

AUGUST 2018

# MAURICE MOMENTS

NEWSLETTER

Sr. High Mission Trip—Immerse—Lincoln, NE—June 12-17



Jr. GAP—Power Connection—July 24-29



# MRC Family News

## Our members who are celebrating an "Over 80" birthday this month:

### Paul Dekker

3340 470th St  
Maurice, IA 51036

*\*Paul will celebrate his 82nd birthday on August 1*

### Lewis Jr. Weirda

313 3rd St., PO Box 28  
Maurice, IA 51036

*\*Lewis will celebrate his 82nd birthday on August 9*

### Marie Maassen

Landsmeer Ridge #501  
1007 7th St. NE  
Orange City, IA 51041

*\*Marie will celebrate her 93rd birthday on August 10*



## Hospitalizations...

We pray for our church family who have been hospitalized or have health concerns: Chris Budden, Carrie Vander Schaaf, Ryan Vander Sluis, Sarah Mars, Mike Leusink, Bonnie Wolf, Lorna Bylsma, Berdena Grady, Bryan Van Gelder, Pam De Haan, Val Dykstra, Gloria Wierda, Ruth Heidebrink, and Isaac Schmidt.

## Sympathy...

- ◆ We extend our sympathy to **Joyce, Rob & Wendi Groen, and family** in the passing of Don Groen.
- ◆ We extend our sympathy to **Edna & Alice Vander Broek** in the passing of their sister-in-law Helen Vlieger.
- ◆ We extend our sympathy to **the Dykstra family** as Phil's brother-in-law, Dan TeGrotenhuis, passed away.

## Congratulations...

- ◆ Congratulations to **Jon & Rachel Eveland** in the birth of their daughter, Vera Lynn, born on July 2.
- ◆ Congratulations to **Brock & Carissa Jensen** in the birth of their daughter, Madison Lee, born on July 5.
- ◆ Congratulations to **Lane & Sarah Mars** in the birth of their daughter, Jacoba Jean, born on July 19.

## Thank You Notes

- ◆ Thanks to the Maurice Reformed Church for the services and compassion that was shown to all of us at the time of Bob Van Donkelaar's funeral. A very special thank you to Pastor Wick for his help, kindness, coordination, and especially the message that day. In his time on earth, Uncle Bob (Donk) was a blessing to all of us. We all loved him! - **The Van Donkelaar families**
- ◆ A simple thank you doesn't feel like enough but we hope you know the depth with which we give it. Thank you to Pastor Ross and Wick for your visits to the ER, hospital and our home. Thank you to each person/family who took the time to pray, say a kind word, send a card, offer advice, provide a meal, make time for fellowship, reach out via text or phone calls and help with our kids. Your thoughtfulness is wonderful and so appreciated! Romans 8:18: "I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing to the glory that will be revealed in us." We find comfort in knowing that the Lord will walk with us to the end of this process and the support of family and friends through it all is priceless. May you be blessed as you are a blessing to us! - **Ryan, Dyan, Brandon, Seth, & Mya Vander Sluis**
- ◆ Sometimes life takes you where you really are not prepared to go! The last six weeks have been an adventure and I know I could not have made it without the help, love and support from my church family! The prayers, words of encouragement, cards, food, rides, errand running and the list goes on! I am so appreciative for all that has been done! I thank you for being part of my journey as I continue to heal. I appreciate the continued prayer for complete healing! I have said this verse over and over, and know that I trust God and his plan for my life! "For I know the plans I have for you declare the Lord." - **Bonnie Wolf**
- ◆ Thank you to all who remembered me with cards & expressions of sympathy in the passing of my sister-in-law Harriet Kuiken. Also thank you for all the cards and birthday wishes that I received for my 94th birthday. It made my day very special. - **Edith Kuiken & family**

*We apologize if we inadvertently missed anyone*

## **Life Group Sign-Ups are Happening NOW!**

You've been hearing a lot about Life Groups kicking off this fall, and now it's time to jump in! You are invited to join a Life Group during the month of August. How? There are two ways to sign up: in the fellowship hall or online. Either way, the process is the same. Check out all the different Life Groups being offered; you can see the leaders, other group members, when and where the group is meeting, if kids are welcomed, etc. Prayerfully consider which group would fit you the best. If you're signing up in the fellowship hall, simply write your name. If you're signing up online, visit our church's webpage, click on the "Life Groups" tab, browse the groups, and then click the "Sign-up" button.



