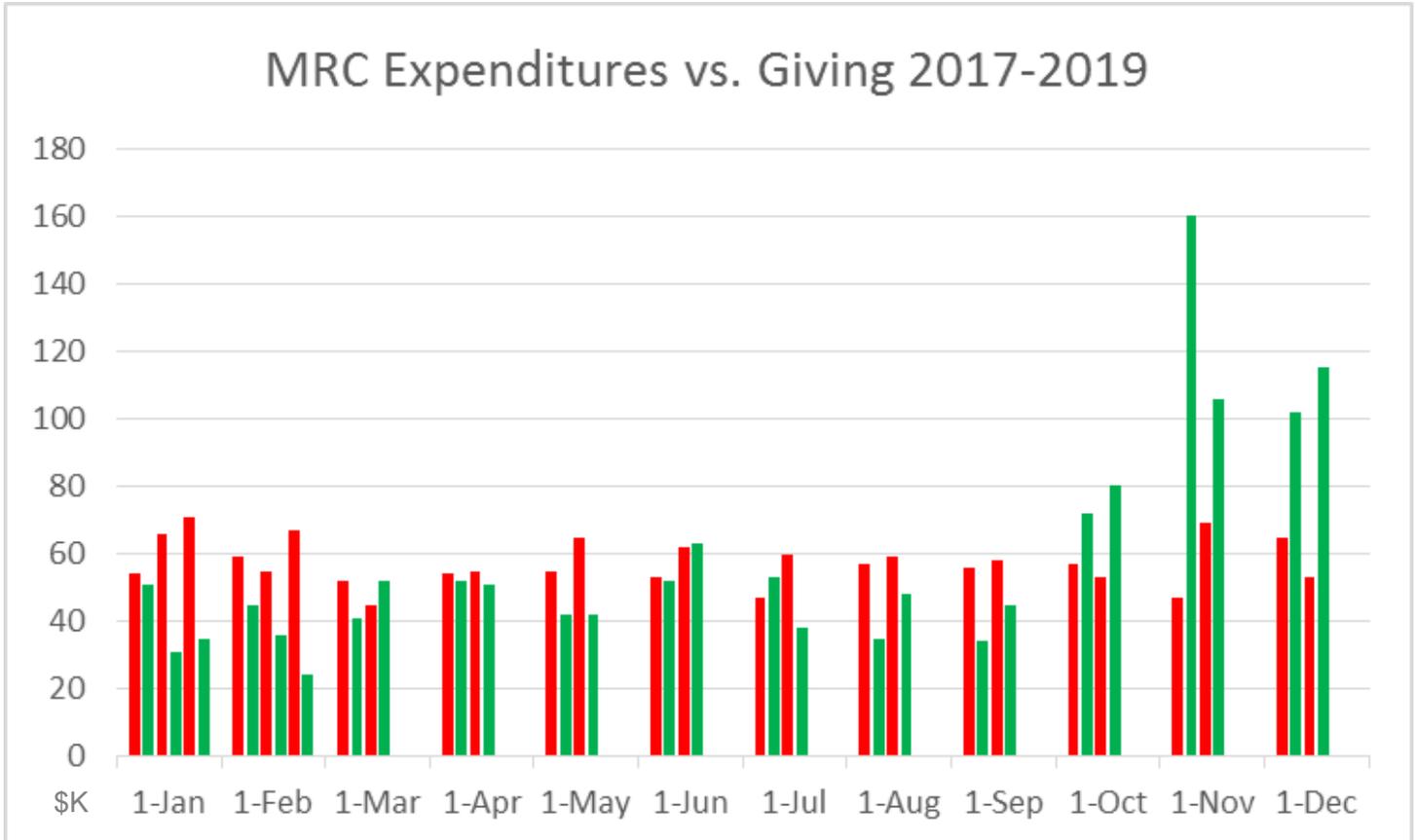


ASSET MANAGEMENT

Gifts in Action

Ever wonder where your offering goes each week? Over the next couple of months, the Asset Management team would like to share with you a series of updates on MRC financials. We will discuss giving trends, where your gifts are utilized, and useful giving tips that can influence your resource management.

