

Fall Kick Off

September 2025



SEP 7	Sunday School Begins 10:45-11:30 AM
SEP 10	Amistad Cristiana Fundraiser Mexican meal served by Amistad Cristiana in the FLC - Freewill Donation
SEP 10	Quest for the Kingdom Begins 6:20-7:30 PM - Check-in between 6:10-6:20 PM
SEP 10	Jr. GAP Kick Off 6:20-7:30 PM - Amazing Race Night
SEP 10	Sr. High Rocky+ Event 7:00 PM @ Christ Chapel in Orange City - Busses leave MRC at 6:30
SEP 17	Wednesday Night Meals Begin 5:30-6:30 PM in the FLC - Menu can be found inside
OCT 5	Children & Worship Begins Time of worship for 3 & 4 year olds during the church service

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO A GREAT YEAR WITH YOU ALL!

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

September Nursery Schedule

Sept. 7	Marlin & Kari Van Klompenburg Kaylee Dykstra
Sept. 14	Emily Hoekstra Matt & Jade Kleyer
Sept. 21	Casie Lethcoe, Zoe Vermeer
Sept. 28	Susan Leusink & Family

September Prayer Schedule

	Service	Sunday School
Sept. 7	Judy Vlietstra	Denise Vander Stelt
Sept. 14	Lisa Smit	Jocelyn Muilenburg
Sept. 21	Sharon Vermeer	Jerry Vermeer
Sept. 28	Judy Vlietstra	Mark Van Ommeren

September Meal Ministry Menu

Sept. 10	Amistad Cristiana Fundraiser - Mexican Meal (Freewill donation)
Sept. 17	BBQ hamburgers, hot dogs, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, potato salad, chips, fruit salad, cookie
Sept. 24	Tater tot casserole, roll, Snicker salad, pears, bar
Sign up at the information table if you are willing to help out with Wednesday Night Meal Ministry!	

KITCHEN CLEANING DONATIONS



It is that time for our church kitchens to be cleaned! In the past we have asked for volunteers, as many hands make light work, but let's face it...summer is busy and it's hard to find a free night. MWM has arranged for the kitchens to be professionally cleaned. **We are asking for monetary donations to assist in covering the cost.** We are a long ways away from our goal. In your church mailbox you received an envelope for the donations. These can be placed in the cleaning bucket at the information table or in the offering plate, clearly marked as MWM Kitchen Donations. Thank you for your help! Any money given beyond the needed amount will go towards next year's cleaning.

CONSISTORY REPORT

CONSISTORY MEETING NOTES AUGUST 11, 2025

- Pastor Jeremy called the meeting to order and read devotions from Romans 12. Our thoughts and desires are from God. We are also to humble ourselves. Pastor Jeremy then opened with a word of prayer.
- Financial report was given
 - M/S/C to approve financial report as given
- Each Core Value Team was then given a budget packet for the coming year.
- Consistory and Staff Retreat will be on Saturday, August 16th. In the morning we will focus on what God has done at MRC. Then we will focus on what God has in store for us in the future. After lunch we will be focusing on 12 focal points for our ministry at MRC with some small group discussion.
- The Kingdom Network Regional gathering will be at MRC on Tues, August 26th from 6:30-8:30pm with everyone invited and encouraged to sign up so we have a count of how many to figure on.
- Worship Coordinator job description has been approved and sent out for advertising for this position.
- Youth Search team will be meeting tomorrow night. At this time we have 2 applicants with interviews happening in the near future.
- M/S/C to approve the job description for the Treasurer position
- M/S/C that Admin will be the Search Team for the position of Treasurer
- Priscilla has graciously offered to mentor the individual that takes this position
- Music and Worship is working on Christmas services, etc. They are also working on seeking someone for the Worship Coordinator position.
- Service/Mission Team is working on the fobs that have been installed for locking the church. Key fob request forms are being written up and approved.
- Discipleship Team is getting things ready for the upcoming year.
- Elders have decided that all our bibles from youth to adult be the 1984 NIV version. The reason is that everyone will be reading & learning from the same version of God's Word.
- A big thank you to Tegegn Smit and Karlee Hofmeyer for their intern leadership this summer. Job well done!
- M/S/C to approve minutes as read
- M/S/C to adjourn after closing prayer