Life Groups will be kicking off the week of September 16 with our church-wide study "Community." We look forward to growing together as a church of Life Groups, where people can be known and cared for, grow in our faith, serve others and have fun sharing life together. *If you have any questions, please talk with Don DeKok or Marissa Maassen.*



**The Homeless Shelter will take leftover single use shampoos from motel stays.** They use them all year long...so don't throw them away. Donate them! If you have some, get them to Lori Van Gorp and she will deliver them. Thanks!

## **New Address...**



## **55+ Program August 15—2 PM—Fellowship Hall**

Join us on August 15 as the Van Roekel Sisters bring us the gift of music!

Food & Fellowship to follow!



Mark your calendars for the start up of **Fellowship Through Fitness**. We will begin again on Monday, August 27. We will meet in the Family Life Center on Mondays from 8:30-9:30 am AND Thursdays from 8:15-9:00 am. The format is interval training with alternating cardio and strength training.

Participants work at their own pace and fitness level while we encourage one another to continue to advance. Take 3, 5, 8 or 10 lb weights, an exercise mat, water bottle and a friend! The class is free. We'd love to see both old and new faces join us. Childcare is provided for \$10 per month if needed.

*If you have any questions, email Heather Hofmeyer at [hhofmeyer@gmail.com](mailto:hhofmeyer@gmail.com)*

## **Newsletter items due August 20**





# CAMP EXPERIENCES

My name is Micah Schmidt, and I went to camp at Inspiration Hills from June 25th-29th. I was at Lodge Adventure camp, where I stayed overnight for 4 nights and 5 days. My counselor was Uncle Mason, and he was AWESOME! My favorite activity was OAT (Open Activity Time), where we got 3 hours to go to the Canteen, the pool, the game room, trails, or on one day, canoeing! Mostly, my friend Trevor and I went to the Canteen, the game room, the pool, and canoeing. My favorite food was easily the GIGANTIC chocolate chip pancakes and bacon for breakfast. Some fun things I did were OAT time, TAWG (Time Alone With God), bonfires, Chapel and bible study. I learned that we are the light of the world, and we should spread God's word everywhere we go. I want to let my light shine for Jesus by going to church, be the Fruit of the Spirit (not a banana\*) and reading the bible. \*One of my favorite new songs from camp was called The Fruit of the Spirit. It was just a really fun song to sing and act out. I really appreciate that the church could pay for part of my camp week!

**- Micah Schmidt**

Hi! I went to Lodge Camp June 18-22. My counselors were Aunt Deinky (Emily Deinken) and Cousin Chloe. I got to go with my friends Alyson and Kaylee. It was a rainy week, but I had fun playing Bonkers around the Lodge. We had to find the counselors who were hiding and watch out for people with pool noodles who would try to bonk us. I did get to swim one day and I love swimming. They make really good food, but my favorite was baked potatoes that we got to stuff with yummy things, like ham, cheese, broccoli, and butter. Our chaplain, Kathy, talked to us, and read from Genesis, about how we can pray to God when we feel Satan telling us to do wrong things. God will help us do what is right if we ask. I will pray for others and help when I can. Thank you for praying for me and for the camp notes.

**- Erica Jansma**

I was at Girls Only camp from June 18-22. My counselor was Aunt Clare. One of my favorite activities that we did were the initiatives (which are different challenges.) My favorite food was the baked potatoes. Some other fun things that we did were play bonkers, conquest, have chapel in the pool, and OAT (open activity time.) I also really enjoyed the first night when we watched the movie Beauty and the Beast. We talked about bringing out the prince in us and leaving the beast self inside. I want to let my light shine for Jesus and all of the people around me by being kind and caring to others. Thanks for praying for me, and for the camp mail.

**- Breanna Jansma**

I went to Girls Only Camp at the Inspiration Hills Camp and Retreat Center from June 18-22. The best part of camp was getting to know the girls in my bunk group. I learned that in order to love others the way Jesus loves them I have to remember how much Jesus loves me. After I came home I saw the whole world in a new light. I'm so glad that my church gave funds to give me this experience.

**- Jocelyn Muilenburg**

This year I went to Lodge/Adventure Camp June 18-22 at Inspiration Hills with Allyson Leusink and Erica Jansma. Our counselor's name was Aunt Deinky (Emily Deinken from MRC!). The first day we were able to have chapel in the pool! One of my favorite things was talking from bunk to bunk at night. We played "Amazing Grace Race" on the last day—that was fun! One night we had a pajama party, and the counselors did a funny skit. We also painted nails and had a spa night. I loved camp and would recommend everyone try it sometime! Thanks for praying for me and for all the mail—it was awesome!