Our first topic is the annual MRC Giving/Spending Cycle. MRC operates financially out of the Missions fund. Undesignated offering each Sunday is debited and monthly expenses are paid out of this operating fund. On an annual basis, MRC has been blessed to receive gifts to fund our annual budget and in some years, end with a surplus that gets distributed by the Missions team. On a monthly basis, MRC sees some fairly significant giving cycles that affects the Missions fund sometimes requiring borrowing from other church funds to maintain operation. Below is a chart that shows giving and expenditures from 2017 to date. You will notice typically monthly offering (green) is even to below our monthly expenditures (red) until the last quarter of the year. There are many reasons for this including travel, weather, harvest, and financial management strategies. Over the last several years, MRC has been blessed with strong end of the year giving that has allowed us to cash flow our annual budgets. This year has started off with several of these challenges that affect the Missions fund, weather in particular. In relation to our 2019 budget and monthly expenses, we are starting off in a bit of a hole. Hopefully spring brings warm weather and blessings all around. Next month we will discuss the 2019 budget further and where your gifts are put into action.



SPECIAL EVENTS

One Body • Different Abilities

Join us for a disability connection event

What is it?

An event to explore ways your church might welcome, advocate for, and reach out to people with disabilities in your church and neighborhood.

Who is invited?

Church leaders, individuals with disabilities and their family members, and advocates wanting to launch or deepen a ministry with people with disabilities — and anyone wanting to learn more about people with disabilities in your church and community.

You will:

Learn about ministries underway in other congregations and the results they've seen. Discover ways to leverage positive change in your church and community. Mini sessions include: Age & Changing Abilities and Mental Illness & the Church's Role. Make connections with others willing to offer support, encouragement, and expertise to your church and those you serve.

**Keynote Speaker: Rev. Mark Stephenson,
CRC Disability Concerns**
Painting a Vision for Engaging People with Disabilities in a Congregation

Saturday April 6, 2019

9:00am-1:00pm includes lunch (no charge, but an advance count is requested)

Covenant Christian Reformed Church
106 2nd St. NE, Sioux Center, Iowa 51259

To register, contact

Dan De Vries

(ddevries@hopehaven.org)

Beth Odor

(eodor@hopehaven.org)

EASTER CELEBRATION IN MAURICE

The Maurice Girls Club invites you to celebrate Easter with us.

The Girls will tell the Biblical account of Jesus' death and resurrection. There is an Easter Egg Hunt and Carnival with many prizes. Lunch will be served by the Maurice Booster Club.

Everyone is welcomed, so tell your family and friends to celebrate with us:

Saturday, April 20

10:00 A.M.

Maurice Community Center/Fire Station

Egg Hunt for kids 11 and younger

Carnival for kids 14 and younger

Story for all ages!



JR. GAP MINISTRIES



"He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time."

- 2 Timothy 1:9



SCHEDULE:

- April 3** - *Who You Say I Am: Self-Image* led by Dana VO
- April 10** - *Testimony Night*: Josie Bunnell (college intern)
- April 17** - Youth Sunday Prep/Practice
- April 24** - Youth Sunday Prep/Practice
- May 1** - Final Jr. GAP

LUNCH:

- April 3** - Jacob H, Brady VG, Haley H, Kelsey O
- April 10** - Ashlyn A, Kye K, Cole V, Adam VB
- April 17** - Carson J, Logan F, Brett VG, Jocelyn M
- April 24** - Karson VO, Gabe B, Alex VH, David VZ
- May 1** - Provided

ANNOUNCEMENTS:



Middle School Retreat - Hidden Acres - Dayton, IA - April 5-7 - The Middle School Retreat is upon us! We are taking along 35 students and 10 adults this year. The MSR is an AWESOME weekend of worship, large group sessions, small groups, youth group time, and of course, recreation and games! Payment (\$100) is due, and checks can be written out to MRC Jr. GAP. Please be in prayer for all attending this amazing retreat—that we would grow closer to each other and to Jesus! Following is a description of the theme for the weekend, which is *Grit: The definition of the word grit is courage and resolve; strength of character. Middle school students have so much to offer but are consistently pushed down by peers, by superiors, and by society. God sees everyone as worthy and strong. With God, every single person can strengthen their grit within.*

