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*Sunday School & Wednesday night activities are delayed for the time being
The deadline for consistory nomination ballots is extended one week (9/20)*

-- Sunday, September 13, 2020 --

9:30 AM Worship

5:00 PM Church Bonfire

Next Sunday at MRC

9:30 AM Worship led by Pastor Wick

*...My one defense, my righteousness,
oh God how I need you...*

Church Family Prayer

- We express our sympathies Gloria Feenstra, Larry Vande Kieft, and their families in the passing of their mother, Harriet Vande Kieft. We pray for continued comfort and peace for them all during this time.
- We are grateful that Dustin Van Der Weide returned safely to Ft. Riley from his deployment in South Korea! We pray for continued safety for him, as well as the other men and women who are serving our country.
- We lift up Aaron & Amy Muth and family in our prayers as Amy was diagnosed with cancer. We pray for wisdom and healing as they seek the proper treatment.

Continue to be in prayer for all those with ongoing health concerns

MRC HAPPENINGS

Deep Dive - The “Deep Dive” Sunday school class will be starting soon and adults and youth are invited! Grab a cup of coffee and come back to the Sanctuary at 10:50 am to “deep dive” into the story of Elijah and the Widow found in 1 Kings 17. We will begin by focusing on prayer. Hope to see you there!



Fellowship Through Fitness - Fellowship Through Fitness will be starting again on Monday at 8:30 am. They meet Mondays and Fridays at 8:30 am for one hour. Bring a floor mat, light weights, and water. No nursery will be offered this year. Give it a try and bring a friend! Contact Heather Hofmeyer (hhofmeyer@gmail.com) with any questions.

Fireside Prayer - All are welcome to gather for a time of praying together in the Fireside Room at 9:00 am on Monday morning (2nd & 4th Mondays). If you have prayer concerns you would like prayed for, please put them in the Prayer Box located on the pillar in the foyer.



Safer Area - The Refuge will remain a mandatorily masked area for the remainder of September. This will be re-evaluated for the month of October based on use.

Facility Usage - MRC, as we look ahead towards Fall, there are many new and exciting things happening at MRC! We look forward to being as accommodating as possible as the facility is being used. Within that, we would like to hit the “reset” button, in a sense. If you have a facility usage request, please verify that with Emily at the church office, or fill out a facility usage sheet on our website. Whether you are a church group that has been meeting for 10 years or are just starting, please let Emily know or fill out a request form. This will help us get everyone on the calendar and alleviate any rooms or spaces being double booked. These are exciting times and this promises to be an exciting year for our church! As we continue to refine our facility usage procedures and updating the calendar, we look forward to serving you, the congregation, as best we can! Thank you!

Women’s Bible Study - To those women who are planning to continue the Bible study *Faithful, Abundant, and True*, we will be meeting in Room 1 (the same room we were meeting in when the pandemic hit). I am looking forward to going deeper still right along with all of you. See you right after church. The video is 50 minutes long, so get there as quick as you can. Thank you.

BSF - Bible Study Fellowship is coming to Maurice Reformed Church! BSF is a worldwide, in-depth Bible study, and we get to host a group of 100+ ladies as they study God’s Word. The group will be meeting on Thursday mornings from 9:30-11:00 am, and they would love to have you join! This year we are studying Genesis, and each week, we look at a portion of Scripture in four ways: individually at home, in a group discussion, through a live teaching, and finally in an in-depth commentary. It’s a great way to grow closer to the Lord and find the answers to life’s pressing questions during this COVID-era. If you’d like to join the many MRC ladies who already attend, as well as other ladies from all over NW Iowa, talk to Tracy Cleveringa or Priscilla Jansma.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

1st Grade Bibles - New Bibles will be given to all 1st grade students at MRC. Encourage students to use their Bible in church, Sunday school, Awana, and home devotions!



Sermon Notes - Kids, there are sermon notes available for you, so don't forget to grab one on your way into church and fill it out during the sermon!

Sunday school will be starting up soon! Please follow the directions below:

- 3-year olds through kindergarten will continue to go to Room 9 for a time of singing. Please bring your child there as soon as the service is over! After singing, they will go to their classrooms. Parents, please pick your child up from their classroom at 11:30.
- 1st grade–3rd grade students will go directly to the multipurpose room for a short teaching time, then head to their classrooms until 11:15 when they will return to the multipurpose room for a time of singing! Parents, please pick your child up at the multipurpose room at 11:30.
- 4th–5th grade students will go directly to room 22 when the service is over. They will have their lesson and then go to their classrooms. They will join the 1st–3rd grade students in the multipurpose room for a time of singing at 11:15. Parents, please pick your children up from the multipurpose room at 11:30

Class lists and room assignments will be posted on the wall by Room 4. Please double check where your child will be as some have changed.



Awana - Awana will be starting up soon! Check in begins at 6:00 pm.

If your child is staying in the same group, please have them wear their vest/shirt that night. If they are advancing to the next leveled group and you registered by the deadline, a new vest/shirt will be available for them. Also, all students that were registered by the deadline will receive their workbook to take to and from Awana each week.

Students will need to provide their own cinch sack or backpack to carry their things to Awana each week. Inside this bag will include their handbook, Bible, pencil, offering, and envelope for the Awana Bucks. At check-in, kids will get Awana Bucks for having everything along each night!

Check-in begins at 6 and goes until 6:20. That is a number of kids to all get checked in each week inside of 20 minutes! Please help your child be ready! They need to show the secretary their stuff, drop their offering in the basket, use hand sanitizer, and have their temperature checked then head immediately to the sanctuary. All students should be in the sanctuary at 6:20! All volunteers will also sanitize hands and get temp taken at the check-in tables each night.