**- Kaylee Dykstra**

This summer I had the privilege of going to a Wilderness Camp at Inspiration Hills. I went to this camp for five days and had an amazing time! Some of the highlights of camp this year were going to the pool, telling stories around the campfire, sliding down the slip n slide, and eating at the Canteen. I was challenged to share the love (and light) of Jesus to those that I meet. I really felt God's presence while attending this camp. The counselors we had shared with us about their faith walks. It was neat to hear how God has worked and is working in their lives. I learned that we serve a BIG God who is capable of doing BIG things. I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to go to camp this year. I want to thank all who supported me while I was away. I am truly grateful.

**- Seth Maassen**

This summer I had the opportunity to go to Discovery Camp. I had a BLAST! It was so much fun to meet new people. We got to do a TON of fun things like a slip n slide, go to the pool, sing praise songs, and hang out with friends. I really liked the Canteen too! I learned that God loves me no matter what. I also learned that God wants me to share His love with others. I had a great time! I want to say thank you to all who wrote me letters-that was so much fun to read. I have saved every letter! Thanks again!

**- Aric Maassen**

I attended Day Camp at Inspiration Hills. I got to ride the camp bus with some other church friends from Sioux Center church to and from camp. I also got to spend my birthday at camp. Some of the things that I enjoyed at camp this week was the swimming and the chicken strips. I thought it was pretty cool that my cousin Breanna was one of the day camp counselors! The only thing I didn't like was the singing and on Wednesday when we had to eat our lunch with our HANDS. I didn't like eating beans and peaches with NO SILVERWARE!! I would like to go to camp again next year.

**- Alex Aberson**

In the month of June I went to a camp, which was Inspiration Hills. My counselor was Clare. It was her first year being a counselor. There were lots of great activities to do. One of my favorite activities was doing crafts. You can make whatever you want. We also had free time so we could do things such as swimming, BB guns, crafts, play games, and lots more. My favorite food was the baked potatoes because you can put lots of toppings on it. We also did initiatives which is a challenge with your group. You have to complete an obstacle, and work together. That was also pretty fun. I want to let my light shine for Jesus by telling lots of people about him and reading the bible. This was my first year at camp. I would definitely go back again. I also got to meet new people, and it was an awesome experience and week at camp.

**- Jaylee Kamerman**

On July 9-13 I went to Day Camp at Inspiration Hills. My counselor was Uncle Aaron; he was funny. Some of my favorite things were the zip line, the hamster wheels, hiking, and swimming. I had a lot of fun with my friends at camp. I learned in chapel that God is always right with us. I hope I can go back next year!

**- Levi Dykstra**

I went to camp at Inspiration Hills July 9-13 and my counselor was Aren. My favorite food was the hot dog. The fun things I did were the pool and gaga ball. My favorite activity was bracelets.

**- Addaley Maassen**

## Sioux County Fair Results for the MRC 4Hers



A few weeks ago, it was the highlight of the 4H year- Sioux County Fair! We have many hard working 4Hers in our church that exhibited animals and static projects. If you see them in the next couple of weeks, don't be afraid to ask them about their projects, how they did, or congratulate them on a job well done! Here is the results for the 4Hers from our church. My apologies if I missed someone.

**Ashlyn Aberson:** Bottle Bucket Calf—Blue

**Tyler Aberson:** Advanced Feeder Cattle—Blue

**Julia Dykstra:** Visual Arts—Jr. Merit & Blue; Food & Nutrition—Blue

**Becca Dykstra:** Food & Nutrition—State Fair Reserve; Home Improvement—State Fair Reserve; Personal Development—Blue

**Logan Feenstra:** Pet Show—Blue; Visual Arts—2 Blues; Food & Nutrition—Blue; Personal Development—Blue

**Morgan Feenstra:** Food & Nutrition—Blue; Sewing & Needle Arts—Blue

**Alyson Leusink:** Bottle Bucket Calf—Blue

**Trevor Leusink:** Swine—3 Blues and Purple

**Ayden Maassen:** Dairy—Blue and Champion; Sewing & Needle Arts—Blue; Woodworking—Jr. Merit and Blue

**Seth Maassen:** Jr. Dairy Showmanship—Pink; Dairy—2 Lavenders; Home Improvement—Jr. Merit; Other Family Consumer Science—Blue; Science and Technology—Jr. Merit