Power Connection Minneapolis - Bethel Univeristy - July 23-28 - Registration is open until May 1! Sign up is at www.synodyouth.org, click on "Register Online" and continue to sign up for Power Connection. The cost is \$110 per participant. If this is an obstacle or hurdle for your family at this time, please contact a Jr. GAP leader or Jon Eveland—we want to make sure all are able to join us for this incredible week of service, worship and recreation! Following is the description of the theme *Aware: "The master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he is not aware of." Matt. 24:50 - Christ is omnipresent, and He is all-knowing. We don't always see or hear His presence, but it is there. The devil is also very present when we don't always see him. We want to heighten our spiritual senses and be aware of who God is and what He is always doing in our lives.*



Jr. GAP Youth Sunday - Sunday, April 28 at 9:30 AM - The Jr. GAP students will be leading us in worship on Sunday morning, April 28, sharing their gifts and passions to bring glory to God! On April 17 and 24, we will be prepping and practicing for that service, and it is valuable that we have all students present to participate and be a part of the planning, practicing, and necessary prep work. Some of the opportunities for students to be involved are helping in the sound booth, praise team, building/creating sets, skit team, dance, ushering, greeting, giving a message or testimony, etc. We are excited to see the gifts of the Jr. GAPpers on full display as we worship together on April 28.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Middle School Retreat - **April 5-7**
- Jr. GAP Youth Sunday - **April 28**
- Power Connection Registration Closes and Final Jr. GAP - **May 1**
- 8th Grade Supper - **May 8**
- Power Connection - **July 23-28**

FINAL Refuge Worship - Wednesday, April 10 7:25-7:55 PM

Jr. GAP April Birthdays:

- Austin Oolman - April 7
- Jaden Borchers - April 16
- Jordan Van Den Hul - April 30

S R . H I G H M I N I S T R I E S



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- 2 Timothy 1:9



SCHEDULE:

- April 3 - Testimony Night: Levi Yakubu (Dordt intern)
- April 10 - Uganda Sharing: Katie Leusink
- April 17 - Blessings Night
- April 24 - Authentic Faith led by Jon Eveland
- May 1 - Final Sr. High

LUNCH:

- April 3 - Edyn D, Maddie D, Jaci D, Trevor L
- April 10 - Breanna O, Caylee VD, Landon H, Alex VD
- April 17 - Tyler A, Amber H, Miranda M, Eric P
- April 24 - Morgan F, Dylan F, Hope VZ, Angel VZ
- May 1 - Provided

ANNOUNCEMENTS:



INTERNATIONAL MISSION TRIP 2019

Sr. High Summer "International" Mission Trip – July 13-20 – Eaglecrest Alaska Missions - We are about 3 1/2 months out from going to Sutton, Alaska for our Summer Mission trip serving with Eaglecrest Alaska Missions! We are excited to be able to help the locals winterize their homes, participate in light construction projects, chopping wood, and also taking part in relational ministry opportunities of ministering to home owners and also hosting a day camp for local children and youth over the course of the week while we are there. What an awesome opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus! Our group consists of 30 students and 9 adults. We do intend to have a couple team meetings prior to leaving, so stay tuned for more info regarding that. **The next important date to remember is Sunday, April 7 as the remaining balance of \$250 is due.** Checks can be written out to MRC Sr. High. If you have any questions, please contact Jon Eveland or a Sr. High Youth Leader.

Easter Pancake Breakfast - Sunday, April 21, following Easter Sunrise Service - On Easter Sunday, Sr. High students and leaders will be serving breakfast in the Family Life Center following the Easter Sunrise Service. Donations received will go towards the Sr. High Youth Ministry. **We ask that students arrive in the FLC at 6:30 am, prior to the service, to begin preparation.** As in the past, we unfortunately will miss most of the Sunrise Service while we are getting breakfast prepared and ready. **Also, please bring a gallon of orange juice and milk along with you the week of Easter or that morning.**



Prom Sunday & Brunch - Sunday, April 28 - Attention ALL prom goers! You are encouraged to wear your prom attire on Sunday, April 28 and help greet before church that morning. **Please be in the fellowship hall at 9 am to help greet as people arrive for the morning worship.** It is Jr. GAP Youth Sunday that Sunday, but we want you to all be greeters! We hope to have you sit together near the front of church as well. **Following the service, ALL Sr. High students are welcome to join us for brunch in the Sr. High Youth Room.**

FINAL Refuge Worship - Wednesday, April 10 - 7:25-7:55 PM

Come out & join us for the LAST Refuge Worship of the year, as we worship together & close out the year!

