

MAY MAURICE MOMENTS 2024



SENIOR NIGHT | JR. GAP YOUTH SUNDAY | EASTER

MRC FAMILY NEWS + HAPPENINGS

DOROTHY VAN DER WEIDE
85th Birthday on May 1
308 Elm St, PO Box 49
Maurice, IA 51036

STAN VAN OMMEREN
88th Birthday on May 23
318 Pine Street
PO Box 73
Maurice, IA 51036



WANDA HOFMEYER
88th Birthday on May 13
607 Georgia Ave SW
Orange City, IA 51041

RUSSELL VAN PEURSEM
99th Birthday on May 23
Prairie Ridge - Pheasant Run #9
1005 7th St. NE
Orange City, IA 51041

PREVIOUS HOSPITALIZATIONS AND ONGOING HEALTH CONCERNS

- ◆ Lorna Bylsma, Dave Dykstra, Kaylee Dykstra, Berdena Grady, Ruth Heidebrink, Debbie Hubers, Amy Muth, Brandon Vander Sluis, Lylis Van Donkelaar, Wilma Vander Stelt, Stan Van Ommeren, Judy Vlietstra, Linda Zevenbergen

NEW ADDRESS

- ◆ **Joyce Groen**
1005 7th St NE—Prairie Ridge Care Center
Pheasant Run Cottage #11
Orange City, IA 51041

SYMPATHIES

- ◆ We extend our sympathies to **Eric & Cheryl Van Wyk and family** with the passing of Eric's dad, Donald Van Wyk.
- ◆ We extend our sympathies to **Perry Dykstra and all of Val's family & loved ones** with Val's passing.

CONGRATULATIONS

- ◆ Congratulations to **Jon & Sarah Eveland** on the arrival of their baby boy, **Warren Ryan**, born on April 8, 2024. Warren was welcomed home by big sister, **Vera**. Congratulations to you all!

THANK YOU NOTES

- ◆ **Grandma Wanda** - "Thank you for all the birthday cards, gifts, and phone calls for my 91st birthday. I'm so blessed to have so many special friends and that God has blessed me with good health."

A HUGE thank you to everyone who helped with Wednesday Night Meals this year. From planning, cooking, serving, cleaning, and everything in between. We appreciate all the hard work that went in to each week and each meal! And a special thank you to Nov Van Regenmorter for coordinating it all.



*And in this Gospel the church is one, we do not walk alone
We have His Spirit as we press on to lead us safely home
And when in glory still I will sing of this old story that rescued me
Praise to my Savior, the King of Life
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ*



MRC SCHEDULES + HAPPENINGS + CONSISTORY SUMMARY

MAURICE REFORMED



MRC MEN'S CHOIR

16th June 2024
13th October 2024

ARE YOU A GUY, AGED 10 YEARS OR OLDER (DON'T WORRY - THERE'S NO AGE LIMIT) WHO LOVES TO SING? THIS IS YOUR INVITATION TO JOIN THE MRC MEN'S CHOIR!

ON JUNE 16 AND OCTOBER 13, THE MEN'S CHOIR WILL LEAD THE CONGREGATION IN SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP. REHEARSALS FOR BOTH SUNDAYS WILL TAKE PLACE THE THURSDAY NIGHT PRIOR AT 6:30PM IN THE SANCTUARY.

PLEASE RSVP IF YOU ARE PLANNING ON SINGING FOR EITHER OR BOTH DATES TO [CVISSER@MAURICEREFORMED.ORG](mailto:cvisser@mauricereformed.org) OR SHOW UP TO THE THURSDAY NIGHT REHEARSAL! SEE YOU THERE!

MAY NURSERY SCHEDULE

MAY 5	Michaela & Brady Chadwick
MAY 12	Sara Jansma Family
MAY 19	Marissa & Mariah Maassen
MAY 26	Mike Vermeer, Anna Groen

LIFE GROUPS

Are you looking to be a part of a Life Group here at MRC? Do you feel God calling you to start a new Life Group? Well, now is the perfect time to do either! Or BOTH! Check out the info table for a sign up sheet to either be a part of a Life Group, be the leader of a new Life Group, or to be the overall Life Groups Coordinator!

If you have any questions, please contact Bryan Van Gelder or Roger Van Regenmorter.