FINANCIAL REPORT

Offerings

June Offerings	55,509.77
July Offerings	52,802.01
Sp. Off. for Awakening Grace	520.00
Sp. Off. for Heytsi Farm	1,890.00

	\$ 110,721.78

Mission Fund Report

Balance June 1, 2025	\$	(31,944.59)
June Offerings		55,509.77
July Offerings		52,802.01
Sp. Off. for Awakening Grace		520.00
Sp. Off. for Heytsi Farm		1,890.00
VBS Offerings & Registration		4,843.17
Refunds		1,355.17
Misc. Receipts		755.87

	\$	85,731.40
June Disbursements	\$	(71,296.13)
July Disbursements	\$	(62,655.49)

Balance August 1, 2025	\$	(48,220.22)

Post High MINISTRY



If you stopped by the table for the Post High at the Ministry Fair, you know that changes have been made to the Post High ministry. It is now called Post High Ministry instead of 6-Pack Sunday. All post high students who are working or taking classes are being invited to breakfast on Sunday mornings in the Family Life center. This will happen every week, with serving beginning at 8:30. The first breakfast will be on Sunday, August 31. This will be a great way for MRC members to get involved. Sign up sheets will be at the information table. Food donations and helpers to serve will be needed. This could be as a group, a family, or as individuals. This will be a great way to meet this age group and build relationships! If you would like to help in this way, you can contact Marissa Maassen.

Another way to get involved is to still donate items or bake some goodies. Care packages and notes of encouragement will be given to or mailed to MRC post high at various times. This will be a way to let this age group know they are not forgotten and are an important part of the MRC family. Watch the bulletin and newsletter for when items are wanted.

There will also be a Sunday School class beginning soon!

WE ARE HIRING!

Join our team! Check out the opportunities below!

WORSHIP COORDINATOR | Part Time (15-20 hrs/week)

This will be an onsite job at church. There is flexibility to set schedule during regular business hours. If you have a passion for music and a heart for worship, email your resume to Brandi at Center Benefits (brandi@centerbenefits.net).

YOUTH PASTOR | Full Time

Responsibilities include working with Middle School and High School students – organizing activities, building relationships, leading Wednesday Night Activities, & teaching God's Word. If you feel called to impact students and God's Kingdom in this way, or know of someone that might be a good fit, apply soon! You can do so through our church website at www.mauricereformed.org or you can reach out to the church office at info@mauricereformed.org.



APPLY NOW

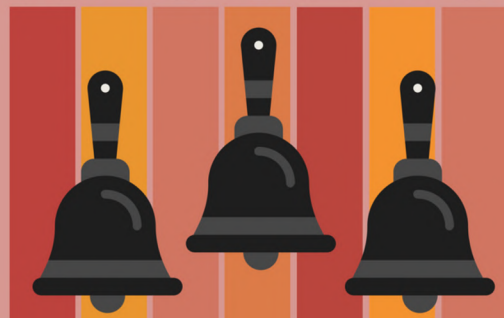


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More Information
mauricereformed.org

MASTERS



RINGERS

Join the Bell Choir

as a substitute — no weekly commitment needed!

Have you ever been curious about ringing bells but hesitant to commit every week? We'd love to have you as a substitute! When regular members can't make it to rehearsal, you could step in and help keep the music going! It's a great way to try it out — no pressure, just joyful sound.

And who knows...you might discover a new passion and decide to join us more often! Contact Shellie Vander Schaaf if you're willing to step in!

POLISHING NIGHT

Mark your calendars for an evening of fellowship and shine! We'll be gathering on **Monday, September 22 at 6:30pm** to polish the handbells and prepare them for the season ahead. Many hands make light work — and sparkling handbells!





