



FALL HAPPENINGS

*Fall-o-ween Jesus &
Harvest Party*

NOVEMBER 2025 MAURICE MOMENTS



MRC FAMILY NEWS + HAPPENINGS

NOVEMBER NURSERY SCHEDULE

NOV. 2	Michaela & Brady Chadwick
NOV. 9	Marissa Maassen Hadley Phillips
NOV. 16	Marlin & Kari Van Klompenburg
NOV. 23	Sharon Vermeer Nikita & Evie Kleyer
NOV. 30	Jessi & Reagan Holtrop

NOVEMBER PRAYER SCHEDULE

NOV. 2	Lisa Smit (Service) Mark Van Ommeren (Sunday School)
NOV. 9	Nancy Mouw (Service) Denise Vander Stelt (Sunday School)
NOV. 16	Judy Vlietstra (Service) Jocelyn Muilenburg (Sunday School)
NOV. 23	Sharon Vermeer (Service) Jerry Vermeer (Sunday School)
NOV. 30	Lee Maassen (Service) <i>No Sunday School</i>

NOVEMBER OVER 80 BIRTHDAYS

NORM VAN OMMEREN

88th Birthday on November 2
211 Kentucky Ave SW
Orange City, IA 51041

LEROY PUNT

84th Birthday on November 6
Royale Meadows - #618 Sycamore
1400 7th Ave SE
Sioux Center, IA 51250

NOVEMBER MEAL MINISTRY MENUS

NOV. 5	Pork loin, cheesy potatoes, green bean casserole, roll, fruit, brownie
NOV. 12	Creamed chicken bun, corn, chips, mandarin oranges, Charlie Brown pie
NOV. 19	Lasagna, cashew lettuce salad, garlic knots, peaches, cookie
NOV. 26	Thanksgiving Eve Service

NEW ADDRESS

- **Herlon Vander Schaaf**
1400 7th Ave NE
Crowne Pointe – Hickory 508
Sioux Center, IA 51250

PREVIOUS HOSPITALIZATIONS & ONGOING HEALTH CONCERNS

- Marlene De Jager, Jo Dekker, Evelyn DeVries, Ruth Heidebrink, Debbie Hubers, Amy Muth, Herlon Vander Schaaf, Delmar Van Klompenburg, Norm Van Ommeren, Marge Van Ommeren, Stan Van Ommeren, Cliff Wierda, Jessica Williams, Linda Zevenbergen

THANK YOU NOTES

- **MRC Staff** - "Thank you so very much, MRC family, for all of the love, support, and encouragement you have shown us over this past month for Staff Appreciation. It is an honor to work and serve alongside such a wonderful church family. God is good!"

MRC CHURCH CROPLAND

The church cropland was harvested on September 30th. The bean harvest averaged 72 bu/acre, for a total of **\$31,982.15**. A BIG thank you to all who donated labor, machinery, seed, herbicide, and time to help make this year successful.



CONSISTORY NOTES + FINANCIAL REPORTS



CONSISTORY MEETING NOTES OCTOBER 13, 2025



- Pastor Jeremy called the meeting to order. He then opened our devotions by reading from 2 John 10 & 11. We as leaders need to make sure what we are approving is in line with God's will. Pastor Jeremy then led us in prayer.
- Kingdom Network is working with Coram Deo on how to build up leaders and also replicate and multiply leaders
- M/S/C to approve the financial report as given
- We then were presented the 2026 budget by the deacons
 - M/S/C to receive the proposed 2026 budget as presented
 - M/S/C to receive the staff portion of the budget as presented
- We then moved to the 10 core values statements portion of the meeting. Steve Vis led us in this portion of the meeting.
 - M/S/C recommendation to have these 10 core value statements added to our mission vision statement. Admin will take care of this.
- M/S/C to approve congregational meeting on November 16th immediately following the service
- We then moved to our Core Value Teams
 - Worship - They met with 2 candidates for the Worship Coordinator position but neither one really met what they are looking for at MRC. They are looking into more cordless mics, etc. We will be going forward with a Christmas morning worship service.
 - Service/Mission - So far 50 people have requested fobs for the doors and they are ordered.
 - Discipleship - Harvest Parties coming up for children and youth groups. Traveling Nativity will be December 6th & 7th. Paintball outing this past Sunday. Offered Youth Director position to Stacy Jasper. Waiting for his decision. 30-40 people attended Ukrainian worship service.
 - Admin - 1 contract offer has been received for treasurer position that was previously done by Priscilla Jansma.
 - Congregational Care - currently looking for more care providers.
- M/S/C to approve minutes as read and to adjourn after prayer.

