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— Sunday, November 17, 2019 —

9:30 AM Worship led by Pastor Ross

“True Repentance” Jonah 3:6-10

This morning we welcome the adult choir as they bring us the gift of music, singing “Harvest of Thanksgiving”. Thank you for blessing MRC this morning!

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Next Sunday at MRC

9:30 AM Worship led by Pastor Ross

“Jonah’s Response” Jonah 4:1-11

10:45 AM Sunday School

Church Family Prayer

- We keep **Karleen Smits** in our prayers as she was recently hospitalized and put on hospice.
- We extend our sympathy to **the Wichers family**. Betty Pott, Marlin and Bob’s sister, and Eileen’s sister-in-law, passed away this past week. We pray for peace and comfort for family and loved ones during this time.
- **Bryan Van Gelder** will be having a scan done in the 21st, so we pray that this goes well and that he will receive good results.
- Please be in prayer for **Dawn De Weerd** as she recovers from a knee injury. We are grateful that she does not need surgery, but we pray for healing and patience for her as she will be unable to put weight on it for a couple more weeks.
- We continue to pray for **Evaleen Van Peursem** following her recent heart attack. Prayers that God’s healing hand may continue to be on her during this time.

We also continue to pray for **Val D, Lorna B, Isaac S, Teagyn R, Cody VE, Joan P, Janene VG, & Linda Z**

MRC HAPPENINGS

Starting last week and continuing into December, there will be a number of mission opportunities for giving and service. Please check out the tables and sign-ups again this week for the following:

- **November 10** – Wreaths Across America – give toward a specific wreath, or in the special offering for each of our 56 veterans in Sherman Township cemetery. Questions, please contact Elaine Leusink (441-6592) or Laura Vander Stelt (441-6621). Planned laying on the cemetery is December 15.
- **November 17** – Start of Atlas Christmas Store – Choose one of 30 tags to support the Atlas OC store to support financially challenged families in this area. Items to be returned December 1 for the December 7 store. Contact LaDonna DeVries (441-4229) if you have any questions.
- **November 17** – Reverse Offering slips available during service or at the information center for the Orange City Food Pantry, Hope Food Pantry in Sioux Center, the Genesis House in Orange City, and the Family Crisis Center in Sioux Center. Items to be brought to church on Wednesday night November 27 with your colored tags.
- **November 24** – Start of Angel Tree – Kelli Bartlett heading up the angels available for 25 children who have a parent incarcerated. Pick an angel or sign up for delivery on December 14-21. Any questions, contact Kelli Bartlett (441-4220).
- **November 23** – Mission team needs volunteers cutting fleece material for blankets at MRC. Contact LaDonna DeVries at 441-4229 or sign up at the information center.
- **November 24** – 100 blanket fleece material available at MRC to be returned by December 13.
- **From November 18-December 7** – Volunteers are needed to re-pack wheelchairs at Rock Valley for Costa Rica shipment. Sign up at the information center if interested.



Thanksgiving Offering— This year we have identified two ministries that will be the main recipients of our Thanksgiving Offering. **The first is Esperanza Hope Costa Rica Mission trip.** We have committed as a church to send a team of 10 to Costa Rica with a shipment of 194 wheelchairs and covering the associated \$32,500 in expenses. **The second is to assist the Heytsi family.** They have recently adopted 3 children, taken in Vasya's mother, and considering the possibility of adopting a newborn. For more information on either of these missions, please see this month's Maurice Moments. *Again, this year the mission budget is in a deficit.* Any funds designated to the mission budget will help with this. If you are considering giving to another charity through the church, remember many charities are already non-profit organizations that can give you the same tax benefit as giving through the church. Also, our classical assessments are based on total church revenue so giving to another non-profit will increase the assessment amount that our church pays to the classis.



Poinsettias – Hard to believe it’s almost that time of year again! If you would like to purchase a poinsettia in memory or in honor of someone, please sign up at the information table. Cost is \$13 and can be paid at the church office.

