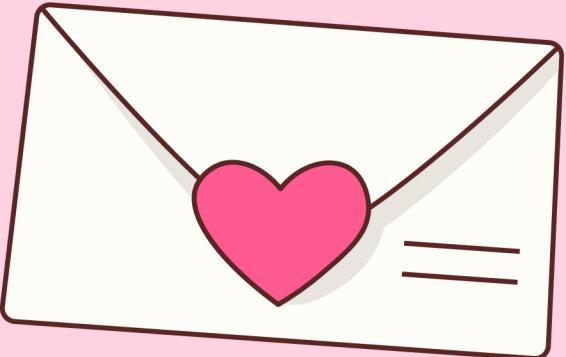


February Happenings

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MAURICE MOMENTS



Sweetheart Banquet – February 5

Come with your friends, your Life Group, your significant other, or with anyone you'll have a totally tubular time with at our 80's themed Sweetheart Banquet! This event is hosted by the Sr. High Youth Group. Enjoy fellowship, entertainment, and a delicious prime rib meal!

Pinewood Derby February 11

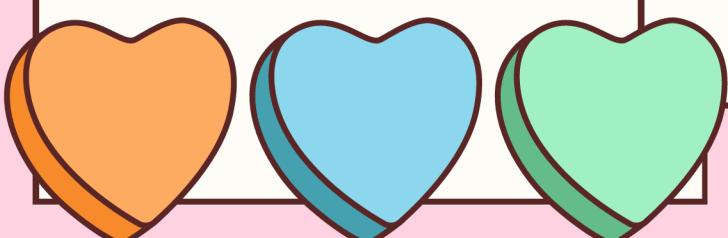
3rd, 4th, and 5th graders will race each other, followed by our adult racers! Come and cheer on your peers and be sure to stop by the concessions!



Other Happenings

- Feb. 8 – Jr. GAP Super Bowl Party
- Feb. 1 & 15 – Children & Worship
- Feb. 22 – No Sunday School

Check the calendar on the back for the full list of events



MRC Family News + Schedules

February Nursery Schedule

Feb. 1	Emily Hoekstra, Anna Groen
Feb. 8	Marissa & Mariah Maassen
Feb. 15	Heather & Khloe Hofmeyer
Feb. 22	Jessi & Reagan Holtrop

February Prayer Schedule

Feb. 1	Charlene Oolman (service) Jerry Vermeer (S.S.)
Feb. 8	Lisa Smit (service) Mark Van Ommeren (S.S.)
Feb. 15	Nancy Mouw (service) Denise Vander Stelt (S.S.)
Feb. 22	Judy Vlietstra (service) Jocelyn Muilenburg (S.S.)

February Meal Ministry Menu

Feb. 4	Pork loin, cheesy potatoes, green bean casserole, dinner roll, apple crisp
Feb. 11	Quest Pinewood Derby No Meal -- Concessions Available
Feb. 18	Ritz chicken, mashed potatoes/gravy, corn, dinner roll, cream puff dessert
Feb. 25	Chili soup, cinnamon roll, crackers, relishes/dip, sliced pineapple, cookie

February Over 80 Birthdays

Delmar Van Klompenburg
Turns 88 on February 7
217 A Ave, PO Box 83
Maurice, IA 51036

Ruth Heidebrink
Turns 83 on February 20
216 Oak St, PO Box 72
Maurice, IA 51036



Previous Hospitalizations & Ongoing Health Concerns

- Allen De Jager, Marlene De Jager, Evelyn De Vries, Gloria Feenstra, Steph Feenstra, Ruth Heidebrink, Jake Heikens, Debbie Hubers, Amy Muth, Wilma Vander Stelt, Norm & Marge Van Ommeren, Jeanne Van Roekel, Jenny Vermeer, Cliff Wierda, Linda Zevenbergen