Consistory Meeting Notes April 8, 2024



- Pastor Jeremy called the meeting to order and read from Acts 1, which pertained to leadership and our nomination process
- Pastor Jeremy opened the meeting with a word of prayer
- The financial report was presented
 - M/S/C to approve the financial report as presented
- Al Muilenburg informed consistory about some health insurance policy changes. It will allow part-time staff members to purchase health insurance through the church. Staff members will pay the premium and it will not change the budget line of MRC.
 - M/S/C to approve insurance policy change as stated on our informational sheets
- Discussed the nomination lists of Elders and Deacons
 - M/S/C to approve the top 12 nominees of the Elder list and the top 11 nominees on the deacon list
- Elders and Deacons met to assign who was to contact the various nominees
- Deon Wynia from Bethesda Christian Counseling shared with consistory and staff information on church mediation and training on how to recognize and deal with situations that need to be addressed
- Pastor Jeremy thanked Deon for sharing his informational talk and presentation
- M/S/C to approve minutes as read
- M/S/C to adjourn
- Jerry Vermeer closed the meeting in prayer

CONSISTORY ELECTIONS & CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

THE DOUBLE SLATES FOR ELDERS & DEACONS HAVE BEEN FILLED AND BELOW ARE THE CANDIDATES THAT HAVE ACCEPTED AND WILL BE UP FOR ELECTION AT THE **SUNDAY, MAY 19TH CONGREGATIONAL MEETING.**

THIS MEETING WILL BE TAKING PLACE AFTER THE MORNING SERVICE AND WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A POTLUCK MEAL IN THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER.

A CONSISTORY MEMBER WILL BE AVAILABLE ON SUNDAY, MAY 12TH TO SIGN OUT ABSENTEE BALLOTS. OTHERWISE, ABSENTEE BALLOTS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE CHURCH OFFICE TO BE SIGNED OUT MONDAY, MAY 13TH THROUGH FRIDAY, MAY 17TH AT NOON. THESE MUST BE RETURNED BY 9:30AM ON SUNDAY, MAY 19TH.

DEACONS



**ROB
GROEN**



**ADAM
MAASSEN**



**TRAVIS
ROZEBOOM**



**MICHAEL
VANDER SCHAAF**



**NICK
VAN OORT**



**JEREMY
VERMEER**

ELDERS



**EVAN
GROTENHUIS**



**DARYL
MULENBURG**



**MARC
SCHEITLER**



**JUSTIN
SCHROCK**



**STEVE
VIS**



**SHANE
WALTER**



In Loving Memory of Valerie F. Dykstra

Mrs. Valerie Dykstra, age 66, of Maurice, passed away on Thursday, April 4, 2024, at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota.

On August 24, Valerie Faye was born to Russell and Geneva (Vander Weide) Wichers. She was raised on a dairy farm and graduated from Maurice-Orange City High School. After graduation, she vowed to travel the world and never marry a dairy farmer.

She attended Reformed Bible College in Michigan to pursue nursing in the mission field. But within the first year Val went home to marry the love of her life, a dairy farmer.

She married Perry Allen Dykstra on July 8, 1976. They began their adventurous life on his acreage near Le Mars, raising six beautiful children. Val helped with the dairy, waitressed and later found a love for coaching gymnastics working at Siouxland Gymnastics.

One day through a bible study, Val developed an idea that turned into the Superstar Tumblebus, a mobile gymnastics program for preschoolers which to this day operates in two cities, reaching hundreds of children each year.

Family was important to Val. Her favorite times with Perry included trips to the ocean and country line dancing in Arizona. She loved boating, camping, and skiing with all the family. She was still waterskiing at the age of 65!

Val deeply cherished summers having "granny camp" with her grandchildren, riding four-wheelers, working in the garden, having campfires, fishing, riding horses, baking, making crafts, swimming, etc. They would also attend Rise Fest together every summer. She loved to jam out with them to Christian music. Whether in the car or at concerts, worship was her warfare!

In 2018 Val and her daughter, Alisha, fulfilled a dream to start their own gym, V.I.P. Gymnastics, where Val made a tremendous impact on many lives.

In 2023 Perry and Val made the difficult decision to sell their lifelong acreage and move to Maurice, closer to their loving church family. Val was an active member of the church, serving and speaking as opportunities arose. She was also a part of Bible Study Fellowship. She loved God's Word!

Val carried her contagious smile right up to the end. She impacted hundreds of lives as a vessel for Jesus, leaving a powerful legacy behind. We are forever grateful to have known her.