September Offering

Mission Fund	49,233.47
Special Offerings	570.00
Sunday School Offerings	56.73

	\$ 49,860.20

Mission Fund

Balance September 1, 2025	(55,282.14)
September Offerings	49,233.47
Special Offerings	570.00
Sunday School Offerings	56.73
Misc. Receipts	565.08

	\$ (4,856.86)
September Disbursements	(57,604.09)

Balance October 1, 2025	\$ (62,460.95)

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH

Be sure to join us on Sunday,
November 16th for our fall
congregational meeting. This meeting
will take place in the sanctuary
immediately following morning
worship. We will hear updates from
the Core Value Teams and will approve
the 2026 budget. Meeting packets will
be available at the information table
on November 2.

ADDITIONAL HAPPENINGS

Maurice Women's ministry

Harvest SUPPER

NOVEMBER 11

5-7 pm

Broasted Porkchops and Chicken

MAURICE REFORMED
CHURCH

Featuring a bake sale by Sioux Stockman
4H Club

Free will donations going towards
Midwest Honor Flight



POINSETTIAS

It may seem early, but it is time to start thinking about Christmas and decorating our church sanctuary. We will again be purchasing poinsettias for Christmas!

The cost is yet to be determined but will be payable at the church office.

There will be both red and white poinsettias available this year.

If you wish to purchase a poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one, please sign up at the information table! There will be a limited number of poinsettias available, so sign up soon!

GOT A GIFT TO SHARE? WE NEED YOU!

DO YOU ENJOY ORGANIZING, PLANNING, OR WORKING BEHIND THE SCENES? WE'RE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS IN A FEW KEY AREAS:

- **SCHEDULING & COORDINATION** – IF YOU LOVE DETAILS AND WOULD LIKE TO HELP SCHEDULE OUR WORSHIP TEAMS, WE COULD USE YOUR TALENTS!
- **WORSHIP MEDIA** – PASSIONATE ABOUT MUSIC AND SCRIPTURE? HELP US FIND SONGS AND VIDEOS THAT BRING OUR DAILY DEVOTIONALS TO LIFE.
- **TECH & A/V SUPPORT** – HAVE A KNACK FOR TECHNOLOGY? JOIN ONE OF OUR AUDIO/VISUAL TEAMS AND HELP MAKE OUR SERVICES RUN SMOOTHLY, SPECIFICALLY OUR LIVESTREAM PROGRAM.

CONTACT SHELLIE VANDER SCHAAF AND
SHE'LL HELP YOU GET CONNECTED!
SVSCHAAF@GMAIL.COM
712.441.6122

UKRAINIAN Worship

JOIN US!

6:00 Every Sunday

Every Sunday at 6:00pm in
the Sr. High Youth Room,
a Ukrainian worship service is
held. All are invited to join and
show support, regardless of
language – no need to speak
Ukrainian to be part of this
meaningful time of worship!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6 & SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

5:30-8:30 PM

FREEWILL DONATIONS FOR SENIOR HIGH MISSION TRIP
ENJOY REFRESHMENTS WHILE YOU WAIT

Traveling Nativity

PRESENTED BY MAURICE REFORMED CHURCH

TRAVEL THROUGH
THE STORY OF
CHRIST'S BIRTH
WHILE ON A HORSE
DRAWN WAGON.
THROUGH A
CANDLELIT PATH,
EXPERIENCE ALL
THE EVENTS THAT
LED TO THE BIRTH
OF OUR SAVIOR.

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Sunday School

Do you talk with your kids about what they learned in Sunday School? What a great way to reinforce the lesson and chat as a family about what they learned! Here is a list of the lessons for each week of November and where they can be found in the Bible!