New Address

- Stan Van Ommeren**
309 Railroad St
Pleasant Acres, Room 22
Hull, IA 51239

Thank You Notes

- Jo Dekker** - "A long overdue thank you to everyone who cared for me after my knee replacement surgery. I appreciated your prayers, cards, meals, rides to therapy, and visits. I am so thankful to our Heavenly Father for a successful surgery and a knee with no pain. Thank you too for your birthday wishes!"
- Bonnie Wolf** - "Thank you to everyone that lifted me in prayer during my recent hospital stay and continued journey of healing. A special thanks to the Calling & Care Pastor for his calls, visits, and concern. To those who brought food, sent texts, called and checked in on me, I am extremely grateful and blessed. God is so good!"
- Pastor Deb, Whispers of LHJ** - "To those who purchased Christmas Wish Gifts this year: On behalf of the families we say "Thank you!" Thank you for blessing families! Thank you for exhibiting God's care and compassion to strangers! Thank you for engaging in the hard work of praying for families; women & children you don't even know. The families were so deeply blessed and grateful for your generosity! Whispers of LHJ is deeply grateful for your continued support as the restorative work through Christ is done, so that families can become a flourishing whole."

Consistory Report + Financials

CONSISTORY MEETING NOTES JANUARY 12, 2026



- Pastor Jeremy called the meeting to order and read from James 3. He talked about the taming of our tongues. Use our tongues for the good of God's truth and not for wrong. Pastor Jeremy then led in a word of prayer.
- Pastor Jeremy and Steve Vis had another meeting with the Kingdom Network Leadership Cohort and gave an update. We are to tell people what we see in them. We are to encourage others and multiply leaders intentionally.
- Consistory then moved to Core Value #4. Our spiritual gifts and what they are and how we use them at MRC. We as a consistory should be using our spiritual gifts and showing the congregation and others why and how we are using our gifts and encourage others to use theirs.
- Financial reports were presented. Very thankful of the congregation for their generous giving.
 - M/S/C to approve financial report as given
- Admin Team made a recommendation that we expand our timeline for Elder and Deacon nomination process for the congregation. We get the forms out in January, receive the list of nominees from the congregation in February, Consistory approval in March, get list of nominees to congregation in April, and congregation votes the 3rd week of May. This was approved verbally.
- Core Value Time
 - Discipleship - talked about looking at Jr. GAP meeting times. Search Team will be meeting in the near future. Group leaders are doing an excellent job with the youth.
 - Service/Mission - looking at mounting a railing on the stage in the sanctuary.
 - Worship - looking at backstage storage. Search Team will be meeting in the near future. Asking questions on enhancing worship experience on Sunday mornings.
 - Congregational Care - went through the whole list of members and looked at who was under a care person and who is in a Life Group. Trying to make sure everyone is taken care of.
 - Admin - Treasurer transition has been doing well. Met with Priscilla about ongoing ideas. Taking the lead of the Safety Team will be Myron Dekkers and Al Muilenburg.
- M/S/C to approve minutes as read
- M/S/C to adjourn
- Jerry Vermeer closed us in prayer.

Financial Report

December Offering	128,518.51
Special Offerings	1,100.00
Sunday School Offerings	3.00
Thanksgiving Offerings	134,395.14

	\$ 264,016.65

Building Fund

Balance December 1, 2025	32,803.56
Interest	16.41
Thanksgiving Offering	18,292.50

Balance January 1, 2026	\$ 51,112.47

Mission Fund Report

Balance December 1, 2025	\$ (35,536.88)
December Offerings	128,518.51
Special Offerings	1,100.00
Sunday School Offerings	3.00
Thanksgiving Offerings	109,752.64
Designated Thanksgiving Off.	6,350.00
Misc. Receipts	716.29

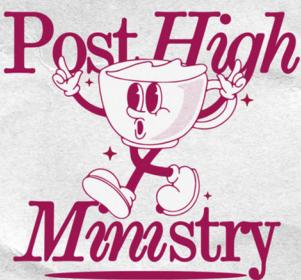
	\$ 210,903.56
December Disbursements	\$ (84,373.70)

Balance January 1, 2026	\$ 126,529.86

Thank you, MRC, for your generous giving over the holiday season.

Additional Happenings

The Can Ministry would like to thank all those who donated cans throughout 2025. The proceeds go to our Jr. GAP & Sr. High ministries. This year a whopping 46,426 cans were donated for a total of \$2,321.20 donated to the youth program. Keep up the great work MRC! For those that aren't aware, you may drop off cans in the "can donation cage" located by the north doors by the Family Life Center.



Thanks to everyone who has signed up to help with the Sunday breakfast!

There is a sign up sheet at the information table or you can contact Priscilla Jansma. It's great to see students gather on Sunday morning and hear the conversations and laughter. Stop in and say hi to them! They love to connect with MRC members.

