

Maurice Reformed Church

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Sunday, May 13, 2018—*Happy Mother's Day!*

This Sunday at MRC

8:30 & 10:45 Worship led by Sean Schuller

"Live a Beautiful Life" Scripture from Luke

**Join us between services as we celebrate with Jan Budden and recognize her 17 years here at MRC!*

5:30 PM Worship—Rev. Jon Oppenorth—Director of Words of Hope

"Two Up, One Down" Luke 18:9-14

Next Sunday

8:30 & 10:45 Worship led by Rog Voskuil

"I Am With You" Judges 7:15-25

Motherhood is a million little moments that God weaves together with grace, redemption, laughter, tears, and most of all,
love.



MRC HAPPENINGS

A HUGE thank you to Becky Van Ommeren for the beautiful chalk art this month!

Green grass, birds chirping, fresh rain...in this spring season, we are showered with God's blessings and faithfulness in our lives.

Mark your calendars! There will be Worship in Village Park on Sunday, May 27 in honor of Memorial Day.

Our evening worship will be a patriotic service. A couple veterans will share how they experienced God in the military. There will also be a flag folding ceremony; learn what each fold represents. We will be serving brats, hot dogs, chips & lemonade. You may bring bars, cookies, or any snack to share. *In case of rain, we will worship in The Refuge.*



Why I am NOT joining a Life Group!

Excuse #7: My kids never get to bed on time. Sunday nights just don't work for my young family.

Have you considered...

Sunday nights can set the tone for your entire week. If the kids start off the week tired, you'll pay for it. Every. Single. Day.

How about trying a Life Group on a Sunday afternoon? Or a Wednesday night while the kids are at Pioneer Club? How about during the Sunday School hour? There will be options for when Life Groups meet! They aren't limited to Sunday evenings. Be sure to check out the groups and their meeting times when sign-ups occur. You will hopefully be able to find something that works with your young family!

Can you help us with the following donations that are needed for crafts for Vacation Bible School?



- ❖ Old Crayola Colors
- ❖ Rocks the size of eggs

If you have any of these items, we would love it if you would place them in the three boxes in the fellowship hall kitchen. Thanks for helping us out!

VBS Snack Donation – Please note that there is a Snack Donation list for VBS located at the information center.



Women, you are invited to attend an Interest Meeting for Bible Study Fellowship, which will be starting a satellite group in Orange City next fall. They will meet on Thursday mornings (time is to-be-determined) and study "People of the Promised Land, Part 1." This is a weekly Bible study that has daily homework, group discussion, and a large group lecture. BSF is world-wide, with over 400,000 participants in 40 different countries! If you have any questions or were unable to attend the meeting, feel free to talk to Tracy Cleveringa.

Pioneer Home has two positions open: administrator & maintenance. Please look to the community events page on our website & the June Newsletter for the full announcement.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Parents: Sunday school is now finished. Please be sure to remind your children they are not to run around the lower level and to stay out of the Sunday school rooms. Your help is greatly appreciated! Thank you!

Today's the final day to sign up your children for Shipwrecked VBS!

We'd love to have your children join us at Shipwrecked VBS, which is coming to MRC on June 4-8 from 8:45-11:30 am. Kids will have a blast discovering that no matter the circumstance, Jesus rescues! The morning will be filled with singing, Bible stories, crafts, games, snacks and so much more! VBS is open to Kindergarten through 6th graders (based on their grade next fall), and you can register your kids at <https://mrc.breezechms.com/form/vbs201713>. (If you volunteer to help at VBS, we offer nursery and classes for 3 year olds and preschoolers.) Paper versions of the form are available at the Info Booth. *Registrations are due today, so please don't wait! Music CD's will be distributed to MRC kids THIS week! If you don't sign up by TODAY, you will get your CD during VBS week.*



ISO: Awesome Volunteers for to share God's love with kids!

We need lots of wonderful volunteers like you for this year's Shipwrecked VBS! If you'd like to help out, please sign-up soon at <https://mrc.breezechms.com/form/vbsvolunteer64>. Paper versions of both registration forms are available at the Information Booth. If you have any questions, please feel free to talk to Tracy Cleveringa, Jamie Kamerman or Melissa Dykstra.

If you've already volunteered for VBS...

Thank you!!! We are excited for a great week of sharing God's love with the kids! You will soon be receiving information about where you will be serving for the week, who your Prayer Partners will be, what snacks you're asked to bring, etc. Thanks again for your willingness to volunteer, and be on the lookout for more information!

BENEVOLENT FEATURE

Zestos is a fellowship of volunteers living out their faith and caring for their neighbors. They offer many services to the community, with one of them being "The Shepard's Table", which is a monthly outreach event that is hosted by churches throughout Northwest Iowa. Here they extend God's gracious hospitality to everyone with a free home cooked meal, free take-home food, fellowship, and the love of Jesus in an environment where social and economic status does not matter.



How can I get involved?

