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--Mental Health Awareness Month--

— Sunday, May 12, 2019 —

9:30 AM Worship led by Pastor Ross
Invite — *“Identity in Christ”* Psalm 139

Special Music — John Vander Stelt — *“Does Jesus Care?”*
Thank you for blessing us this morning!

Next Sunday at MRC

9:30 AM Worship led by Pastor Ross
Challenge — *“Suicide & Self Harm”* Job 10:1-3



May's Special Offering: Seasons Center — Please mark your envelope or check with "Special" and place it with your regular giving in the offering plate.

MRC HAPPENINGS

Attention MRC: Due to frequent misuse, we are requesting your help in maintaining the church facility, assuring that all parties are supervised and are respecting the space. We want MRC to be a welcoming and functional space, but we need to work together to make sure this is achieved. Thank you for your cooperation.

In honor of Memorial Day, May 26, our evening worship will be in the Maurice Village Park at 5:30. Elaine Leusink will be sharing how their faith in God helped them when B. Jay was killed in Iraq. It will be a patriotic service. Ray Van Gorp will be smoking brats and hot dogs. We ask each family to bring a salad or dessert to share. Remember your lawn chair!

Children's Ministry volunteers, please bring your binder to Bonnie's office. A box outside her door is available if she is not there. Thanks for your help!

Today's the final day to sign up your children for ROAR VBS!

We'd love to have your children join us at ROAR VBS, which is coming to MRC on June 3-7 from 8:45-11:30 am. Kids will have a blast discovering that even though life gets wild, God is Good! The morning will be filled with singing, Bible stories, crafts, games, snacks and so much more! VBS is open to Kindergarten-6th graders (based on their grade next fall), and you can register your kids at <https://mrc.breezechms.com/form/vbs20171395>. (If you volunteer to help at VBS, we offer nursery and classes for 3 year olds and preschool/TK.) Paper versions of the form are available at the Info Booth.



Registrations are due today, so please don't wait! Music CD's will be distributed to MRC kids THIS week in your church mailbox! If you don't sign up by TODAY, you will get your CD during VBS week. Watch your email later this week for the VBS Information Packet!



ISO: Awesome Volunteers for to share God's love with kids!

We need lots of wonderful volunteers like you for this year's ROAR VBS! If you'd like to help out, please sign-up soon at <https://mrc.breezechms.com/form/vbsvolunteer6433>. Paper versions of both registration forms are available at the info booth. If you have any questions, feel free to talk to Bonnie Wolf, Jamie Kamerman, Jessica Oolman or Sara Wielenga.

If you've already volunteered for VBS...

Thank you!!! We are excited for a great week of sharing God's love with the kids! You will soon be receiving information about where you will be serving for the week, who your Prayer Partners will be, what snacks you're asked to bring, etc. Thanks again for your willingness to volunteer, and be on the lookout for more information!

VBS Snack Donations – If you are willing and able to donate snacks for the week of VBS, there is a sign-up sheet available at the info table. Thanks!



We love making VBS week come to life, but need help with some decorating!

We are in need of a few items to borrow or have donated for the week. All items will be for display only:

- *African (bright colored prints) or animal prints – fabric, blankets, curtains
- *Woven baskets
- *African items – drums, etc.
- *Large vases/pottery
- *Grasses
- *Cargo nets/bug netting

If you can provide any of these items to help us out, please contact Jamie Kameron 737-7444 or mjkameron@yahoo.com.

WANTED: Donations for Vacation Bible School crafts! We are looking for: old t-shirts (adult sizes) with or without a design in any size & color, and **wide mouth quart-size jars** (no lids). If you have either of these items, we would love it if you would place them in the 5 boxes in the fellowship hall kitchen. Thanks so much for helping us!

For moms who have lost a child, born or unborn...

For moms holding a sick child, daring to wonder how much time you have left...

For women who have yearned for a child and have been unable to conceive...

For single women who long to be married and start a family yet remain waiting...

For those wanting to adopt who haven't yet been able to see that dream become reality...

For those who needed to let someone else care for their child and had to say goodbye...

For single moms of young kids who are too young to know how to appreciate mom as she deserves...

For moms serving in the military who are deployed and far away from their babies...

For moms of teenagers who have pushed away from them...

I see you this Mother's Day. I hold your heart in mine and ask for God's grace to find you.

For those who never knew their mother...

For those who have had a mother walk out on them...

For those who had a mother who was there but not there...

For those who have lost a mother...

For those who have lost a grandmother...

For those who have lost a mother-figure...