There is a box by the church mailboxes for goodie donations that can be put in the care packages for the Post High students. Suggestions are pop, Gatorade, other beverages, candy bars, easy-mac, gum, chips, jerky, cup of noodles, anything you think students would like!

Each month we are going to list some young adults who are a part of the Post High. Remember these young adults in prayer and take the time to write them a note, letting them know MRC has not forgotten them.

Karlee Hofmeyer is attending Dordt University for Elementary Education, with endorsements in reading and special education. Karlee also helps manage the women's basketball team. Karlee's prayer request is that she can find joy in everyday moments and continually have motivation to do her best. Her address is DU3074, 651 6th St NE, Sioux Center, IA 51250.

The College Ministry Team has been so encouraged by the time spent with our college students and the relationships that continue to grow each week. It has been especially meaningful to witness their faith taking root and maturing as they engage more deeply with Scripture, share openly, and lean on one another in their walk with Christ. Seeing young adults step into their faith with greater confidence and authenticity is truly inspiring.

We are also very thankful for everyone who signs up to provide breakfast. This act of service helps create a warm, welcoming space that the students genuinely enjoy.

They love the food, but even more, they value the opportunity to connect with others, and we love seeing those interactions strengthen community and support their growing faith.

As we prepare to begin the study *Rooted* together, we ask for your prayers – that this group would grow even more deeply rooted in their faith and continue to seek Christ wholeheartedly in all areas of their lives.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Sunday School Schedule & Lessons

- Feb. 1 - Saul Rescued Israel
 - 1 Samuel 11-13
- Feb. 8 - Saul Disobeyed God
 - 1 Samuel 14-15
- Feb. 15 - Samuel Anointed David
 - 1 Samuel 16
- Feb. 22 - No Sunday School

Reminder that an offering is taken each week during Sunday School singing time. Children are encouraged to bring an offering!

Sunday Happenings

Children & Worship

All 3 and 4 year old children are welcome to come and worship at their level during the church service on the below dates.

An announcement will be made at offering time for the children to come to the Children's Chapel. A time of singing, story telling, coloring, and prayer for these children is offered!

Feb. 1 - Jesus and Zacchaeus

Feb. 15 - The Mustard Seed

Sunday School Memory Verse

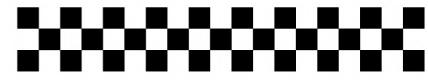
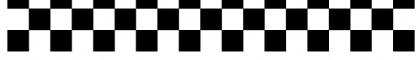
"The Lord has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all."

Psalm 103:19

Additional Happenings

Pinewood Derby - February 11

All 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders



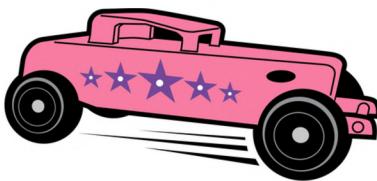
Quest Pinewood Derby Races will be held on Wednesday night, February 11 at 6:30pm, with weigh-in starting at 6:15. If you are interested in participating, please have your parent/guardian sign you up at the information table in the Fellowship Hall, or contact Bonnie Wolf at bwolf@mauricereformed.org.

There will be no regular Quest this night! Everyone is welcome to come and cheer on their peers!

No Wednesday Night Meal will take place this night.

There will be concessions available with items like:

Hot dogs
Nachos
Popcorn
Chips
Candy
Soda



Are you creative and looking for a "behind the scenes" way to serve? We need you! We are looking for someone to decorate the bulletin board in the hallways of the Children's Sunday School! Supplies are available, and you can do it whenever works best for you! There is freedom, so let your creativity shine! Contact Bonnie Wolf today!



JR. GAP MINISTRIES

"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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JR. GAP FEBRUARY SCHEDULE

- Feb. 4 – Bingo Night
- Feb. 11 – Lesson Night: Jesus Tempted (Justin S)
- Feb. 18 – Lesson Night: Jesus Appeared (Scott S)
- Feb. 25 – Testimony: Sarah Weber

JR. GAP FEBRUARY SNACK SCHEDULE

- Feb. 4 – Khloe H, Easton R, Carter D
- Feb. 11 – Jade K, Jordan DK, Alekye M
- Feb. 18 – Brynnley L, Anna H, Avery G
- Feb. 25 – Ashley M, Maelyn L, Blake L