PICK UP: Your child will be in the sanctuary at 7:30. They will not be excused to come find you! The parent is responsible to enter the sanctuary at 7:30 (when the doors open) to retrieve their child. Mentors have been directed to stay with the child until a parent arrives. This is done for the safety of all children, thank you for following this procedure.

August Offering	
Mission Fund	59,465.74
Building	105.00
Special Offering for The Banquet	<u>275.00</u>
	\$ 59,845.74
MISSION FUND REPORT	
Balance August 1, 2020	\$ 3,364.62
August Mission Fund Offerings	59,465.74
Misc.	11.16
Special Offering for the Banquet	<u>275.00</u>
	\$ 63,116.52
PPP Loan repayment	\$ (21,085.00)
August Disbursements	<u>\$ (68,258.82)</u>
Balance September 1, 2020	\$ (26,227.30)
BUILDING FUND	
Balance July 1, 2020	\$ 89,100.34
August Offerings	105.00
Cookbooks	<u>20.00</u>
Balance September 1, 2020	\$ 89,225.34
\$ 88,771.86 invested in RCA Church Growth Fund	
\$ 453.48 in savings account	

THIS WEEK AT MRC...

Sunday, September 13

9:30 AM Worship

5:00 PM Church Bonfire @ MRC

Monday, September 14

8:30 AM Fellowship Through Fitness

7:00 PM Good News Circle: Jo D–Devotions;
Charlene O–Bible Study; Donna M–Lunch

Tuesday, September 15

11:30 AM Staff Meeting

Thursday, September 17

9:30 AM Bible Study Fellowship

Friday, September 18

5:30 PM Recycled Teens

Sunday, September 20

9:30 AM Worship – Pastor Wick

Consistory Notes – September 8, 2020

- Pastor Ross called the meeting to order
 - Pastor Wick opened us with a word of prayer
 - Discussed chapter 3 of "I Am a Church Member"
 - Heard and read various staff reports
 - M/S/C - To approve various fund balances
 - Heard various Team reports
 - Outgoing Elders and Deacons will count nomination ballots this Sunday evening at 7:30 in board room.
 - Given the preliminary 2021 budget for MRC and deacons explained some of the changes etc.
 - Informed from the Physical Plant Team that we will be keeping the "Refuge" as a masked worship area for the month of September and then it will be reassessed after that time. The Fireside room and Fellowship Hall will remain as social distanced areas also.
 - M/S/C- Full Consistory will make the decision on what to do in the future on any decisions concerning the congregations health and wellness in the near future concerning the Covid situation we are now in.
 - Discussed having a prayer box especially for congregational members to place prayer concerns in that a group of individuals can pray for intentionally. This will all be anonymous as they will not be signed. Just put your prayer concern on paper and someone will pray for your request very intentionally (congregational care team will oversee this ministry). This will be announced this Sunday in announcements.
 - Lee Maassen and Laura Haverdink will be our Elder delegates and Dan Bruxvoort will be our Deacon delegate for the Classis meeting next Tuesday September 15th at 6:30 PM via Zoom concerning the 2020 Vision topic. All consistory members are encouraged to attend if possible as this is a very important topic for our future. Please be in prayer for our consistory and classis as we all want what is best for our church and RCA
 - M/S/C- To adjourn
 - Stacy Jasper closed us in prayer
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NURSERY SCHEDULE

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Sept. 13	AJ & Lisa Smit and family
Sept. 20	Karen Leusink, Ciana Van Donkelaar, Anna Mulder
Sept. 27	Emily Maassen, Maddie Schwarck, Haley Holverson

YOUTH MINISTRIES

September Jr. GAP Schedule

Sept. 16 - Youth Group Kick-Off
Sept. 23 - Theme Introduction: *Battlefield*
Sept. 30 - *Into the Battle: Get Ready*

September Jr. GAP Lunch Schedule

Sept. 16 - Jaden B, Jenna DJ, Jackson F, Jacob H
Sept. 23 - Kortney H, Karter H, Eden K, Addy L
Sept. 30 - Ayden M, Seth M, Aiden M, Kelsey O
Lunch is 2 dozen cookies/bars

Youth Ministries Parents Meeting - Thank you to those that were able to come out to the parents meeting this past week! If you were unable to be there to receive information about the upcoming year, please contact Jon Eveland.



Jr. GAP Sub Sandwich Fundraiser - Our annual Sub Sandwich Fundraiser is upon us! 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

Room #3 - 7th/8th Grade Boys
Room #24 - 7th/8th Grade Girls
Room #25 - 6th Grade
Sanctuary - High School

*We are still seeking high school
Sunday school teachers.
Contact Jon Eveland if you would
be interested in this opportunity.*

Pop - This year again, we are asking each student to be responsible for bringing two 12 packs of pop, or a 24 pack (cans) on the first night of Jr. GAP & Sr. High on September 16. Jr. GAP will be stacking the pop next to the fridge in The Refuge, and Sr. High will be stacking the pop under the counter in the Sr. High kitchen. **Money raised for pop cans churchwide will be used as financial assistance for Jr. GAP & Sr. Highers going on summer trips.**



Traveling Nativity - The Youth Ministry Team is having ongoing discussion regarding the Traveling Nativity this December. We are still considering whether or not this will be a possibility this year. Stay tuned for an announcement in the coming weeks.

September Sr. High Schedule

Sept. 16 - Youth Group Kick-Off
Sept. 23 - Theme Introduction: *Battlefield*
Sept. 30 - *Into the Battle: Get Ready*

September Sr. High Lunch Schedule

Sept. 16 - Tye B, Maddie D, Landon H, Cullen K
Sept. 23 - Brooklyn L, Rachel L, Katie P, Zach R
Sept. 30 - Caleb S, Brandon VS, Hope VZ, Autumn
Lunch is 2 dozen cookies/bars