TOMORROW (and possibly Tuesday), we are looking for volunteers to help with quality checking the wheelchairs that will be shipped to Costa Rica in 2020. We are hoping to start at 9:30 am and work into the afternoon. You can come and go as you please. No particular skills necessary. Pizza will be provided for lunch. If you can help either day, contact Dan DeVries at 712-449-5310.

Next Sunday, November 24 will be your first chance to “adopt” an angel from the Prison Fellowship Ministry’s Angel Tree. Angels will be due back, wrapped with their tag on by Wednesday, December 11. If you are interested in helping deliver gifts to families in Sioux City, Marcus, or Rock Valley, or if you have any questions, please contact Kelli Bartlett at 441-4220.



“On behalf of the Roorda’s and the Van Engen’s, we would like to say thank you for the support, love, and encouragement during the benefit. We are humbled and blessed to come together as a church and community to pour our hearts into two families during a time of need. The presence of God was felt throughout the whole evening by many. We could not have made the benefit the success it was, without all of your help and support. THANK YOU!”
With love, Ashley Plendl and Megan Baartman

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

Reminder that there is NO Sunday School today. Enjoy the Sunday off!



This week Wednesday, November 20, we will be having Pastor & Popcorn night! Kids, as well as adults, are encouraged to dress like Pastor Ross! He will be coming to each Bible time to answer any questions the kids may have! Be sure to write some good things to ask him!

Awana Mart will be held on Wednesday night for all kids to attend!

Looking for people to do some gift wrapping during the Super Awana Mart in December! It would be from 6:30-7:30 on December 18. If you, or your Life Group are interested in spending a night wrapping gifts for students to take home and put under their tree for family, please find Bonnie Wolf, Kelly Van Gelder, Amanda Dykstra, or Kimi Leusink and let them know!



JR. GAP MINISTRIES

SCHEDULE:

- **Nov. 20** – *The Presence of the Kingdom/Advent*
Led by Dana VO
- **Nov. 27** – *No Jr. GAP – Thanksgiving Break*

LUNCH: 2 dozen bars/cookies

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- **Nov. 27** – *No Jr. GAP – Thanksgiving Break*

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Super Bowl Party – February 2
Waffle Fundraiser – March 4
Middle School Retreat – April 3-5
Jr. GAP Youth Sunday – April 26
Denver Mission Trip – June 12-19

Jr. GAP t-shirts will be here on Wednesday! These will be of no cost to the students.



Jr. GAP Missional Focus – In light of our theme this year of *Thy Kingdom Come*, we are continuing to support, take in offering during youth group, and helping three different ministries (1 local, 1 regional, 1 global) over the course of the year.

The ministries were decided upon by the students and those ministries will be Katelyn's Fund, Delivering Hope, and Remember Nhu. We are excited to be a small part in having a Kingdom impact by supporting these ministries! Each small group has set goals in how they want to support each ministry – including collecting clothes for the Katelyn's Fund Orphanage in Haiti, donating items for their auction, collecting items for the comfort bags for Delivering Hope, sponsoring a child as a small group through Remember Nhu, and through prayer. Thank you for encouraging your Jr. GAPper to be a part of building God's Kingdom – God is at work!

Refuge Live – Wednesday – 7:25-7:55 pm in The Refuge – Do you love God? Do you enjoy praising our Lord and Savior? If you said yes to either one of those questions, then Refuge Live is the place for you. Join us on Wednesday for an awesome night of worship down in The Refuge from 7:25-7:55 pm. Grab a friend and head on down. All are welcome!



Jr. GAP Christmas Party – Wednesday, December 18 – Christmas is right around the corner! We will be celebrating Christmas in Jr. GAP on December 18, and we challenge all Jr. GAPpers to come dressed in their favorite PJs! Get ready for a fun night!

Summer Mission Trip – Denver, CO – June 12-19 – Our summer dates for our mission trip have been set – June 12-19. We will have the opportunity to serve in Denver, CO working alongside Mile High Ministries (an RCA partner), Open Door Ministries, and Extreme Community Makeover. Some of our service opportunities will include serving the homeless, being challenged in the area of evangelism, some physical labor and learning more about ourselves and the Lord. There will be more info, including a Parents meeting, coming after the new year!



