

# MAURICE REFORMED CHURCH

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— Sunday, September 15, 2019 —

9:30 AM Worship led by Pastor Ross

*“Paying the Fare”* Jonah 1:1-3

*Join with us this morning as we celebrate the baptism of Beckett Leo Eisma, son of Jeremy & Liesl Eisma. Beckett was born on June 11. God’s blessings to you all!*

10:45 AM Sunday School

*\*\*Be sure to join us following the service for cake and refreshments as we celebrate Shellie Vander Schaaf and her 16 years of service to MRC!\*\**

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Next Sunday at MRC

9:30 AM Worship led by Pastor Ross

*“Hope in the Resurrection”* 1 Cor. 15:1-58

10:45 AM Sunday School

Church Family Prayer

- We celebrate with **Cody Van Engen and family** as Cody was able to return home this past week! We continue to pray for Cody as he receives therapy, and we pray for patience for him during this time of healing.
- Please keep **Debbie Hubers** in your prayers as she recovers from ankle surgery. This has been a long journey, so we pray that she is finally able to experience some relief.

*And we continue to pray for Teagyn R, Isaac S, Val D, Brent DK, Janene VG,  
Joan P, Ruth H, & Linda Z*

# MRC HAPPENINGS

**Pastor Ross introduced our next International MRC mission trip to Moviendo, Esperanza in Costa Rica for March 3-9, 2020, and we are looking for a team of 10 individuals from the church to be part of the wheelchair distribution team.** This can be anyone over 18 who would like to assist in putting together wheelchairs, & working with the individuals and families who receive them. The deadline to sign up is October 30, with \$500 of the \$2,000 cost down as your commitment for the trip (paid to MRC and given to Joel Leusink). If you have any questions regarding the trip, see Pastor Ross or one of the mission team members. More info will be coming over the next months, as we as a congregation join together in this One Goal of Advancing Hope.



**Are you as a family, a group of individuals, youth group, or Life Group looking for a service project?** Aaron Maassen is looking for a group to help with cleaning the landscape around the MRC church parsonage. If you are able to help, please contact Aaron.

If you have other service project ideas, please let the deacons, mission team, or Emily know, so we can pass on these ideas.

**Sign up to help with Meal Ministry!** If you are interested in helping with the meal ministry this year, whether that be helping with food preparation in the afternoon or serving and clean up in the evening, please sign up at the info table! We are also looking for a few people to be in charge of planning the meal. Questions? Contact Nov Van Regenmorter.

**MRC LIFE GROUPS KICK OFF TODAY!** Hundreds of people at MRC are going to find the joy and satisfaction of gaining new friends, finding acceptance and care, and discussing the studies that coordinate with the teaching of Pastor Ross each Sunday. May God bless our Life Groups this season.

**24 Hours of Prayer – September 18 & 19 –** Prayer is the foundation of Christian life and the church. And as we begin a new school year we invite you to join us in a 24 hours of prayer event. We will be led in 4 stations. You can sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050b49a4ae2cabfb6-24hours> or at the info table.





**“Seeking Him” the Revive Our Hearts Women’s Conference in Indianapolis, IN will be simulcast at Calvary CRC in Orange City September 27 & 28.**

Admission is free but you will need to RSVP at Eventbrite.com by Sept 20. Come see well known speakers such as Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth, Mary Kassian, Dannah Gresh and more! For more info, go to Revive19.com.

**September 21 Paradise Bound Golf Fundraiser sponsored by MRC, Rejoice! and Hope CRC of Hull.** Sign up to play 9 or 18 holes of Best Ball (\$200 per 4-some) by September 19. Don’t golf? You can give by writing a check to MRC with Paradise Bound in the memo line. Questions? Contact Justin Schrock, Denny Vander Sluis or Mike Vermeer. *Sign up at the info table!*

## CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

**Sunday School Memory Work** – Please help your student learn the verse for the week! For weeks September 15, 22, and 29, the verse is: Proverbs 3:5-6, *“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.”*

**Awana will begin this week, September 18! Praising God for all**

**of our volunteers!** Please have your child check in at the tables between the Family Life Center and the sanctuary. Preschool



(3, 4, 5 year olds including TK) check in at the blue table; Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grades check in at the red table; 3rd and 4th grades check in at the green table. Check in begins at 6:00 and ends at 6:20.

- **What to bring to Awana?** Each child in grade school needs to bring a pencil, their Bible, offering, and if you have a cinch sack to put that in, you may bring that along! Cinch sacks will be available at the check in tables.
- Something new that will be done for Awana is an offering. The students will be involved in choosing what mission they want to give their offering to at the end of December. We will choose a new mission for the new year. It is important to teach our children about giving.
- Children need parents to come into the sanctuary at the end of Awana (7:30) to pick them up. No children will be excused without a parent in the sanctuary getting them. The doors to the sanctuary will open when we are finished. Thanks for helping with this new system!