- ◆ **Food Processing & Packaging:** get food ready to share with someone in need
- ◆ **Transportation:** gather food & other resources or make deliveries to individuals, churches, and fellowship events
- ◆ **Fellowship Team:** provide hospitality, fellowship, relationship building, and witness at meals & other events
- ◆ **Accountability Partner:** build a relationship that encourages, guides, & helps someone find their way
- ◆ **Intercessors:** come boldly before the throne of Almighty God with prayers and requests on behalf of our clients, volunteers, and staff

JR. GAP MINISTRIES

Schedule:

- **May 23**–Youth Ministry Appreciation Supper at 6:30 pm in *The Refuge* (for 6th-12th grade Sunday School teachers & Youth Leaders)

Announcements:



Copy of Jr. GAP Youth Sunday–Wow, what a great service it was! If you or a family member would like a copy of the Jr. GAP Youth Sunday Service, please contact Jon Eveland.

Power Connection 2018–Kansas City Area–July 24-29

Registration is open! Head over to www.synodyouth.org to register. Power Connection is an amazing week of service, worship, youth group time and recreational time for middle school students! Here is a brief description from the Synod: *“Our desire is to provide an opportunity for the Holy Spirit to transform the beliefs of students and adult leaders into a lifestyle of faith in Jesus Christ.”* **Registration closes on May 20; payment is also due by May 20** (checks written out to MRC Jr. GAP). Cost will be \$100 per student.



Jr. GAP Summer Schedule–Stay tuned for more info regarding our Summer schedule of events (boating outing, Wild Water West, Power Connection, etc.)

UPCOMING: Power Connection–July 24-29

Thank you so much to ALL that came to worship alongside the Jr. GAP students and leaders on Sunday evening, April 29th for their Jr. GAP Youth Sunday Service! It is wonderful to see, hear, and feel all of your support & prayers for these students and leaders. The Jr. GAP students did such a fantastic job and led a great worship service! Thank you so much for being a part of it with them!

SR. HIGH MINISTRIES

Schedule:

- **May 23**–Youth Ministry Appreciation Supper at 6:30 pm in *The Refuge* (for 6th-12th grade Sunday School teachers & Youth Leaders)
- **June 5**–**CHANGE OF DATE**–Senior Supper

Announcements:



Senior Supper–Tuesday, June 5–DATE CHANGE

The MRC Seniors are invited to join the leaders in a time of celebration and reflection on their time in Sr. High. We will meet at MRC at 6 pm that evening before heading out for supper!

Sr. High Mission Trip–Immerse Lincoln–June 12-17

Registration is complete—and we have 17 students and 9 adults going to serve!



We will be having a Parent Meeting on Sunday, June 3 at 10:45 am in the Sr. High Youth Room for all parents of Sr. High students going to Lincoln. Please let Jon Eveland know if you will be unable to attend.



Sr. High Summer Schedule

Stay tuned for more info regarding our summer schedule of events (bonfires, Immerse Mission Trip, boating outing, etc.)

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Senior Supper–Tuesday, June 5

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THIS WEEK AT MRC...

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**Retirement Celebration for Jan Budden*

5:30 PM Worship led by Pastor Jon Opgenorth

Tuesday, May 15

9 AM Staff Meeting

8:30 PM Midwest Honor Flight Welcome Home Ceremony – Sioux Falls

Wednesday, May 16

2 PM Senior 55+ Program

Sunday, May 20

8:30 & 10:45 Worship led by Rog Voskuil

Church Family Prayer

Prayer Concerns:

- Continue to keep **Isaac and the rest of the Schmidt family** in your prayers. Pray for healing and that they will continue to experience the everyday blessings.
 - Please pray for **Lee & Jon Moerman** as they were in a car accident this past weekend. Pray for complete healing for them both.
 - Please continue to pray for **Kimi Leusink's dad, Glenn**, as he recovers from eye surgery and as he receives chemo treatments. Please pray for healing.
 - Continue to be in prayer for **Ruth Heidebrink**. Pray for healing, patience, and strength as she waits for what the future holds.
 - Remember **Pam De Haan** in your prayers as she has finished what they believe will be her last cycle of chemo. Pray for completely healing for her.
 - Please keep **Len & Jan Hansen's children** in your prayers as they are in Indonesia and are in the process of trying to obtain their student visas. Please pray for patience in this process & that God may intervene. Also remember their grandson as he heals from a viral infection. Pray for strength for him.
- And we continue to remember **Bryan Van Gelder, Chris Budden, Gloria Wierda, & Val Dykstra** in our prayers.

	THIS WEEK	NEXT WEEK
PIANO/ORGAN	8:30 – Judy V/Barb VH 10:45 – Marge VO/Donna M	8:30 – Judy V/Laura H 10:45 – Judy V/Kristi H
LITTLE BLESSINGS & BIG PROMISES NURSERY	8:30 – Gary & Cherie VD 10:45 – Steve & Julie V	8:30 – Aaron & Marissa M 10:45 – AJ & Lisa Smit
PRAYER ROOM	8:30 – Sue De Kok 10:45 – Jill Muilenburg	8:30 – Sandy Holtrop 10:45 – Miranda Maassen
FLOWER CHAIRPERSON	Sharon Plendl	Sharon Plendl