SR. HIGH MINISTRIES

SCHEDULE:

- **Nov. 20** – *The Presence of the Kingdom/Advent*
Led by Dana VO
- **Nov. 27** – *No Sr. High – Thanksgiving Break*

LUNCH: 2 dozen bars/cookies

- **Nov. 20** – Caleb S, Brandon VS, Hope VZ, Autumn VD
- **Nov. 27** – *No Sr. High – Thanksgiving Break*

DATES TO REMEMBER:

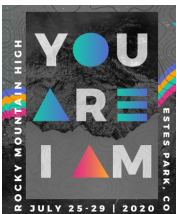
Sweetheart Banquet – February 6
Sr. High Youth Sunday – March 29
Senior Supper – May 11
Rocky Mountain High – July 24-29

Sr. High t-shirts will be here on Wednesday! These will be of no cost to the students.



Sr. High Missional Focus – In light of our theme this year of *Thy Kingdom Come*, we are continuing to support, take in offering during youth group, and helping 3 different ministries (1 local, 1 regional, 1 global) over the course of the year. The ministries were decided upon by the students and those ministries will be Katelyn's Fund, Delivering Hope, & Remember Nhu. We are excited to be a small part in having a Kingdom impact by supporting these ministries! Each small group has set goals in how they want to support each ministry – including collecting clothes for the Katelyn's Fund Orphanage in Haiti, donating items for their auction, collecting items for the comfort bags for Delivering Hope, sponsoring a child as a small group through Remember Nhu, and through prayer. Thank you for encouraging your Sr. Higher to be a part of building God's Kingdom!

Refuge Live – Wednesday – 7:25-7:55 pm in The Refuge – Do you love God? Do you enjoy praising our Lord and Savior? If you said yes to either one of those questions, then Refuge Live is the place for you. Join us on Wednesday for an awesome night of worship down in The Refuge from 7:25-7:55 pm. Grab a friend and head on down. All are welcome!



Rocky Mountain High – July 24-29 – Registration is open on the synodyouth.org website. Register as soon as possible to receive your preferred rec plus option. Rocky Mountain High is an event held every 3 years. It is geared towards high school students and their leaders. This event is held at the YMCA Camp of the Rockies in Estes Park, CO. It is nestled in the heart of the Rocky Mountains, surrounded by nature and the sheer beauty of God. Our goal is to provide a large group encounter with the transformational truth and love of Jesus for students and leaders.

Sr. High Christmas Party – Wednesday, December 18 – Christmas is right around the corner! We will be celebrating Christmas in Sr. High on December 18, and we challenge all Sr. Highers to come dressed in their favorite PJs! Get ready for a fun night!



THIS WEEK AT MRC...

Sunday, November 17 – *No Sunday School*

9:30 AM Worship led by Pastor Ross

2:30 PM Prairie Ridge Service

Monday, November 18

8:30 AM Fellowship Through Fitness

6:30 PM Bells

Tuesday, November 19

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

Wednesday, November 20

5:30 PM Meal

6:20 PM Awana – *Pastor & Popcorn Night*

6:20 PM Jr. GAP

7:50 PM Sr. High

Friday, November 22

8:30 AM Fellowship Through Fitness

Sunday, November 24

9:30 AM Worship led by Pastor Ross

10:45 AM Sunday School

Fireside Coffee with Pastor Ross

Everyone is invited to come to the Fireside Room every Monday morning at 9:00 for a time of coffee and fellowship!

Wednesday Night Meal - November 20 Menu:

Tater tot casserole, roll, snicker salad, peaches, bread pudding, cookie

	THIS WEEK	NEXT WEEK
ORGAN/ PIANO	Janene VG/Kristi H	Judy V/Donna M
NURSERY	Eric & Jen Cleveringa Tye Borchers	Sharon Vermeer, Brittini Oolman, Ciana VD
PRAYER ROOM	Miranda Maassen	Colette Hofmeyer
FLOWERS	Sharon Plendl	Sharon Plendl