JR. GAP MINISTRIES

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"THEY WILL FIGHT AGAINST YOU BUT WILL NOT OVERCOME YOU, FOR I AM WITH YOU AND WILL RESCUE YOU," DECLARES THE LORD.
JEREMIAH 1:19

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PREVAIL

SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE

- Sept 10 - Kick Off Night | The Amazing Race
- Sept 17 - Theme Reveal
- Sept 24 - Lesson Night: Noah's Ark

SNACK SCHEDULE

- Sept 10 - Provided
- Sept 17 - Reid W, Kingsten VO, Kale S
- Sept 24 - Teagyn R, Ceondre N, Ashley M

UPCOMING DATES

Paintball Outing - September 14
Sub Assembly Night - October 1
Harvest Party - October 29
Belgian Waffle Fundraiser - March 4
Middle School Retreat - April 17-19

JR. GAP SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Teagyn Roorda - September 9
Brynnley Leusink - September 19



Pop & Snack Supply Change – Please note that the items needed for pop and snack have changed. Each student is asked to bring two 2-liters of pop along with a pan of bars and/or a dozen cookies on the night you are designated!

Sunday School – Sunday School begins on September 7 from 10:45-11:30 for all middle schoolers. Please join us!

- 6th Grade - Room 25 - Led by AJ & Lisa Smit
- 7th & 8th Grade Girls - Room 24 - Led by Heather Hofmeyer
- 7th & 8th Grade Boys - Room 8 - Led by Lee Maassen



Jr. GAP Sub Sandwich Fundraiser – Our annual sub sandwich fundraiser is starting soon! Parents, you will receive your order forms by email. Sub assembly night will be on October 1. Jenn (Greg) Leusink will be the contact person. Please reach out to her with any questions. This fundraiser is an amazing fundraiser for our group, and the funds will go towards reducing the costs of the Power Connection and/or our summer mission trip. The same tradition holds true, whichever student tells the most will have their mission trip covered! Thank you for blessing the students with your faithful support!

We look forward to what God will do this year in the lives of the students here at MRC! Obviously it looks a little different with the absence of a youth pastor. But the Youth Ministry Team hopes to ease your mind a bit. Just so you are aware, Stacy Jasper has agreed to be the administrative portion of the ministry. He will be answering emails, organizing events, keeping up with everything behind the scenes, making sure that all things are accounted for in terms of communication. He will have 1 go-to person in each ministry. Julie Vis in Sr. High and Jenn (Greg) Leusink in Jr. GAP. Jenn and Julie will be the boots on the ground within the ministries themselves. They will see to it that things are in place and all the pieces of the puzzle are put together properly. All 3 will be working together closely to ensure that the youth are taken care of. Their goal is to carry on the youth ministry to the best of their abilities. We covet your prayers and appreciate your understanding as we do our best to minister to the youth here at MRC. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to any one of them!

Admin Contact - Stacy Jasper (712-540-7673)

Sr. High Contact - Julie Vis (712-395-0099)

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Sr. High Ministries



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- Sept 17 - Theme Reveal
- Sept 24 - Lesson Night: Noah's Ark

UPCOMING DATES

Paintball Outing - September 14
The Amazing Race - October 1
Harvest Party - October 29
Sweetheart Banquet - February 5

SNACK SCHEDULE

- Sept 10 - Provided
- Sept 17 - Maddie W, Kolten VO, Carter VG
- Sept 24 - Elsie VB, Madison S, Tegegn S

SR. HIGH SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Paxton Jager - September 4
Tessa Kamerman - September 16
Ella Klemme - September 17
Kendra Baartman - September 25



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Sunday School – Sunday School begins on September 7 from 10:45-11:30 for all high schoolers. Please join us! We will meet in the Sr. High Youth Room and will be led by Kari Van Klompenburg. Hope to see you there!



Traveling Nativity – Traveling Nativity will be this winter! This is a big endeavor, and we truly hope that you will take time out of your busy schedules to join us as we publicly proclaim the Good News of the birth of our Messiah! Keep an eye out for further updates and opportunities as the time draws closer.

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Sunday School

Sunday School begins on **September 7** for children ages 3 years old through 5th grade. This will take place each week from 10:45-11:30 am.

Reminders of policies & rules:

- Children may go to their singing rooms directly after the service is out
- If children would like a cup of juice, please have them drink it in the Fellowship Hall as no juice or coffee is allowed in the classrooms
- No running in the hallways
- Students that are 3, 4 & 5 years old need to be picked up by their parents at their classroom at 11:30. Please be on time as to respect the teacher's time!
- Parents, please do not stand directly outside of the classroom windows. Children are easily distracted and lose focus once they see mom and dad!
- If you have any concerns, please talk with the Children's Pastor, Bonnie Wolf



Volunteers Still Needed

Be a part of Children's Ministries! You can sign up today! Volunteers are needed in many different areas. Paper sign ups are available at the information table or you can scan the QR code below. Help is needed in the following areas:

- Children & Worship
- Quest for the Kingdom
- Nursery

Be the hands and feet of Jesus as you volunteer in Children's Ministry!



