



MAURICE REFORMED CHURCH

Following God, loving others.

Sunday, October 8, 2017

8:30 & 10:45 Sunday Morning Teaching

led by Terry Maassen

"Why Do I Doubt?" Matthew 28:18-20

10:45 service - Please celebrate with us this morning as Sarah Joy, daughter of Michael and Carrie Vander Schaaf, will be receiving the sacrament of baptism. Sarah was born on June 26, and was welcomed home by big sister, Hannah.

6:30 PM Fellowship Night at the Schrock's

Next Sunday at MRC

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

"Walls of Jericho" Joshua 6

Thank you to Becky Van Ommeren for the lovely chalk art this month! Fall is a wonderful time of year, with great opportunities to serve others and to serve God. Thank you for the reminder of ways we can worship and praise God this fall season!

Terry Maassen Bio: It's good for me to be back in my home church! After graduating from Iowa State University in 1972, I returned to the family farm for a few years before God called me to prepare for fulltime ministry. In 1978, we moved to La Mirada, CA to begin training at Talbot Theological Seminary. Following ordination in West Sioux Classis in 1981, I took my first call as an Associate Pastor at Hope Reformed Church, Lincoln, NE and served there for three years. From 1984 to 2000, I served as Pastor of the Church of the Good Shepherd, now called The Refuge, in Lynnwood, WA. We returned to Lincoln, NE in 2000 as Lead Pastor and re-birthed the former ministry into Hope Community Church.

I retired July 1, 2016 after serving 35 years in two churches. Most recently I served as interim pastor at the Pella Reformed Church, Adams, NE from September 1, 2016 to July 1, 2017.

Cheryl (Bleeker) and I celebrated our 46th wedding anniversary this year. We are the proud parents of three daughters and grandparents of six grandsons. Two weeks ago we moved from Lincoln to Papillion, NE to be closer to two of the three daughters who also live in the greater Omaha area.

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, October 7

7:30 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal
 8:30 & 10:45 AM Morning worship led by Terry Maassen
 9:35-10:35 Sunday School
 6:30 PM Fellowship Night - The Schrock's

Monday, October 9

8:30 AM Fellowship Through Fitness
 7:30 PM Good News Bible Study

Tuesday, October 10

9 AM Staff Meeting
 6:30 PM Consistory Meeting

Wednesday, October 11

2 PM Golden Hour Bible Study
 5:15 PM Family Meal
 6:30 PM Pioneer Club
 6:45 PM Jr. GAP & Sr. High

Thursday, October 12

8:30 AM Fellowship Through Fitness

Sunday, September 24

8:30 & 10:45 AM Morning worship led by Rog Voskuil
 9:35-10:35 AM Sunday School

Wednesday Night Family Meal

Join us this week for creamed chicken
 bun, chips, Oreo fluff salad, mandarin
 oranges, and cookies!
 Come and enjoy a great time of food and
 fellowship!



VOLUNTEERING AT MRC

	THIS WEEK	NEXT WEEK
PIANO/ORGAN	8:30 - Janene VG/Barb VH 10:45 - Janene VG/Julie V	8:30 - Janene VG/Rachel VK 10:45 - Janene VG/Donna M
LITTLE BLESINGS & BIG PROMISES NURSERY	8:30 - Sharon VM, Michelle D, Christa VD 10:45 - Eric & Jessica O	8:30 - Loren & Melissa D 10:45 - Jason & Kristi H
PRAYER ROOM	8:30 - Lori VG 10:45 - Jen VN	8:30 - Don VH 10:45 - Miranda M
WELCOME CENTER	8:30 - Leah Holverson	8:30 - Priscilla Jansma
FLOWER CHAIRPERSON	Emily Maassen	Emily Maassen

MRC VALUES NIGHT:
FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship Night

Join us this Sunday Night, October 8 6:30pm at the Schrock's backyard (4758 Ironwood Ave OC)

Come when you, leave when you must.

Bring a camping chair as we join in looking and experiencing Fellowship together.