- Nov 2 - Gideon Led Israel
 - Judges 6-8
- Nov 9 - Samson and the Philistines
 - Judges 13-16
- Nov 16 - The Story of Ruth
 - Ruth
- Nov 23 - Samuel Was Born & Called
 - 1 Samuel 1-3
- Nov 30 - No Sunday School

Quest for the Kingdom Schedule

- Nov 5 - Faithfulness
- Nov 12 - Gentleness
- Nov 19 - Self Control
 - Joyful Noise Night – details to come!
- Nov 26 - No Quest; please attend the Thanksgiving Eve Service



Sunday School Memory Verse

The Sunday School memory verse through November 9 is 2 Chronicles 7:14:

"If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land."



The Sunday School memory verse November 16-23 is Philippians 4:19:

"And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus."

Children & Worship

3 & 4 year old children are welcome to come to Room 2 (Children's Chapel) during the service on the below dates. Pastor Jeremy will dismiss them during offering time.



- Nov 2 - Adam & Eve •
- Nov 16 - Noah's Ark •

Have you signed up for your Christmas Power Pack for your family yet? Do so soon!



Bring on the Christmas family fun! We are excited to provide families with this fun pack of devotions for the holiday season. This Power Pack helps families spend quality time together, laugh together, and discover true joy with Jesus. Through engaging activities, powerful, devotions, and hands-on experiences, families will celebrate the season and be reminded that the "good news that will bring great joy to all people" includes them, too! **You need to sign up if you are interested in receiving this pack!** A sign up sheet can be found at the information table and the deadline to sign up is November 14. Packs will be ordered and put together so that they can be given to families by the first of December. Experience the "Comfort & Joy" experience this holiday with your family!

Don't miss out on this awesome opportunity to grow closer as a family while you celebrate the true reason for the season!





**To our nursery caregivers, Children & Worship volunteers,
and Sunday school teachers, some of the first to introduce
Jesus to a brand new flock...**

**You are more than spiritual babysitters and Christian
entertainment for the church. You are some of the very first
to pastor our children through biblical creativity,
gentle discipleship and sweet Psalms.**

**We see you rocking babies, changing diapers, holding hands,
wiping noses, all while teaching lessons on blind men seeing,
lame men walking, Noah building, Moses parting,
Zacchaeus climbing, and Father Abraham marching.**

**You are some of the first our families meet as they learn to
trust their littles to the family of God.**

**You remember names when they expect you to forget,
birthdays, anniversaries and milestones and watch in pride
as they graduate from your arms to running the church
halls on their own two feet.**

**You are the most hidden down long hallways tucked in little
spaces, but you are most seen by the Heavenly Father who
welcomes the little children. You are about his business;
you carry his heart and reflect his love to every tiny soul.**

**Thank you for being the gatekeepers of a new generation of
sheep, protecting their innocence and instilling in them a
deep love for Jesus. Thank you for teaching them friendship,
how to share, that it's okay to cry, and to celebrate when mom
and dad show up to take them home.**

**You are an eternal extension to our earthly families, and we
will never forget the songs you taught us, scriptures we
memorized, and prizes we won, Jesus being the greatest
reward.**

**May you know your labor is not in vain-walk with authority
and purpose as you lead our littles to the feet of a good Father.**





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

41.
PREVAIL

NOVEMBER SCHEDULE

- Nov. 5 - Lesson Night: Moses pt. 2
- Nov. 12 - Small Group Service Night
- Nov. 19 - Lesson Night: Israelites in the Wilderness
- Nov. 26 - No Youth Group: Thanksgiving Break

SNACK SCHEDULE

- Nov. 5 - Cambrea VD, Parker S, Amalia S
- Nov. 12 - Provided in Small Groups
- Nov. 19 - Jace O, Alekye M, Jorgia K
- Nov. 26 - Thanksgiving Break

UPCOMING DATES

Christmas Party - December 17
Belgian Waffle Fundraiser - March 4
Middle School Retreat - April 17-19
Jr. GAP Youth Sunday - May 3

JR. GAP NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Ariana Muth - November 2
Blake Leusink - November 23



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November 19 – Small Group Service Night – This night is all about serving as a small group. You have had some time to get to know one another. Serving together is one of the best ways to continue building those relationships. Your small group leader will let you know what the night will look like. Mark 10 tells us that Jesus did not come to be served, but to serve. May we have that same mindset, and be the hands and feet of Jesus, not only this night, but every chance we get.