Survivors include her husband of more than 47 years, Perry; six children, Shawn (Layne) Smith, Jason (Geron) Esparza-Dykstra; Rachel (Nick) Stroh, Jeremy (Danielle) Dykstra, Tiffany (Luke) Hartman; Alisha Dykstra; twelve grandchildren, Amy (Tyler) Larson, Carly Smith, Tayton, Zayden, Jayaunna and Bryton Stroh, Kasiah, Dyson and Adalie Dykstra, Chayce, Tyson and Alerie Hartman; one great-grandchild, Kennedy Larson; nine siblings, Barb Lucht, Roger Wichers, Pam Stienstra, Teresa Kurth, Gary Wichers, Marji Wichers, Patty Wichers, Daniel Wichers and Russell Wichers Jr.; a sister-in-law, Marvella and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Making connections with children as they
Come to Christ, Grow in Christ, & Belong to His Family



COMING THIS SUMMER — COOKING WITH JESUS

Kids entering 4th and 5th grade are encouraged to check out a new program that is happening on Wednesday afternoons this summer! Come for a fun time of learning about Jesus, playing some games, and then cooking with Jesus (and Bonnie)! We will meet at 1:00pm in the Fireside Room. Space is limited to 8 kids each week, so see what date works for you! Many of you are involved in camp, swimming lessons, ball, and vacations, so check your schedules before you sign up! We are asking you to limit signing up to two sessions, but please watch the bulletin, if there are openings, we would love to have a full group!
Go to the information table to sign up!



VBS 2024 — SCUBA

Have you signed your kids up for VBS?!
Kids entering kindergarten through 6th grade are invited to come!

June 3-6, 2024 -- 6:00-8:30pm

Dinner is offered beginning at 5:30pm for students and volunteers

Register soon!

To register your kids,
visit the following link
or scan the QR code:

[mrc.breezechms.com/
form/vbsscuba2024](https://mrc.breezechms.com/form/vbsscuba2024)



Registration deadline: May 13th

Prayerfully consider
volunteering! Visit the
following link or scan
the QR code:

[mrc.breezechms.com/
form/vbsvolunteers2024](https://mrc.breezechms.com/form/vbsvolunteers2024)



Paper registration copies are available at the information table. Please return,
along with the payment, to Bonnie's office or mailbox. Thanks!

If you have any questions regarding VBS, please contact Amanda Dykstra,
Carrie Vander Schaaf, or Bonnie Wolf!



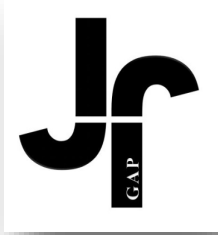
**TO EACH PERSON THAT
VOLUNTEERED IN
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
THIS YEAR...**

You matter. You make a difference. Your great generosity has had a profound and lasting impact on the children at MRC. Your willingness to share both your time, your talent and your love for the Lord by volunteering with kids says a lot about each of you as human beings. Your willingness to give selflessly to help and guide others to Christ speaks to both your strength and the quality of your character. When you volunteer, you are making a commitment to share that most precious of resources — your time — to bring the joy of Jesus into the hearts of others! The fact that you are willing to share your time and talent to show kindness and caring makes the greatest difference in the lives of the individuals who are touched by your generosity. While I know that you choose to volunteer selflessly and without expectation of being recognized or rewarded, today I wish to do just that. I want to let you know just how much your dedication is appreciated and to make sure that everyone in our church is forever grateful to each of you. You do make a difference.

Please know that your volunteerism is recognized, appreciated, valued, and cherished. We thank you and look forward to continuing to walk with you in the future.

Bonnie Wolf, the Children's Ministry Team, and all the families whose lives you have impacted

JR. GAP MINISTRIES



He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, he has put eternity into man's heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end.

ECCLESIASTES 3:11



MAY SCHEDULE

May 1 - Parents vs. Students
Golden Plunger Award
Snacks Provided
May 8 - 8th Grade Supper

DATES TO REMEMBER

8th Grade Supper - May 8
Power Connection - July 23-28

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Brynley Eisma - May 4
Reid Wielenga - May 14
Kingsten Van Oort - May 31

ANNOUNCEMENTS:



Power Connection Work Camp & Weekend 2024 - MSP/St. Paul, July 23-28 -

There are currently 33 students and 8 adults registered for Power Connection!