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*May you be comforted in your loss or in your longing. May your eyes be opened to those you have "mothered" through your love & care & nurturing. And may you be filled with sweet memories of the special women in your own life who are as mothers to you, even if your own is gone. Mothers & mother figures everywhere are deserving of our honor. You are appreciated, and I sincerely hope the people in your life help you **know** it.*

JR. GAP MINISTRIES



Power Connection Minneapolis - Bethel University

July 23-28 – We are excited to be taking 38 students and 9 adults to Power Connection this year! **Reminder that the payment of \$110 is due.** If this is an obstacle or hurdle for your family at this time, please contact a Jr. GAP leader or Jon Eveland.

Jr. GAP Youth Sunday - If you would like a copy of the Jr. GAP Youth Sunday Service/Year in Pictures, please contact Jon Eveland.

Stay Tuned - Summer Schedule - Even though Jr. GAP concluded for the summer, we will have several summer



events! Some of the events that we have enjoyed over the past summers include a campout, boating outing, movie nights, and Wild Water West. **STAY TUNED** for the summer schedule coming out later this month!



Volunteers needed! We are in need of volunteers from Jr. GAP to help with VBS this summer (June 3-7). There are several open spots in the kitchen and other areas. We are also in need of floaters if you are unable to be there every day. Please contact Jon Eveland or Jamie Kamerman if you are interested in helping. Thank you!

Youth Ministry Appreciation Supper – May 22, 6-8 pm

Thank you, first and foremost, for your dedication and willingness to impart the knowledge, love and grace of Jesus Christ onto our middle and high school youth this school year. Your influence has been great, and you have had a lasting impact on these teens. You have become trusted mentors, friends, teachers, small group leaders and have most importantly had an eternal impact on them in Jesus' name! This last Sunday School and Youth Group year has been incredible, and we are thankful to the Lord for his faithfulness! With that said, we want to thank you, affirm you, and celebrate what God has done over the course of this year together on Wednesday, May 22 from 6-8 pm. We will be having a meal together and some entertainment. **Please RSVP as soon as possible. Spouses are also invited!**



SR. HIGH MINISTRIES

Schedule:

- **May 26** – Senior Sunday Recognition



**INTERNATIONAL
MISSION TRIP
2019**

Sr. High Summer Mission Trip - July 13-20

Eaglecrest Alaska Missions - We are under 3 months away from going to Sutton, Alaska for our Summer Mission trip serving with Eaglecrest Alaska Missions!

Our group consists of 30 students and 9 adults. We do intend to have three team meetings prior to leaving, so check out that info below. **The remaining balance of \$250 is due.** Checks can be made out to MRC Sr. High. If you have questions, please contact Jon Eveland or a Sr. High Youth Leader.

We are going to be meeting for pre-trip preparation and team building before we leave. The dates and times for these meetings are:

- ♦ **Sunday, June 2 @ 5:30 pm**
- ♦ **Sunday, July 7 @ 5:30 pm**



All pre-trip meetings will take place in the Sr. High Youth Room. We highly encourage all participants to come to these meetings. Supper will be served. Upon return from Alaska, we will get together as a team on Sunday, August 4 at 5:30 pm in the Sr. High Youth Room for a time of reflection, & remembering the faithfulness of God while in Alaska.

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THIS WEEK AT MRC...

Sunday, May 12— *Mother's Day*

9:30 AM Worship led by Pastor Ross

Monday, May 13

8:30 AM Fellowship Through Fitness

7:30 PM Good News Bible Study

Tuesday, May 14

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

6:30 PM Consistory Meeting

Sunday, May 19

9:30 AM Worship led by Pastor Ross

Church Family Prayer

- *Please be in prayer for **Edna Vander Broek** as she recently fell and broke her arm. Pray for healing and also for a smooth transition for her as she moves to Prairie Ridge.*
- *Keep **Edith Kuiken** in your prayers as she was transferred to Pleasant Acres in Hull until there is an opening at Prairie Ridge. Pray that Edith can continue to regain strength after her fall and for peace of mind during these transitions.*
- *Please be in prayer for the **Smith family (Paradise Bound Ministries)**, specifically for **Haven Smith** as she has been suffering with **Lyme Disease**. Pray for them as they navigate this, and pray for healing for Haven.*
- *We extend our sympathy to **Don & Sue De Kok** in the passing of Don's sister, Midge Andringa. Prayers for peace and comfort for loved ones during this time.*

*And we continue to pray for **Isaac S, Val D, Brent DK, Rachel L, Ruth H, Eileen W, Lorna B, Arlin B, & Linda Z***

	THIS WEEK	NEXT WEEK
ORGAN/PIANO	Janene VG/Kristi H	Judy V/Donna M
NURSERY	Rob & Heather Hofmeyer and family	Molly VE, Anna M, Christa VD
PRAYER ROOM	Colette Hofmeyer	LaDonna DeVries
FLOWERS	Sharon Plendl	Sharon Plendl