JR. GAP FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Anna Haverdink – February 7
Alekye Maassen – February 21

UPCOMING DATES

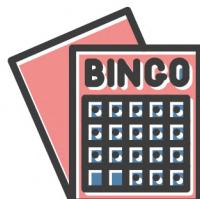
Super Bowl Party – February 8
Belgian Waffle Fundraiser – March 4
Middle School Retreat – April 17-19
Jr. GAP Youth Sunday – May 3

Super Bowl Party – Jr. GAP – February 8 @ 5:30pm – FLC – Come & join us for the big game on Super Bowl Sunday! You won't want to miss it! We will have food, games, and other activities. Feel free to wear your favorite team colors. The game begins at 5:30pm and the party will conclude at the end of the game. Entry into the party is at least 2 nonperishable food items for the Hope Food Pantry. Friends are welcome!



Middle School Retreat – April 17-19, 2026 – Hidden Acres Christian Center, Dayton, IA – The Middle School Retreat is an amazing opportunity to learn, grow, and worship our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ! The theme this year is "Stronger Together". Life is hard to do alone, and God designed us to have real friends who point us to Him. **The registration date is approaching (Feb 2), so make sure to keep this on your radar!** For more information, go to <https://cultivate-co.org/msr>. Registration instructions will be sent via email to parents prior to registration opening on February 2.

Jr. GAP Nursing Home Bingo Night – February 4 – Join us for a fun night of Bingo! Students near Sioux Center may be dropped off at Crown Pointe, and students near Orange City may be dropped off at Landsmeer. Other students can meet at the church and ride the bus, departing at 6:00pm. Bingo runs from 6:30-7:15 at Crown Pointe and 6:15-7:15 at Landsmeer. Parents may pick up students there, or students can ride the bus back to church, arriving around 7:30. More details will be emailed to parents.



**Jr. GAP
Primghar
Skating
Outing**

January 14



SR. HIGH MINISTRIES



“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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SR. HIGH FEBRUARY SCHEDULE

- Feb. 4 – Sweetheart Banquet Prep
- Feb. 11 – Lesson Night: Jesus Tempted (Justin S)
- Feb. 18 – Lesson Night: Jesus Appeared (Scott S)
- Feb. 25 – Testimony Night: Marc & Lisa Scheitler

SR. HIGH FEBRUARY SNACK SCHEDULE

- Feb. 4 – Alyssa G, Aiden G, Kaylee D
- Feb. 11 – Cambrie V, Mya VS, McKenzie VG
- Feb. 18 – Candra VD, Macy VB, Caleb H
- Feb. 25 – Asaiah S, Taylor H, Jake H

SR. HIGH FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Elizabeth Muilenburg – February 12

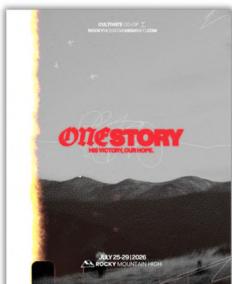
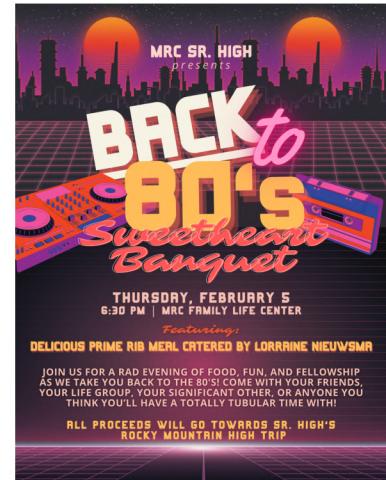
UPCOMING DATES

Sweetheart Banquet – February 5
Sr. High Youth Sunday – March 15
Easter Pancake Breakfast – April 5
Rocky Mountain High – July 25-29

Sweetheart Banquet – February 5 – The Sweetheart Banquet is almost here! There is still time to sign up. We would love to have you! Come with your friend, your Life Group, your significant other... whoever! Come enjoy a totally rad 80's themed evening with a delicious prime rib meal prepared by Lorraine Nieuwsma.

A couple extra things to note:

- Due to the rising food costs and supplies, our break-even cost is around \$40/person. Any amount above this helps support our youth trip to Rocky Mountain High. Thanks for your generosity.
- The event will start promptly at 6:30pm, so everyone is encouraged to come early for pictures and punch!
- If you are utilizing our childcare services, do note that a kid friendly meal will be served to them that evening.
- **Students**, if you have not already signed up for where you would like to help that evening, please contact a youth leader and do so.