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HAPPY
THANKS
GIVING



THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE JR. GAP MINISTRY! YOU ARE ALL A BLESSING. WE SOLD AND ASSEMBLED ALMOST 200 DOZEN SUBS! THANK YOU TO THOSE THAT POPPED IN TO HELP. YOUR WILLINGNESS IS GREATLY APPRECIATED! FUNDS RAISED WILL BE USED TO OFFSET MISSION TRIPS AND EXCURSIONS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AND INTO NEXT SUMMER!

SR. High Ministries



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- Nov. 5 - Troy D, Avery B, Becky B
- Nov. 12 - Provided in Small Groups
- Nov. 19 - Kylee W, Joslyn V, Cody V
- Nov. 26 - Thanksgiving Break

SR. HIGH NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Mya Vander Sluis - November 4
Addaley Maassen - November 5
Brayden Oolman - November 19
Joshua Gebhard - November 30



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TEC Weekend – Attention all Sr. High students! Do you want to grow in your faith? Do you want to get to know God better? Please consider the following opportunity: NW Iowa TEC will be held in Sibley November 21-23. It is a weekend filled with God moments! Northwest Iowa Teens Encounter Christ is dedicated to providing spiritual retreats and community-building opportunities for teens in the region. The organization's mission is to transform lives through faith and community, creating a positive impact on the spiritual and personal development of teenagers. More info @ northwestiowateensencounterchrist.shop
Please talk to one of the adult leaders soon if you are interested in going!

MISSIONS

across the street & around the world

OUR ANNUAL THANKSGIVING EVE OFFERING WILL SUPPORT TWO FOOD PANTRIES THIS YEAR: THE ORANGE CITY FOOD PANTRY AND THE HOPE FOOD PANTRY IN SIOUX CENTER.



Donation suggestion lists will be passed out at the November 9 worship service. Master donation lists have been made based on each food pantry's highest needs and are available at the information table. There will be collection trailers or vehicles in the east parking lot before the Thanksgiving Eve Service on Wednesday, November 26.

Please remember these helpful rules from the food pantries. Attach your color-coded slip to your donations for easy sorting. They cannot accept dented cans, home-canned, or expired goods.

Thank you for supporting our neighbors in need!

To volunteer at either food pantry, contact them through their websites listed below.

<https://hopefoodpantry.weebly.com/>

<https://www.ocfoodpantry.org/>

As you pray and discern where to give this Thanksgiving season, the MRC Deacons & Mission Team have a few suggestions listed based on current needs. To support any of these needs, simply label your check memo or giving envelope. You may also designate gifts towards the MRC Mission Fund (General Fund) with any undesignated gifts being disbursed by the Deacons.

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES:

Internationally:

Tom Johnson - Coram Deo

Regionally:

Jon & Erin Haverdink - Navigators

Locally & Within Our Church:

Orange City Food Pantry

Building Fund for new FLC roof

New Sound Board

*IN ALL
Things
GIVE
Thanks*



If you have questions about any of these needs, please reach out to the Deacons or a member of the Mission Team. Thank you for considering giving this thanksgiving season and please continue to keep these missions and all of our mission partners in your prayers.