# JR. GAP MINISTRIES

## SCHEDULE:

- **Sept. 18** – Theme Intro: *Thy Kingdom Come*
- **Sept. 25** – Small Group Night Outing

## LUNCH: 2 dozen bars/cookies

- **Sept. 18** – Mitchell B, Jabrel B, Summer B, Lilly D
- **Sept. 25** – Anna M, Jocelyn M, Emilee S, Kaden S
- **Oct. 2** – Ciana VD, David VZ, Karlee H, Breanna J



**Missional Focus** – Throughout Jr. GAP this year, with our theme in mind of *Thy Kingdom Come*, we are going to be emphasizing a local, regional, and global missional focus to collect items for, serve at, and collect an offering. We are excited to be thinking outward and supporting God’s mission near and far. The students will get to decide from options this week Wednesday when we introduce our theme, whom we will be supporting. We are excited to participate in God’s Kingdom work!

**Lunch Change** – This year, we will **not** be asking you to bring two liters for our “lunch” time at the end of Jr. GAP. **Instead, we are asking each student to be responsible for bringing two 12 packs of pop (cans) by Wednesday, Sept. 18.**



We will be redeeming pop cans and collecting tabs throughout the year to support our missional focus. The funds raised from redeeming pop cans, though maybe small, will contribute towards our missional focus and cut down on the waste of using so many Styrofoam cups. We will be stacking the packs of pop next to the fridge in The Refuge.



**Sub Sandwich Fundraiser – September 4-29** – Our annual Sub Sandwich Fundraiser is upon us! **Parents, you will receive order forms on Wednesday, September 4 at the parents meeting.** This fundraiser has been an awesome fundraiser for our group through the years, and the money raised will go towards reducing the cost of Jr. GAP’s mission trip come next summer. As we have done the last few years, the student who sells the most will have their mission trip covered. Looking forward to God’s faithfulness in this fundraiser again this year!

**Sunday School** – 6th grade will be with Dan & LaDonna DeVries in Room 25, 7th and 8th grade boys will be with Dana Van Ostrand and Ben Henker in Room 3, 7th and 8th grade girls will be with Heather Hofmeyer in Room 24.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**



**Wednesday Night Refuge Worship – Wednesday, Sept. 18 – 7:25-7:55 pm**

Be sure to join us this week as we start off the year with worship, reflection, and revival! This is a great opportunity to worship with your brothers and sisters in Christ and to focus your heart and mind on God and His love for us.

# SR. HIGH MINISTRIES

## SCHEDULE:

- **Sept. 18** – Theme Intro: *Thy Kingdom Come*
- **Sept. 25** – Small Group Night Outing

## LUNCH: 2 dozen bars/cookies

- **Sept. 18** – Trevor L, Cali M, Zach M, Eric P
- **Sept. 25** – Alex VD, Brodie VZ, Angel VZ, Brooke DJ
- **Oct. 2** – Edyn D, Dylan F, Tayce K, John M

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

Harvest Party – October 30  
Guys & Girls Retreat – Nov. 15-16  
Sweetheart Banquet – February 6  
Sr. High Youth Sunday – March 29  
Senior Supper – May 11  
Rocky Mountain High – July 24-29



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**Guys & Girls Retreat COMING – November 15-16** – We are excited that we will be doing a Guys Retreat and a Girls Retreat this fall for Sr. Highers! Both retreats will be the same weekend, at different locations. School calendars were considered, and this weekend has very limited conflicts from either MOC-FV, Unity, LeMars, West Sioux, or Sioux Center High schools. If you would like to attend the Guys or Girls Retreat, please contact Jon Eveland. More into to come!

**Sunday School** – Jill Haverdink's class will meet in Room 23, Dan Venema's class will meet in Room 8, and Jon Eveland's class will meet in the east side of the Sr. High Youth Room.



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## THIS WEEK AT MRC...

**Sunday, September 15 – Farewell for Shellie**

9:30 AM Worship led by Pastor Ross

10:45 AM Sunday School

**Monday, September 16**

8:30 AM Fellowship Through Fitness

6:30 PM Bell Choir

**Tuesday, September 17**

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

1:00-5:00 PM Stitches of Love

**Wednesday, September 18**

5:30 PM Meal

6:20 PM Awana

6:20 PM Jr. GAP Kick Off

7:50 PM Sr. High Kick Off

**Friday, September 20**

8:30 AM Fellowship Through Fitness

5:30 PM Recycled Teens at The Dugout – *Granville*

**Sunday, September 22**

9:30 AM Worship led by Pastor Ross

10:45 AM Sunday School

**September 18 Menu:**

BBQ – Hamburgers,  
hot dogs, brats, lettuce,  
tomatoes, onions, potato  
salad, fresh fruit salad,  
chips and ice cream

	THIS WEEK	NEXT WEEK
<b>ORGAN/ PIANO</b>	Praise Team	Judy V/Barb VH
<b>NURSERY</b>	Greg & Jen Leusink and family	Stefan & Miranda Maassen, Maddie Schwarck
<b>PRAYER ROOM</b>	Dave Van Klompenburg	Jill Muilenburg
<b>FLOWERS</b>	Sharon Plendl	Sharon Plendl