

# WELCOME

*to Maurice Reformed Church*

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2025**

*-- Fourth Sunday of Advent --*

*Festive Attire Sunday & Evening Christmas Program*

**9:30 AM Worship led by Pastor Jeremy Van Genderen**

Advent Series: The Night Before Christmas

Micah 5 & 6 — Love

**Special Music: Strings for the King | “A Christmas Celebration”**

Thank you for blessing us with the gift of music this morning!

**Children & Worship | 3 & 4 Year Olds**

Children ages 3 & 4 will be dismissed during the offering for a time of worship

**10:45 AM Sunday School**

**5:30 PM Children's Christmas Program**

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**NEXT SUNDAY AT MRC**

*-- Master's Ringers --*

**9:30 AM Worship led by Pastor Don De Kok**

Holding Hands — Psalm 73:21-26

**No Sunday School**

## GET CONNECTED

WHETHER YOU ARE NEW OR HAVE BEEN COMING A WHILE, WE WOULD LOVE TO HELP YOU GET CONNECTED & STAY INFORMED. CHECK OUT THE DIFFERENT WAYS BELOW TO GET PLUGGED IN!



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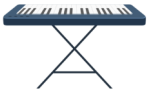
# MRC HAPPENINGS

**Important Church Hours Update** - Beginning in January, the church open hours will be 8:00am-4:00pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, 8:00am-10:00pm on Wednesday, 6:30am-8:00pm on Sunday, and will be closed on Saturdays. These hours will change during special events and during rentals, if requested.



**MRC Family Christmas Card Wall** - It's back! Would you like an easy and inexpensive way to share your family Christmas card with the whole church? Put it up on our Christmas card wall! Whether it is a picture, letter, or note, hang it up for all to see. Look for the garland hung up on the Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall window!

**Guatemala Mission Trip Bake Sale Thank You** - The Guatemala Mission Trip Bake Sale was a huge success! Thank you to each and every one of you who supported us by providing and purchasing baked goods. We are so grateful for your generosity, continued prayers, and support as we work toward funding our March mission trip.



**Seeking Synth Player** - We are currently looking for a synth player to join the praise team for the Full Send Conference. If you are interested, please contact Jenny Vermeer.

**Bible Update** - Recently we realized the need to update our pew Bibles for many of them are in need of repair or replacement. Our Elders desired that all Bibles, including those handed out to our 1<sup>st</sup> graders and seniors, be unified. After much prayer and discussion we have decided to transition to the ESV for our pews, our 1<sup>st</sup> graders, and our seniors. On January 3<sup>rd</sup> we will start our transition to the ESV with all the pew Bibles being replaced, Pastor Jeremy will start reading from the ESV for the messages, and the screens will also have the ESV. If you have any questions, please connect with Pastor Jeremy or one of the elders.



**2026 Church Directory & Church Mailboxes** - Today is the **final call** for any directory updates or additions! If you are already in the directory and need changes made, please email Emily today with those changes. If you would like to be added, please stop by the table in the Fellowship Hall today to add your information. And finally, if you do not have a church mailbox but would like one, please email Emily so she can give you one ([evanvleck@mauricereformed.org](mailto:evanvleck@mauricereformed.org)).

**Tavern For Sale** - Craving that classic, savory flavor of an authentic tavern sandwich, but don't have time to cook during the busy holiday season? Good news! We're excited to offer premade frozen tavern in buckets for you. We're selling them for \$50 a bucket. Please contact Amy Rozeboom at 712.441.5436 if you are interested.



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**Sunday School** - Students in grades 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> will have practice for the Christmas Program during Sunday School today (**please meet in the front of the sanctuary after church to practice**). Littles will meet in Rm 9 and then go to the sanctuary to practice for the program. They will return to their rooms and parents can pick them up at their room as usual. Thanks to everyone for making this a success!



**The Sunday School Christmas Program will take place tonight at 5:30!** Everyone is welcome! Please have your students in their singing room by 5:15pm. Participants in the play are asked to arrive at 5:00pm to put their costumes on. Thank you!

## HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

**No Sunday School on December 28 and January 4**

**No Quest on December 24 and 31 – We will begin again on January 7**

**No Children & Worship on January 4**

*Have a wonderful Christmas break with your family & loved ones!*

## YOUTH MINISTRY

| JR. GAP MINISTRY  | SR. HIGH MINISTRY  |
|---|--|
| <b>December 24 &amp; 31</b> – Christmas Break<br><b>January 7</b> – Lesson Night <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Snacks: Camden C, Jaden B, Eli B</li></ul> | <b>December 24 &amp; 31</b> – Christmas Break<br><b>January 7</b> – Lesson Night <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Snacks: Gage R, Eason S, Ella K</li></ul> |

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Air Madness Outing - Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup>** - Are your kids going to be going stir crazy over Christmas break? Do you need a break from each other? We've got just the thing for them...Air Madness outing with their Jr. GAP friends and leaders! On Sunday, December 28, we will load the buses at church at 1:00pm and head to Air Madness by Sioux Falls. We will be there from 2:30-4:30 and will stop somewhere for food before coming back to church. **The cost is \$15 per student plus money for food afterward.** Please let Jenn Leusink or Jessi Holtrop know if your child is interested so we can make traveling arrangements. A waiver will need to be filled out online prior to the event. Just type Air Madness in Google, click on their website, and click "Sign Your Waiver" in the top right corner. Also, if you have the Air Madness socks, please take those along!



## THIS WEEK AT MRC

### **Sunday, December 21 - *Festive Attire Sunday***

9:30 AM Worship led by Pastor Jeremy

\* *Strings for the King*

\* *Children & Worship*

10:45 AM Sunday School

5:30 PM Children's Christmas Program

### **Tuesday, December 22**

6:30 PM Master's Ringers Rehearsal

### **Wednesday, December 24**

4:00 PM Worship Sound Check

5:30 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

### **Thursday, December 25**

9:30 AM Christmas Day Service

*MERRY CHRISTMAS*

### **Sunday, December 28 - *Master's Ringers***

9:30 AM Worship led by Pastor Don DK

\* *Master's Ringers*

No Sunday School

6:00 PM Ukrainian Worship Service

## **2025 THANKSGIVING OFFERING**

|                            |                      |
|----------------------------|----------------------|
| Building Fund              | 28,292.50            |
| Deacon Benevolent          | 2,500.00             |
| Jon Haverdink/Navigators   | 200.00               |
| Hope Haven                 | 500.00               |
| Village Northwest          | 500.00               |
| Family Crisis Center       | 1,000.00             |
| Heytsi                     | 1,700.00             |
| Sound Board                | 500.00               |
| Joel & Angela Schmidt/EFCA | 200.00               |
| Guatemala Mission Trip     | 1,300.00             |
| Wreaths Across America     | 1,000.00             |
| Mars Family                | 150.00               |
| MRC Mission Fund           | 115,429.61           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>               | <b>\$ 153,272.11</b> |

## **NURSERY SCHEDULE**

**Dec 21**

Emily Hoekstra, Joslyn Vis

**Dec 28**

Emily Maassen, Cambrie Vis

## **PRAYER SCHEDULE**

**Dec 21**

Lisa Smit (Service)  
Jocelyn Muilenburg (S.S.)

**Dec 28**

Sharon Vermeer (Service)  
*No Sunday School*

## **TODAY'S SONGS**

"O Come All Ye Faithful"

"God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen"

"Shine On Us"

"The Power Of Your Love"

## **CHURCH FAMILY PRAYER**

Please keep **Jessica Williams and her family and loved ones** in your prayers as the doctors have determined that further treatment will not be beneficial.

Please keep **Jenny Vermeer** in your prayers following her recent surgery. Pray for a smooth and speedy recovery.

Please keep all elderly and shut-ins in your thoughts & prayers during the long winter months. Reminder that there is a list at the info table for you to pray for and send cards to.

### **Pray for those with ongoing treatments & concerns:**

Marlene De Jager, Evelyn De Vries,  
Gloria Feenstra, Ruth Heidebrink,  
Debbie Hubers, Amy Muth,  
Ray Van Gorp, Glenn Van Horsen,  
Norm & Marge Van Ommeren,  
Stan Van Ommeren, Cliff Wierda,  
Linda Zevenbergen