The registration deadline is May 1. To register online, go to the following link:

<https://www.powerconnectioninfo.com/registration>. When you register, select

register as a group, then select join a group and search for our church. Our passcode is PC2024, access code is CULTIVATE-24 (click the little check mark to the right). When prompted for payment info, select pay by check. **Cost is \$175 per student. Payment is due May 1; checks can be written out to MRC Jr. GAP.**

8th Grade Supper - Wednesday, May 8 - Attention all 8th graders! We look forward to celebrating the 8th graders and their time in Jr. GAP over the years, and to encourage them as they move on into high school. We will gather for supper and other activities in the Refuge at 6:30pm on Wednesday, May 8. **Please RSVP to Jon Eveland by Wednesday, May 1.**



Summer Schedule of Events - This summer we will again have various events and activities! We hope to have our annual Wild Water West outing, a boating outing, family host nights, and other opportunities to connect and have some fun together. Stay tuned for more info! *Parents, if you would like to host a Family Host Night, contact Jon Eveland.*



MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT - APRIL 2024



SR. HIGH MINISTRIES



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ECCLESIASTES 3:11



MAY SCHEDULE

May 1 - Parents vs. Students
Golden Plunger Award
Snacks Provided
May 5 - Senior Supper

DATES TO REMEMBER

Senior Supper - May 5
Senior Recognition Sunday - May 26
Sr. High Mission Trip Meetings - June 2 & 9
Sr. High Mission Trip - June 21-28

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Elsie Van Beek - May 1
Carter Van Gelder - May 9
Kylee Wielenga - May 18
Jaylee Kamerman - May 24
Sara Groen - May 31

ANNOUNCEMENTS:



Sr. High Summer Mission Trip - June 21-29, 2024 - We are excited for our Sr. High summer mission trip will be **Whitesburg, Kentucky**. Whitesburg is a small town of nearly 1,700 people in the valley of the North Fork of the Kentucky River, surrounded by mountains. Due to the decline of the coal industry over the years, almost 25% of families live under the poverty line. While in Whitesburg, we will stay at First Baptist Church. We will have the opportunity to serve in a variety of ways: physical labor, construction, and ministering to children and youth. This community was on national news two summers ago as flooding caused large amounts of destruction and loss. We will help with their rebuilding efforts. We look forward to God using us to be a blessing, and no doubt be blessed along the way as well. **The cost is \$250 per person and is due now; checks written out to MRC Sr. High. Currently there are 42 students & 8 leaders registered.**

Senior Supper - Sunday, May 5, 6-8pm - We want to celebrate & recognize all that God has done in the lives of our 2024 seniors during their time in MRC Youth Ministry, & encourage them as they move on to the next chapter of their lives! Stay tuned for more details.

SENIOR SUPPER

CLASS OF 2024

Senior Sunday Recognition - Sunday, May 26 - Attention all seniors! Sunday, May 26 is Senior Sunday Recognition. During the worship service we will recognize, honor, and send out the senior class of 2024 that have been part of MRC's Youth Ministry. Stay tuned for more information.

Summer Schedule of Events - Even though Sr. High concludes for the summer on May 1, we will have several summer events! Some of the events that we have enjoyed over the past summers with Sr. Highers include a boating outing, movie nights, bonfires and yard games, family host nights, and Thunder Road. **STAY TUNED** for the summer schedule of events coming out later this month! If you would like to host a Family Host Night, contact Jon Eveland.



Prom Sunday 2024



MISSIONS

across the street & around the world



CENTER OF HOPE

Center of Hope exists to walk alongside people, to bring spiritual and physical health, and ultimately change the community one life at a time.

Center of Hope encourages and mentors people with the hope of redemption through Jesus Christ. Our focus is holistically addressing physical, emotional, social and spiritual needs of individuals that can only come through creating relationship and accountability. We work in partnership with community organizations to engage in a consistent and positive interaction with guests.

Whether it's a temporary situation, life transition, or a long-term struggle with poverty, addiction, or mental health issues, the Center of Hope is committed to sharing the Love of Christ in tangible ways to our guests. The specific ways that we do this are varied, but mainly we are providing information about programs and organizations; low-cost bicycles to qualifying families and individuals for transportation and recreation; phones for local and long-distance calls; computers for job search and applications; winter clothing and work-wear; faith-based nursing care; pastoral care; and Bible studies for men and women. Each guest is treated with kindness and compassion in an effort to show them Christ's love in deed and word, ultimately for their good and for God's glory.

Watch for details about a possible BIKE DRIVE this Spring!

Mission Partner Spotlight: Steve & Tara Dekkers

Steve & Tara serve with Reach Global in Texas. They serve as trainers and counselors for students preparing for international missions.



Prayer Requests:

- Pray for people in the countries that you hear on the news
- Pray for wisdom as we coach workers already on the field, meet/debrief those on home-assignment, and develop the next generation of workers
- Pray as God raises up new laborers!
- Pray for those on the field facing hardships and for us as we come alongside!
- Pray for our family and team to abide and love each other well!
- Pray for our family as we move into a new phase of life/parenting!