Rocky Mountain High – July 25-29 – Registration for Rocky Mountain High opens on February 2. Parent emails will be sent with details and links to sign up. Registration will close on April 13 or earlier, if filled up. No need for payment at the time of registration. The theme for Rocky this year is “One Story”, which asserts that the four Gospels, despite their varied perspectives, present a single, unified narrative centered on Jesus. Rooted in the victory of the resurrection, this profound truth offers strength and meaning, assuring us of God’s ultimate triumph and compelling us to live with the hopeful certainty that we know the end of the story.

Sr. High Youth Sunday - Sunday, March 15 – Sr. High Youth Sunday is fast approaching! If you would like to be a part of the worship team, a skit, lead congregational prayer, be in the sound booth, or would like to share God’s Word, please contact a youth leader. It is an awesome privilege that we get to lead our congregation in worship!

YOUTH SUNDAY





Special Offering Opportunity for January & February Center of Hope - Sioux Falls, SD

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. Their 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.

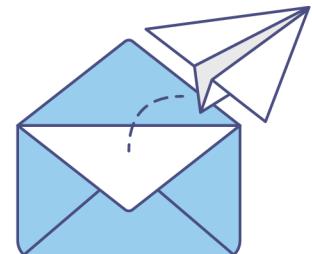
Whether it's a temporary situation, life transition, or a long-term struggle with poverty, addiction, or mental health issues, the Center of Hope is committed to sharing the Love of Christ in tangible ways to guests. The specific ways they do this are varied, but mainly they are providing information 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.

For more information visit www.centerofhopesf.org



Remember our mission partners in your prayers and look for their prayer requests and updates through our Mission Monday emails

- Bob Abel – Remember Nhu (TX)
- Steve & Tara Dekkers – Launch Global (TX)
- Jon & Erin Haverdink – Navigators (NE)
- Vasya & Maranda Heytsi – New Life Church (Ukraine)
- Tom Johnson – Coram Deo (IA)
- S & A K – Translation (SE Asia; abbreviated for security)
- Brian Renes – United Bible Societies (IA)
- Deb Rensink – Whispers of Love, Hope & Joy (IA)
- J & A S – Reach Global (SE Asia; abbreviated for security)
- Mark Wilson – Phnom Penh Bible School of Cambodia (OR)
- NEW PARTNER: Martin Ssebaggala – I Am Says the Lord Ministries (Uganda)



**Check out the NEW Missionary Wall in the Fellowship Hall.
See if you can name each missionary and find the country they serve with.**

Upcoming Mission Events for Participation and Prayer

MRC Full Send Conference & Meal Packing – January 30 & 31

Hawarden/Rock Valley Winter Work Project Opportunities

Guatemala Mission Trip with Paradise Bound Ministries – March 8-15



Meet Our Mission Partners: Tom Johnson

Tom shared in his December newsletter: "In the past two months, I have received 15 applications from overseas candidates (all affiliated with RCA churches/partners) with another three likely to come from Young Life staff in West Africa. It's been four years since I started this online training ministry through the Coram Deo framework, and it's only in the past few months that others have taken notice of what we're offering. This comes at the most ideal time, and managing this large number will keep my days quite full. As Scripture teaches, the Lord's time is always best."

The largest group of commissioned pastor candidates is associated with the Evangelical Orthodox Church of Congo and several Canadian RCA churches. These candidates are already serving as pastors, despite their lack of training. They live in a conflict zone around Bukavu, Congo, where it has been very difficult for them to organize training or even for formal Bible schools to function. We will attempt to deliver our content through the WhatsApp software, which allows audio, video, and file sharing, as well as communications.

There's still a question of whether their internet is robust enough and whether these pastors can get access to computers for their studies, as it is difficult to deliver entire interactive courses (with reading and written responses) through cellphones.

So, we still need to work out some of the details before beginning."