Quest for the Kingdom

Beginning **September 10**, Quest for the Kingdom will meet each Wednesday night from 6:20-7:30. Children must be registered to attend! Please scan the QR code below to register your kids TODAY!

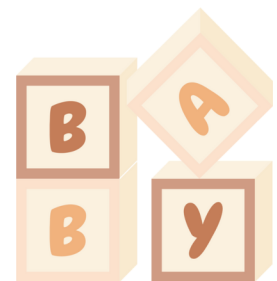


Reminders of policies & rules:

- Sign in at the sanctuary between 6:10-6:20 (once signed in, you need to stay in the sanctuary until we begin)
- No running in church
- Stay with your mentor
- Parents, pick up your child in the sanctuary at 7:30

Nursery Volunteers

If you are interested and willing to help out in the nursery during church, please let Sharon Vermeer or Bonnie Wolf know today! You must be in middle school or above.



MISSIONS

across the street & around the world

Special Offering Opportunity for September & October: Paradise Junior School in Uganda

WE WORK TO BRING TRANSFORMATION BY...



WE TEACH

We have **498** children enrolled in Paradise Junior School



WE FEED

We serve **3 meals** a day, and we ensure that they get a balanced diet



WE PREACH

View our weekly and Sunday services on our Facebook page



WE EDUCATE

In addition to the National Curriculum, our children learn **cooking, knitting and other skills**



WE TREAT

Currently, we only treat minor health cases in our children. Paradise Hospital will serve **the entire community**



WE PLAY

We value play and sports. Paradise Junior School is a music, lively and active place.

We'd like to introduce you to Martin Ssebagala and Paradise Junior School in Uganda



Martin met with the Mission team last year and shared his passion for transforming lives with the gospel in Uganda.

He shared his testimony which includes time at Hillsong learning to lead corporate worship which has turned into a Music School that teaches musical worship and creative arts. He also desires to transform the lives of children and started the Paradise Junior School. He and his family desire to see their entire community transformed. Martin has a ministry

partnership with Carmel Reformed Church. The mission team has been praying over Martin and receiving his newsletter for over a year now. The team is praying about a possible ministry partnership with Martin for 2026. You can learn more about Martin and these ministries in English at <https://iamsaystheordministries.org/index> and <https://paradise-junior-school.com/> or scan the QR codes.



**I Am Says the Lord
Ministries**

**Paradise Junior
School**



Mission Partner of the Month: Brad Schelling

Brad shares in his recent email: "It is the most wonderful time of the year - school is starting! And I am not saying that just because I am a parent, but also because First Priority clubs are starting as well! The first 2 FP clubs are up and running for the new school year, both at year-round schools. Yes, they start schools in July in East TN and South MS. We purchased 10,000 Bibles to give away to students this school year and have already shipped 7,500 of them around the country! Please pray with us as club leader training events really start to ramp up this month, and club meetings follow shortly after Labor Day."



Guatemala Mission Trip - March 8-15, 2026

Don't forget that we have an amazing opportunity to be in partnership with Paradise Bound Ministries for a mission trip to Guatemala, joining Chapel Point Church from Michigan! If you are interested, please sign up at the information table! If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to Katie Phillips or Dave Dykstra. The sign up deadline is fast approaching!