April 2024

MRC Mission Prayer Calendar

Prayer notes from our partners in mission locally, regionally, and internationally

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Pray for Pastor Sepa in his new recruiting position for the Coram Deo program	2 Pray for provision for the "S" ministry projects and opportunities this year	3 Pray for the Abel family as they travel this year	4 Pray for Kari with Praying Pelican as she travels and prepares for all the groups coming this summer
5 Pray for the many people around the world who attended church on Easter, those who put their faith in Jesus and for the Global church to grow & be strengthened!	6 Pray for the Lord to provide clarification about ministry roles and vision so participants at Launch Global make confident decisions	7 Pray for the mobilization team in North Thailand as they travel and train local Christians	8 Pray for our youth to continue growing in their faith all summer especially without having regular, weekly meetings	9 Pray for Jonathan & Erin as they prepare to spend the summer in FL leading the summer training program: JAX	10 Pray for the 5 churches in the East who are feeding people and preaching the gospel during the war in Ukraine	11 Pray for Dordt & NWC graduates to remain faithful to Christ as they join the work force upon graduation
12 Pray for missionaries who are moms and moms whose children are away on the mission field	13 Pray for the Pathways training happening this month	14 Pray for the Bible studies and youth groups, that the Heytsis lead. Pray for open hearts and doors.	15 Pray for the Johnson family as they travel this summer	16 Pray for the ministry of Remember Nhu and the rescued children as they Journey through the Bible	17 Pray for God's continued blessing on the farming and green house of New Life Church in Ukraine	18 Pray for the Kims as they continue their life and ministry overseas, for God's provision and protection
19 Pray for Paradise Bound as they continue their ministry in Guatemala	20 Pray for the Renes as they continue to translate God's word for people and nations	21 Pray for continued healing from trauma for the families at Whispers	22 Pray for Hope Food Pantry as they serve to meet the needs in our community	23 Pray for the Schelling family and Brad as he works with First Priority to create new and support existing clubs in schools	24 Pray for Mark & Deb Wilson as they minister from the states and also for protection when they travel	25 Pray for PPBS and Garden of Life that God would bless, protect and guide their ministries
26 Pray for MRC to be active on the mission field in our own communities this summer	27 Pray for Inspiration Hills as they prepare for summer camps and train summer staff	28 Pray for the ministry of Love Inc as they serve to meet a variety of needs in our community	29 Pray for Pastor Deb as leads Whispers and for the new campus Talitha Koum	30 Pray for the ministry of Full Send to be fruitful throughout the entire year	31 Pray for the NASCAR ministry to be successful in sharing the Gospel next month	



GOSPEL SUNDAYS OF SUMMER

9:30 AM | MAURICE REFORMED

SUNDAY, JUNE 2

SUNDAY, JULY 7 (worship in the park)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

JOIN US AS WE WORSHIP
TOGETHER THROUGH
NEW & CLASSIC
GOSPEL-STYLE MUSIC

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
 <h1>May 2024</h1>			1 6:30 AM Prayer Time - <i>Fireside Room</i> 6:20 PM FINAL Jr. GAP 7:50 PM FINAL Sr. High	2 6:45 PM Sunday AM Rehearsal <i>National Day of Prayer</i>	3	4
			5 - Children & Worship 9:30 AM Worship led by Pastor Jeremy 10:45 AM Last Day of Sunday School 6:00-8:00 PM Senior Supper - <i>Sr. High Youth Room</i>	6	7 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 1-5 PM Stitches of Love	8 6:30 AM Prayer Time - <i>Fireside Room</i> 2:00 PM Golden Hour Bible Study 6:30 PM 8th Grade Supper in The Refuge
12 - Mother's Day 9:30 AM Worship led by Pastor Jeremy	13 2:00 PM Good News Bible Study 6:00 PM Elders/Deacons 7:00 PM Consistory VBS Registration Deadline	14 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 5:15 PM Sunday AM Rehearsal	15 6:30 AM Prayer Time - <i>Fireside Room</i>	16  TULIP FESTIVAL WEEKEND	17	18
19 - Congregational Meeting 9:30 AM Worship led by Pastor Jeremy <i>**Congregational Meeting after the service, followed by a potluck in the FLC</i>	20 7:00 PM Faith Bible Study	21 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 1-5 PM Stitches of Love	22 6:30 AM Prayer Time - <i>Fireside Room</i>	23 6:45 PM Sunday AM Rehearsal	24	25
26 9:30 AM Worship led by Jon Eveland	27  MEMORIAL DAY	28 9:30 AM Staff Meeting	29 6:30 AM Prayer Time - <i>Fireside Room</i>	30 6:45 PM Sunday AM Rehearsal	31	