Sr. High April Birthdays:

- Christa Van Donkelaar - April 10
- Tye Borchers - April 12
- Justin De Weerd - April 12

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Alaska Mission Trip Remaining Balance Due - April 7
- Easter Pancake Breakfast - April 21
- Prom Sunday & Brunch - April 28
- Final Sr. High - May 1
- Senior Supper - TBD

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

A HUGE thank you to everyone that gave an offering to go to the Sanford Children's Hospital during the month of February! The grand total was \$2,631.31! The children at the hospital will be truly blessed by your generosity!



PALM SUNDAY

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Students ages 3 years old through 5th grade will be singing during the service on Palm Sunday. Please have your student meet in their singing room by 9:10 on the morning of April 14. After singing, the children will walk to the Family Life Center, so please pick up your child from there. Thank you!

CHILDREN & WORSHIP

Children & Worship will meet on April 14 and 28 during the service. All 3 and 4 year olds are welcome to attend!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL NOT MEET
ON EASTER, APRIL 21.**

COME ONE, COME ALL

MRC SPRING CARNIVAL

Wednesday, April 24, 2019

Enjoy a night of fun, fellowship, games, and snacks!

Supper starts at 5:30 Games go till 7:30!



Moments in Missions

The **special offering** for the month of April is: **Awakening Grace**
(please mark your check or envelope with "Special" & place in the plate with your offering)



The Awakening Grace Foundation is a nonprofit organization formed in April of 2015. Better known as Awakening Grace, our mission is to encourage families enduring the loss of a child during pregnancy or infancy to grieve bravely, heal gently, & remember boldly. We do this by supporting families during or after their loss with custom burial garments for all gestations and care packages

to offer comfort. Our care packages contain snacks, comfort items for both parents and any siblings in the home, and memorial items including a bear handmade from a wedding dress. Awakening Grace also acts as a resource center for families, providing them with information including, but not limited to, support groups, books that may assist in the grieving process, remembrance ideas, and funeral expense assistance information when needed.

Cofounder Nikita Kleyer, (member of our congregation) shares some prayer requests:

"The Awakening Grace Foundation is growing rapidly in the number of families served. We ask for a continuation of prayers for these families during their time of grief, healing and remembrance. The organization is also in the process of expanding to another location in Iowa to more adequately serve families enduring the loss of a child during pregnancy or infancy. We ask for prayers that this expansion goes smoothly and the team development in that area is effective."

<https://theawakeninggracefoundation.org/>

Ministry Partner: Cana, Fort Dodge

Lifetree Café is a weekly, hour-long interactive experience that features real people's real stories on film, guided conversation, biblical insights, and time to build relationships.



Lifetree Café tackles the topics that most people deal with—topics about the big (and little) stuff that shapes our lives. Family. Friends. Fears. Busyness. Balance. Money. Materialism. Health. Heaven. Peace. Purpose.

Lifetree Café is a place where rich conversation is served up every week. At Lifetree Café you're encouraged to share your own stories and listen to others. But if you don't feel like talking, that's okay, too. You're welcome just as you are.

Lifetree Café discussion groups are hosted in a variety of venues such as coffeehouses, cafés, pubs, restaurants, community centers, and churches.

Visit <https://lifetreecafe.com/> for videos to prompt meaningful discussions in your family and Life Group.

Please pray for the ministry of Life Tree Café through Cana as they minister to the community of Fort Dodge and beyond.

Winter Work Project 2019

Our work project this year was to LaBelle, Florida to provide hurricane relief from Hurricane Irma, which took place in the early fall of 2017. Our group was made up of various people from different churches. From First Reformed we had Dan Bruxvoort, Brent Leusink, Roger De Weerd, Jerry Vermeer and Arlin and Janene Van Gorp (for 1 day) plus Rob and Sharon Schelling who acted as the World Renew site coordinators. We picked up Dan and Missy Sneller from Oskaloosa on our way down to Florida. We also had Harv and Larae Punt from Middleburg Church, and Dale and Isla Compagner from the Holland, MI area, who were already there when we arrived.