November 2025

MRC Mission Prayer Calendar

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 PRAY FOR Bob Abel and his family and his work with Remember Nhu
2 PRAY FOR the teams who will register for 2026 trips through Praying Pelican	3 PRAY FOR Launch Global as they use a grant to mobilize Spanish-speaking churches	4 PRAY FOR students to encounter Christ, the gospel to take root and for deep community on campus	5 PRAY FOR wisdom and direction for New Life Church in Ukraine as they continue their farm ministry	6 PRAY FOR the new candidates to the French speaking Coram Deo pastoral training	7 PRAY FOR “S” as he has returned overseas to consult on the translation of Matthew and John	8 PRAY FOR “A” during this time apart while she cares for her elderly parents
9 PRAY FOR the health & wellness of the Heytsi family as they minister to a country at war	10 PRAY FOR Jon & Erin as they welcome a new staff member and show her hospitality	11 PRAY FOR Brian and Donna and their ministry through RCA Global Missions	12 PRAY FOR the residents of Talitha Koum and the ministry of Shop church	13 PRAY FOR a truly restful sabbatical for the “S” family as they unplugged this month	14 PRAY FOR the invite weeks to be full of new students at the First Priority clubs	15 PRAY FOR Steve & Tara as they prepare laborers who are spiritually rooted and missionally focused
16 PRAY FOR Paradise School as they teach children God's word and disciple them to be like Christ	17 PRAY FOR Pastor Deb as she ministers through Whispers	18 PRAY FOR the staff relationships at First Priority and for Brad as he leads the organization	19 PRAY FOR provision for Tom Johnson and his family	20 PRAY FOR Kari's Trip Leading schedule begins	21 PRAY FOR Mark and Deb Wilson and their respective ministries PPBS and Garden of Life	22 PRAY FOR Pastor Martin and his music ministry inspired by the Holy Spirit
23 GIVE THANKS to God for providing for our missionaries	24 GIVE THANKS to God for empowering our missionaries	25 GIVE THANKS to God for equipping our missionaries	26 GIVE THANKS to God for his faithfulness to missionaries	27 GIVE THANKS to God for bringing his Church together in mission	28 GIVE THANKS to God for his Word which goes out and does not return void	29 GIVE THANKS to God for he is good, his love for us endures forever!
30 PRAY FOR the “S” family as they prepare to return overseas						

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2 8:30 AM Post High Ministry 9:30 AM Worship w/ Pastor Jeremy • <i>Children & Worship</i> 10:45 AM S.S. 6:00 PM Ukrainian Worship - Yth Rm	3 6:30 PM Bells Rehearsal	4 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 1-5 PM Stitches of Love	5 6:30 AM Prayer 5:30 PM Meal 6:20 PM Quest 6:20 PM Jr. GAP 7:45 PM Adult Choir - Room 9 7:50 PM Sr. High	6 6:45 PM Sunday AM Rehearsal	7	8
9 8:30 AM Post High Ministry 9:30 AM Worship w/ Pastor Jeremy 10:45 AM S.S. 6:00 PM Ukrainian Worship - Yth Rm	10 1:30 PM Good News Circle 6:00 PM Elder/Deacon Meetings 6:30 PM Bells Rehearsal 7:00 PM Full Consistory	11 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 5:00-7:00 PM Harvest Supper @ MRC	12 6:30 AM Prayer 2:00 PM Golden Hour Bible Study 5:30 PM Meal 6:20 PM Quest 6:20 PM Jr. GAP 7:45 PM Adult Choir - Sanctuary 7:50 PM Sr. High	13	14	15
16 Adult Choir & Congregational Meeting 8:25 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal 8:30 AM Post High Ministry 9:30 AM Worship w/ Pastor Jeremy • <i>Children & Worship</i> • <i>Cong. Meeting immediately following worship</i> 10:45 AM S.S. 6:00 PM Ukrainian Worship - Yth Rm	17 6:30 PM Bells Rehearsal	18 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 1-5 PM Stitches of Love	19 6:30 AM Prayer 5:30 PM Meal 6:20 PM Quest • <i>Joyful Noise Night</i> 6:20 PM Jr. GAP 7:50 PM Sr. High	20 6:45 PM Sunday AM Rehearsal	21 5:30 PM Recycled Teens @ 4 Brothers in Sioux Center	22
23 Master's Ringers 8:30 AM Post High Ministry 9:30 AM Worship w/ Pastor Jeremy 10:45 AM S.S. 4 PM Guatemala Fundraiser Bean Bag Tournament 6:00 PM Ukrainian Worship - Yth Rm	24 6:45 PM Thanksgiving Eve Rehearsal 7:00 PM Faith Bible Study	25 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 6:45 PM Sunday AM Rehearsal	26 5:30 PM Worship Soundcheck & Rehearsal 7:00 PM Thanksgiving Eve Service	27 	28	29
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