**Eric Plendl:** Advanced Feeder Cattle—Purple

**Katie Plendl:** Dog—Purple, Lavender, Blue; Dog Handling—Purple; Share the Fun—Blue; Rabbits—3 Blues and Red; Vet Science—Blue; Home Improvement—2 Blues; Other Family Consumer Science—Blue; Working Exhibit—State Fair Selection

**Colton Roorda:** Dairy—Purple; Animal Science—Jr. Merit

**Micah Schmidt:** Woodworking—Jr. Merit

**Caleb Schrock:** Photography—Blue & Red; Woodworking—Blue; Food & Nutrition—Blue; Personal Development—Blue

**Emilee Schrock:** \$15 Clothing Challenge—2 Blues; Fashion Selection—Jr. Merit; Clothing Selection—Blue; Share the Fun—Blue; Photography—Jr. Merit and Blue; Constructed Clothing—Blue; Consumer Management—Jr. Merit; Home Improvement—State Fair Selection; Dog—Lavender; Dog Handling—Blue

**Maci Schwarck:** Horse—6 Blues, Red, and 2 Whites; Horticulture—Blue; Photography—Blue

**Tegegn Smit:** Poultry—Purple, 3 Blues & Red; Beef—Blue

**Adam Van Beek:** Poultry—Blue; Photography—Blue; Food & Nutrition—Blue and Red

**Elsie Van Beek:** \$15 Clothing Challenge—Blue; Poultry—2 Purples; Jr. Poultry Showmanship—Pink; Visual Arts—Blue; Clothing & Fashion—Blue; Food & Nutrition—Jr. Merit & Blue; Sewing & Needle Arts—Blue; Citizenship—Jr. Merit; Communications Poster—Blue

**Hannah Van Beek:** \$15 Clothing Challenge—Blue; Clothing Selection—State Fair Selection; Horse—Red & White; Pet Show—Blue; Poultry—Blue; Food & Nutrition—State Fair Selection and Blue

**Isaac Van Beek:** Poultry—Lavender; Sr. Poultry Showmanship—Yellow; Share the Fun—Clay County Selection

**Caylee Van Donkelaar:** Clothing Selections—Blue; Working Exhibit—Blue; Photography—State Fair Reserve & Blue; Food & Nutrition—Blue; Home Improvement—2 State Fair Reserve

**Christa Van Donkelaar:** Photography—State Fair Reserve

**Cianna Van Donkelaar:** Clothing Selection—Blue; Working Exhibit—Blue; Photography—Jr. Merit & State Fair Reserve; Food & Nutrition—Blue; Woodworking—Blue

**Brett Van Gelder:** Beef—2 Lavender; Share the Fun—State Fair Selection

**Carter Van Gelder:** Beef—Purple and Lavender; Share the Fun—Blue; Food & Nutrition—Jr. Merit

**Jacie Van Wyk:** \$15 Clothing Challenge—Blue; Clothing Selection—Blue; Educational Presentations—State Fair Selection & Clay County Selection; Dog—Purple, Blue, Lavender; Dog Handling—Purple; Digital Photography—Blue; Photography—Blue & Red; Food Nutrition—State Fair Reserve; Home Improvement—Blue

**Conner Oolman:** Beef—Purple & Lavender

**Kelsey Oolman:** Beef—Purple & Blue; Jr. Beef Showmanship—Green; Share the Fun—Blue; Sewing and Needle Arts—Jr. Merit

**Haley Holverson:** Beef—Purple & 2 Blues; Jr. Beef Showmanship—Yellow

**Grace Vander Schaaf:** Horse—1 Purple, 4 Blues, 2 Reds, and 2 Whites

**Karter Hooyer:** Poultry—6 Blues & 1 Lavender; Rabbits—5 Purples, 5 Lavenders, 1 Blue

**Jon Hathaway, Maddie Schwarck, and AJ Schrock are also 4H members from MRC.**

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

“Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.”

**Volunteer!** Sunday school is fast approaching (September 9) and we are in need of some teachers! If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Bonnie Wolf. There will be a coffee time in the multipurpose room on **August 26** after church for all teachers to receive their materials and discuss any changes that are happening!