We left early Friday morning Feb. 15. We ran through a snow storm on our way down as we went through St. Louis and another one on our way home from the Iowa border to Maurice. We drove to Nashville, spent the night, and drove the rest of the way on Saturday, arriving at the Riverside Camp and Retreat Center at about 7 p.m. Sunday we did some site seeing down at Fort Meyers, and went to Sanibel Island to relax on the beach. We also had to do some grocery shopping so we would have food for the rest of the week.

Monday we divided into two groups. Both of the homes we were working on were double wide trailer homes. One group, consisting of Brent, Dale, Isla, Arlin, Janene, Dan and Missy, went to the Francisco home to do finish work: painting, hanging doors, installing trim, counter top, sinks, toilets and water heater. Arlin and Janene were vacationing, and worked with this group on Monday before heading back home to Iowa.

The second group, consisting of Jerry, Harv, Dan, and Roger went to the Mayden home to start work. Pastor Dan Weiringa joined us for two days to experience a work project. Pastor Don has been newly hired by World Renew to be the chaplain and liaison for families and home owners as they work with World Renew during the initial interview process. In the Mayden home, we tore out the ceiling, and the paneling and sheetrock on the walls were removed. We completely re-wired the house and did some plumbing. We also repaired and replaced floor joists and floor sheeting. Once the ceiling was down, new 2x4 had to be nailed onto the existing roof joists to take out the sag that had occurred, and finally, sheetrock was put up.

By Wednesday the first group had completed their home so Thursday everyone went to the Mayden home to work. More demolition and sheetrock hanging, and some taping and mudding were done. We were able to finish most of the wiring, but left the rest for the next group. We worked until a little past 1 on Friday, cleaned up the site and packed up tools, then headed back to camp to wash vehicles and pack up the bus to head back home. We said our farewells and headed down the road at about 4, dropping Dan and Missy at a rest area just outside of Tampa Bay where they met up with her bother who lives in the area. Knowing the weather was bad at home, and anxious to make time, we drove until about midnight pulling over in a rest area to sleep. At about 4 AM we headed down the road again. We arrived home at about midnight on Sunday morning the 24th. Other than driving through 2 snow storms, it was an awesome week! A lot was accomplished and new friendships were made.