We will have a time of sharing stories and fellowshiping together.

Bring your family!

Questions? Contact Justin Schrock 441-7017

The Staff Relations Team would like to remind the congregation that October is Staff Appreciation Month here at MRC.

We encourage each family to make our staff feel appreciated and cared for by placing cards and notes of affirmation and appreciation in their mailboxes during the month of October. We the Staff Relations Team really appreciate all that the staff does behind the scenes to make MRC a special place to worship and to learn about God and His plan for our lives. Appreciation can be shown in other ways as well if writing notes is not your gift. Below is a list of our staff at MRC:

Emily Borger - Secretary

Jan Budden - Assistant Secretary

Wick Hubers - Congregational

Care Pastor

Bonnie Wolf - Children's Pastor

Jon Eveland - Youth Pastor

Mike Kamerman - Custodian

Shellie Vander Schaaf - Music Coordinator

**STAFF
APPRECIATION**

Sioux Stockmen are going to pack Christmas Shoe Boxes for our community service project this year.

We would like to ask you to help fill our Shoe Boxes. There will be a gift wrapped box by the mailboxes to leave your donations. Please have the donations brought by November 12.



The correct link: <https://www.samaritanpurse.org/operation-christmas-child/what-goes-in-my-shoobox-suggestions/>.

Thanks for your help!

Any post college and older who are interested in joining a Young Adults Bible Study,

talk to Casie Van Der Weide or Lorn & Jessica Wielenga. We will be meeting at 7:00 this Friday evening at Jonathan Gallagher's house, 1360 S. Main, Sioux Center. We are watching and discussing "The Truth Project".

**The Truth
project**

The Outreach team at Bridge of Hope Ministries in Sioux Center is organizing a winter clothing drive.

They are looking for donations of coats, snow pants, boots, mittens, hats, and scarves. All items will be washed before putting out and we have someone on hand to mend if there is a hole or zipper in need of repair.

There will be a box in the Fellowship Hall where you can drop off your items. Thank you for serving, helping, and showing love to our neighbors!

Church Family Prayer

Prayer Concerns:

- Please keep **Rob & Alice Vander Broek** in your prayers. They have moved into Prairie View in Sanborn. Please continue to pray for them as they make all of these adjustments.
- Please pray for **Denny Vander Sluis** as he will be having knee replacement surgery at Dakota Dunes on Wednesday. Pray that the surgery goes well and that he may have a speedy recovery.
- We praise God this week as **Alison Lenters** was able to have his PICC line taken out and is being put on 2 oral antibiotics. Please pray that these antibiotics continue to fight the infection.
- Continue to keep **Jerry Vermeer** in your prayers. He had a checkup on September 28 and everything looked good. He will have his yearly scope done in September and if everything comes back good, he will not have another appointment until 2019. Praise the Lord!
- Please keep Don & Sue's son **Brent De Kok** in your prayers as he continues chemo treatments. Pray that God uses the chemo to fully kill the cancer cells and that he may have no negative side effects.

Sympathy:

- We extend our sympathy to **Frank Kruid** in the passing of his brother, John. John passed away on October 2.

And we continue to remember **Bryan Van Gelder, Ryan Palsma, and Val Dykstra** in our prayers.

Children's Ministry

Children and Worship will begin on

October 15. Due to lack of volunteers, this will only be offered during the 8:30 service. Children and Worship will be the 2nd and 4th Sunday's of the month. Children age 3 to kindergarten are welcome to attend. The children will be dismissed during the church service and will go to room 2. When church is over, the students will be taken directly to the opening of Sunday School. Parents will not need to pick up their child until after Sunday School.



Do you play piano? Could you give up 15 minutes once or twice a month? Then we need you! The Kids Praise choir needs someone who can help by playing the piano every now and then. This is NOT an every week position! You would be notified when they need you, then come to practice right after church for about 10 to 15 minutes. Easy! Please prayerfully consider helping out in this way!

Pioneer Club will be having its annual Pal Party this year on October 25!