SEPTEMBER 2025

MRC Mission Prayer Calendar

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

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1 PRAY FOR First Priority as clubs begin this month in schools all over the country	2 PRAY FOR the ministry of Life Wise as they begin a new school year	3 PRAY FOR Inspiration Hills as they wrap up the summer and transition into fall ministry	4 PRAY FOR Josiah's health and transition to college this Fall. Pray for the Abel family as they adjust to him being away	5 PRAY FOR Steve as he coaches and leads several cities and church leaders, and overseas teams through Launch Global	6 PRAY FOR the preparation of the consultant check of Matthew and John, and for the health of the translators and their computers
7 PRAY FOR the MRC Sunday school classes this year	8 PRAY FOR Brad and family as they transition into another school year	9 PRAY FOR continued spiritual protection and provision for all our missionaries	10 PRAY FOR youth group, Quest and EE as they begin their ministry year	11 PRAY FOR Kari as she wraps up the summer and begins planning PPM trips for next year	12 PRAY FOR the Gospel Mission in Sioux City as they feed, shelter, clothe and lead people to Christ	13 PRAY FOR Erin & Jonathan and the kids as they adjust to being back in Nebraska
14 PRAY FOR Tara as she serves in several different member care roles and regularly travels to serve teams and individuals	15 PRAY FOR New Life Church in Ukraine to be able to install a well and heater for the farm & greenhouse with our gift	16 PRAY FOR Vasya and Maranda as ministers to their church and as parents to their children, to always have enough time and energy	17 PRAY FOR new and generous supporters to allow Tom to continue working full-time in cross-cultural pastoral equipping	18 PRAY FOR Brian as he continues the work of Bible translation, for the software to be accurate and continue to run properly	19 PRAY FOR Pastor Deb and her ministry to Shop Church and Whispers	20 PRAY FOR the Schmidts as they travel, meet with supporters and to have peace whenever they long to be back servin
21 PRAY FOR Mark and Deb to find their strength and wisdom in the Lord, and be aware of the Spirit's leading	22 PRAY FOR the children of Paradise School in Uganda to know Jesus; learn to use their talents and be good neighbors	23 PRAY FOR the ministry of Remember Nhu as they work to rescue and heal children in danger of traffic	24 PRAY FOR provision and protection of the local ministries that serve our communities well	25 PRAY FOR the trip to Guatemala next spring through Paradise Bound and the ministry happening there	26 PRAY FOR the PPBS and Garden of Life ministries in Cambodia	27 PRAY FOR the residents of Talitha Koum that God would meet each ones needs
28 PRAY FOR the Navigators ministry to be successful in sharing the Gospel this year	29 PRAY FOR new candidates to learn about and enroll in Coram Deo pastoral formation training	30 PRAY FOR the spiritual awakening of the Mru, the Khumi and the Bramar, and for the pastors and leaders				

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1 <i>Labor Day Offices Closed</i> 	2 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 1:00-5:00 PM Stitches of Love 7:00 PM Mission Team Meeting	3 6:30 AM Prayer 2:00 PM Golden Hour Youth Leader Retreat <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:00 PM Meal • 6:30 PM Mtg 	4 6:45 PM Sunday AM Rehearsal	5	6
7 Sunday School Begins 8:30 AM Post High Ministry Breakfast 9:30 AM Worship led by Pastor Jeremy 10:45 AM Sunday School	8 1:30 PM Good News Circle 6:00 PM Elder & Deacon Meetings 7:00 PM Consistory	9 11:30 AM Staff Meeting and Lunch	10 6:30 AM Prayer 5:30 PM Amistad Cristiana Fundraiser (freewill donation Mexican meal) 6:20 PM Quest Kick Off Night 6:20 PM Jr. GAP Kick Off Night 7:00 PM Sr. High Rocky+ Event (busses leave MRC at 6:30)	11 6:45 PM Sunday AM Rehearsal	12	13
14 Dordt University Worship 8:30 AM Post High Ministry Breakfast 9:30 AM Worship led by Pastor Jeremy 10:45 AM Sunday School	15	16 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 1:00-5:00 PM Stitches of Love	17 6:30 AM Prayer 5:30 PM Meal 6:20 PM Quest 6:20 PM Jr. GAP 7:50 PM Sr. High	18 6:45 PM Sunday AM Rehearsal	19 5:30 PM Recycled Teens @ Burns Grill	20
21 8:30 AM Post High Ministry Breakfast 9:30 AM Worship led by Ben Van Genderen 10:45 AM Sunday School	22 6:30 PM Bells Polishing Night 7:00 PM Faith Bible Study	23 9:30 AM Staff Meeting	24 6:30 AM Prayer 5:30 PM Meal 6:20 PM Quest 6:20 PM Jr. GAP 7:50 PM Sr. High	25 6:45 PM Sunday AM Rehearsal	26	27
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