-Jerry Vermeer



April 2019

Maurice Reformed Mission Prayer Guide

Sunday	Monday 1	Tuesday 2	Wednesday 3	Thursday 4	Friday 5	Saturday 6
	Pray for the Awakening Grace staff to have wisdom and compassion as they support grieving women and families who have lost children due to early death.	Pray for the MRC mission team as they meet to make decisions and support mission at MRC. Pray for wisdom and direction in selecting another international mission partner.	Pray for the S Family in SE Asia , and they work at opening a business to do ministry. Pray also for the government to approve their visa's for their business.	Pray for the Life Tree ministry of CANA to be a place where people's stories unfold and lives are shaped by trust as they seek God's direction.	Pray for ongoing disaster response efforts in LaBelle, Florida . Pray for relief and support for those who struggle due to low income, and continue to need help with home repairs.	Thank God with Brian Renes for the gospel spreading in villages of Chiapas, Mexico. Pray for another people group, the Naha who are just being reached with the Bible.
7 Pray for ongoing discipleship in Life Groups at MRC. Pray for families to come, grow, and serve God together.	8 Pray for Dan Smith and the Paradise Bound Ministry teams of Guatemalans to continue to strengthen new church starts and families and individuals who have just accepted Christ.	9 Pray for Tom Johnson as he trains participants and chaplains with MH4H in Haiti. Pray for safety in traveling from Pella to Haiti, for their girls at school and Achiatou for spiritual and physical healing.	10 Pray for Bonnie and Jon as they work with the youth of MRC. Pray for their walk in Christ and leadership among these groups of youth and adult volunteers.	11 Pray for S & A K and the Marma pastors recently trained in storying and preaching on Acts. Pray that "nothing will distract them not fear of men, not sickness, not laziness, not anything."	12 Pray for wisdom and God's spirit to lead Steve and Tara Dekkers as they disciple those going into mission in personal character development, strength & growth areas.	13 Pray with Deb & Mark Wilson in Cambodia as they train and equip Bible students for ministry. Pray for ongoing strength for Mark as he deals with chronic pain, and for Deb who recently had an infection.
14 Pray for Pastor Ross as he leads us through preaching of the word at MRC. Pray that God's Spirit will lead him in His words.	15 Pray for Brad Schelling and the ministry of First Priority as they support students ministering to students in middle and high schools. Pray for Jesus to be shared and heard.	16 Pray with Meggan & Pavlos and their expanding church. Pray for the leadership as they grow, and for "seeds of impact" to take root. Pray for summer ministries for the Bible students.	17 Pray for our youth and MRC staff and volunteers as they meet on Wednesdays to grow closer to God, and learn more about Him.	18 Pray that our church and mission partners may feel God's love and then share His love with others.	19 Pray for Jon & Erin H as they disciple men and women in the Word and seek out conversations with unbelievers. Pray for their next steps with Navigators at Nebraska.	20 Pray with Vasya and Maranda Heytsi in the Ukraine as they work with their church, kids clubs, and outreaches to the nearby village of Tyachivka. Pray for their 3 foster kids.
21 Praise God for the gift of eternal life through the gift of His Son , and His sacrifice in order for us to live with him in heaven some day.	22 Pray for opportunities to share Christ . Pray for individuals and families to return to God, in the United States.	23 Pray for the ministry of Words of Hope as they bring the news of God's love around the world through radio.	24 Pray for Pastor Wick as he ministers among MRC members in the hospital, home, and community.	25 Pray for Amistad Cristiana growth in leadership and new members. Pray for God to work through the Hispanic community.	26 Pray for each of the food pantries and hunger programs and the Sack Pack programs, as they meet the needs of the hungry.	27 Pray for Christians around the world who are persecuted for their faith and worship and pray in secret.
28 Thank God for the ministry of MRC and pray for open eyes to see and join Him in mission.	29 Pray for the Deb Rensink as she meets the spiritual needs of women and children in crisis. Pray for her new mentoring program.	30 Pray for wisdom and Christ's love in ATLAS staff , as they meet with people who struggle with issues related to finances or relationships.				

"HEAR MY PRAYER O LORD" PSALM 102:1



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	8:30 AM Fellowship Through Fitness 6:30 PM Bells	9 AM Staff Meeting 1-5 PM Stitches of Love 7 PM Mission Team Meeting	5:30 Meal 6:20 Pioneer Club 6:20 Jr. GAP 7:45 PM Adult Choir – <i>Sanctuary</i> 7:50 Sr. High	8:15 AM Fellowship Through Fitness	Middle School Retreat - April 5-7	
7 – Adult Choir 9:30 AM Worship Pastor Ross 10:45 SS	8 8:30 AM Fellowship Through Fitness 7:30 PM Good News Bible Study	9 9 AM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Consistory Meeting	10 5:30 Meal 5:30 Recycled Teens at Waeside 6:20 Pioneer Club 6:20 Jr. GAP 7:50 Sr. High	11 8:15 AM Fellowship Through Fitness	12	13
14 – Palm Sunday 9:30 AM Worship Pastor Ross 10:45 SS 5:30 PM Evening Worship	15 8:30 AM Fellowship Through Fitness 6:30 PM Bells	16 9 AM Staff Meeting 1-5 PM Stitches of Love	17 5:30 Meal 6:20 Pioneer Club 6:20 Jr. GAP 7:50 Sr. High	18 8:15 AM Fellowship Through Fitness 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Communion Service	19	20
21 – Easter Sunday! 7:00 AM Easter Sunrise Service 8:00 AM Pancake Breakfast – FLC 9:30 AM Easter Celebration Service	22 8:30 AM Fellowship Through Fitness 1-4 PM Yarn Connection 7 PM Faith Bible Study	23 9 AM Staff Meeting	24 5:30 Meal 6:20 MRC Spring Carnival 6:20 Jr. GAP 7:50 Sr. High	25 8:15 AM Fellowship Through Fitness	26	27 6:30 AM Elder’s Breakfast
28 – Prom Sunday & Jr. GAP Youth Sunday 9:30 AM Worship led by Jr. GAP 10:45 SS 5:30 PM Evening Worship – <i>Prayer for Crops & Industry</i>	29 8:30 AM Fellowship Through Fitness	30 9 AM Staff Meeting				