Each student will need to bring a pumpkin. A good guideline to use if it is too heavy for the student to carry in and out of church, it is too big! Pioneer students who are in 1st through 5th grade will carve their own pumpkin with their pal. Pals, please plan on bringing tools to carve the pumpkins. Students 3 years old through kindergarten will be painting their pumpkin with their pal.



Gather and Grow

October 8 - Unit 26 Lesson 1 - Jesus Healed an Official's Son - John 4:46-54 - *What happened when Jesus performed miracles?*

October 15 - Unit 26 Lesson 2 - Jesus Drove Out Evil Spirits - Mark 1:21-28; Luke 4:31-37 - *What did the evil spirit know about Jesus?*



Why Do I Doubt? October 8, 2017

"Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'"

Matthew 28: 18-20 (NIV)

- Does God really exist?
- Is there life after death?
- Are human beings really destined for eternity, or do we just go out like candles when we die?
- Is the universe an accident, or did a personal God create it for a reason?
- Will we all one day be held morally accountable for our lives and our choices?
- Is the Bible the authoritative and reliable guide to life, or has it been discredited by historical criticism and science?
- If there is a God, why is there so much suffering?
Why does it seem my prayers go unanswered?

Observations about faith and doubt:

1. _____ is an inescapable part of the human condition.

"Be merciful to those who doubt."

Jude 1: 22 (NIV)

2. Every human being lives by _____.

"Without faith, it is impossible to please God."

Hebrews 11: 6 (NIV)

"The righteous will live by faith."

Galatians 3: 11 (NIV)

"Now we see but a poor reflection in a mirror; then we shall see face to face.

Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known."

I Corinthians 13: 12 (NIV)

3. _____ can lead to stronger _____.

"You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

John 8: 32 (NIV)

"I am the Way, the Truth and the Life."

John 14: 6 (NIV)

"When the Spirit comes, He will guide you into all truth."

John 16: 13 (NIV)

4. When certainty is impossible, _____ is still on the table.

"Then the eleven disciples went to the mountain where Jesus told them to go. When they saw Him, they worshipped Him, but some doubted."

Matt. 28: 16-17 (NIV)



MRC Youth Ministries



Jr. GAP Ministries

Schedule:

- **October 11** - Sub Sandwich Assembly Night
- **October 18** - Harvest Party (joint with Sr. High) at Bob & De Ann Cleveringa's



Lunch:

- **October 11** - Caylee VD, Ashlyn A, Gabe B
- **October 18** - Provided

*Lunch is a pan of bars/2 dozen cookies and 2 two liters of pop or juice

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Jr. GAP Sioux Falls Fun Day - Saturday, October 21 - We will be spending the day in Sioux Falls! Schedule may include Thunder Road, Sky Zone, etc.! Sign up will be in the Jr. GAP this week and next. Departure time from MRC is 10 am and we hope to be back to MRC by 9:30 pm. The cost is \$30 per student.

Parent Opportunity - If you are interested in helping assemble subs on October 11, please contact Jon Eveland.

Jr. GAP & Sr. High Announcements



Interested in being a part of the Jr. GAP/Sr. High Worship Team? Whether it is singing, playing an instrument, or running soundboard - we would love to have you join us! Contact Mike Kamerman or Carissa Jensen if you are interested!

Sr. High Ministries

Schedule:

- **October 11** - Small Group Night "Week 9 - *How to Make the Most of Your Life Pt. 2*"
- **October 18** - Harvest Party (joint with Jr. GAP) at Bob & De Ann Cleveringa's



Lunch:

- **October 11** - Lunch in Small Group
- **October 18** - Provided

*Lunch is a pan of bars/2 dozen cookies and 2 two liters of pop or juice

ANNOUNCEMENTS:



Sr. High Meal Service Project - Over 130 freezer meals were made on Wednesday night for those in our church family that may need encouragement, a blessing, and may be in need of a helping hand. Those meals will be delivered on November 15 in Small Groups! What a blessing that will be!