PRAYERS AND PRAISES

- We thank God for the multitude of pastoral studies candidates! Now we need prayer to help them onboard and to navigate a difficult technological reality of providing courses to African pastors, currently without computers and only having phone internet in a recent war zone! Pray for God to work out these and other details!
- We're thankful for Laurey and Ian's engagement, and we lift them up in prayer, while we ask for the Lord's guidance in planning for their July 2026 wedding.
- Pray for safe travels as the older girls come home for the holidays, with two international trips scheduled for spring 2026.
- We ask the Lord to provide for the new French pastoral candidates' training costs and for my ministry support. I have less than 2/3 of my needed support going into 2026, as many supporting churches have reduced their giving post-COVID, while others have changed their mission priorities. Please let me know if you are aware of potential individual or church partners for this growing ministry

FEBRUARY 2026

MRC Mission Prayer Calendar

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 PRAY THAT the 15 new students of PPBS who started in January	2 PRAY FOR Mark during his time in Cambodia and for his safe return	3 PRAY FOR Corbin as he continues to heal from his accident	4 PRAY FOR the "S" family as they resettle and get back to ministry overseas	5 PRAY FOR the Abel family as they navigate different challenges this year, for their health and ministry	6 PRAY FOR the recently donated Bibles to be used well in their new locations	7 PRAY FOR Brian and Donna to have smooth travel, productive trips and a lack of jetlag this year
8 PRAY FOR the Paradise Jr School in Uganda, the students and staff	9 PRAY FOR Pastor Deb as she serves at Whispers of Love, Hope & Joy	10 PRAY FOR "S" as he works on notes for his current project between now and July	11 PRAY FOR Brad's ministry, Erika getting her master's and the kids at school	12 PRAY FOR "A" as her ministry work has shifted but she still joyfully serves the Lord	13 ASK THE Lord to provide for the new French pastoral candidates' training costs and ministry support	14 PRAY FOR Vasya and Maranda Heytsi as they continue to minister in Ukraine
15 PRAY FOR Jonathan, Erin, Mara & Soren Haverdink, their life and ministry in Nebraska	16 PRAY FOR Tom Johnson and his family, for Ellie and Marie as they prepare for Europe this Spring	17 PRAY FOR protection, courage, perseverance, and the advance of the gospel amid great suffering in persecuted countries	18 PRAY FOR the Dekker family as they face major decisions and choices this year. Pray for them to abide, walk in humility, be obedience, and trust Jesus' leading	19 PRAY FOR Kari and her ministry with Praying Pelican, for the trips this year and all the planning and preparation	20 PRAY FOR Kari and her ministry with Praying Pelican, for the trips this year and all the planning and preparation	21 PRAY FOR the Navigators as they walk with the Lord, live out their faith and make disciples
22 PRAY FOR Pastor Martin, his leadership and his music ministry	23 PRAY FOR New Life Church to reach the lost and hurting during the war	24 PRAY FOR Remember Nhu to be successful, for children to be saved from trafficking and receive salvation	25 PRAY FOR the residents of Talitha Koum to come to Christ as they heal	26 PRAY FOR the Gospel Mission, ATLAS and other local ministries reaching out with the Gospel	27 PRAY FOR Bible translation and distribution whether written or audible	28 PRAY FOR NWC and Dordt students as they begin Spring Break



February

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Nametag Sunday 8:45 AM Post High 9:30 AM Worship w/ Pastor Jeremy • Children & Worship 10:45 AM Sunday School 6:00 PM Ukrainian Worship Service	2 6:30 PM Bells Rehearsal	3 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 1-5 PM Stitches of Love	4 6:30 AM Prayer 5:30 PM Meal 6:20 PM Quest 6:20 PM Jr. GAP 7:45 PM Adult Choir - Sanctuary 7:50 PM Sr. High	5 6:30 PM Sweetheart Banquet	6	7
8 Adult Choir 8:25 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal 8:45 AM Post High 9:30 AM Worship w/ Pastor Jeremy 10:45 AM Sunday School 5:30 PM Jr. GAP Super Bowl Party 6:00 PM Ukrainian Worship Service	9 1:30 PM Good News Circle 6:00 PM Elder/Deacon Meetings 6:30 PM Bells Rehearsal 7:00 PM Consistory	10 11:30 AM Staff Lunch and Meeting	11 6:30 AM Prayer 6:20 PM Jr. GAP 6:30 PM Pinewood Derby *No Wednesday Meal *Concessions Available 7:45 PM Adult Choir - Room 9 7:50 PM Sr. High	12 6:45 PM Sunday AM Rehearsal	13	14
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