**Policy Change**—The policy for when a child can begin Sunday school has changed a bit. When a child turns 3 and the parents feel they are emotionally ready for Sunday school and are completely potty trained, please contact Bonnie Wolf and she will find a place for them in a class. If after a few weeks we find that the child is not ready (crying a lot, insecure about being there, etc.) we will reevaluate and try again as the child matures. Any questions, please contact Bonnie Wolf.



**Pioneer Club will be starting on September 12 and we are in need of many different volunteers!**

Students that are 3, 4, and 5 may attend Pioneer Club only if both parents are volunteering. All kids in 1st-5th grade are welcome to come! Watch the bulletin for registration details!



**Generation to Generation**

**Connecting, Caring and sharing God's Love**

We will be continuing the program that will come along side our Sunday School program for students age 3 all the way through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. It was a huge success last year! Students and volunteer "grandparents" were blessed!

The goal of this program is to have generation to generation come together and create a bond.

Each classroom will be assigned an older person (age 65 to 105) "grandma/grandpa" that will be the class' partner. The grandma/grandpa will get a picture of the class and the class will have a picture of their grandma/grandpa in their classroom.

Prayer is a vital part of this program, but it can be much more! Here are some ideas that can, but don't HAVE to, be used to connect with each other:

- ◆ Sending a card to brighten their day
- ◆ Stopping by to visit
- ◆ Bringing a treat
- ◆ Sharing time, maybe a Christmas visit!
- ◆ Getting together for a birthday

These are just a few. It is as much, or as little as you want to make it! Teachers will be asked to do their part to help make the connections.

If you are interested in being a part of this program please contact Bonnie Wolf. If there is a certain grade or class you would like to connect with please let her know and she will try to accommodate!

May you be blessed as you bless the kids of MRC!

# **Children and Worship-Can Preschoolers Really Worship?**

I've always known that the answer is YES but I also wondered, "Is preparation even worth it? Do they even hear or understand what is said?" Watching the amazing ministry of **Children and Worship** I've learned that the answer is YES!

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me and don't hinder them!" (Matt 19:14), and "Unless you receive the Kingdom like a child, you'll never enter it," (Luke 18:16). We have so much to learn from these cute and tiny theologians, and Jesus was completely aware of that. Here are a few reasons I believe the answer is YES:

First of all preschoolers can worship, and we need to allow them to be who they are! They're wiggly and squirmy, and have no filter! I can't even count the times I've seen a preschooler doing the potty dance during what is supposed to be a quiet prayer moment, or rolling around on the floor when they should be quietly listening. Preschoolers are also sponges whose brains need repetition, and that's why we repeat the key of the lesson as well as the memory verse over and over and over again!

Another factor is that preschoolers can worship, and they learn by watching us! Preschoolers are parrots and, for better or for worse, they take their cues from us. As mom of three boys, it was sometimes a challenge for me to model worship as a lifestyle. My kids saw how I reacted to every situation, and were taking notes and learning from me what it means to worship. Our preschoolers also learn how to worship by singing and dancing with us. We worship with our bodies, just like David did in 2 Samuel 6, and we use energetic music and fun dance moves to get them going! If you don't know the moves or actions I am pretty sure your kids would be happy to teach you and be a part of their worship!

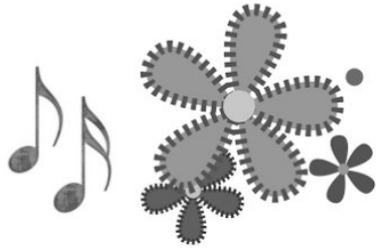
So yes, 3 and 4 year old kids **can** worship, and **now** is the time for them to begin! They're at such a fun and foundational age where they're getting their first look at a God who made them, who loves them perfectly, and who wants to be their best friend. Teaching them to worship at such a young age will set the stage for a life-long journey of faith! As they continue on this journey, they'll learn that worship is not about them, but rather a chance to focus on a holy God, despite their circumstances or feelings.

Children and Worship allows children to worship God at their level. It is not a play time or a time to goof off; it is a place where they learn how to worship. It also allows parents time to worship in church at the same time! No packing a bag of toys for the kids to play with and keep busy during church while often answering questions and reminding the children to sit still. We have trained volunteers to help your little ones learn to worship!

So, with a resounding and loud YES, I believe that preschoolers CAN and WILL worship as we allow them to be who they are, and model for them what it means to worship Jesus with our lives. As we introduce and encourage it along the way, it'll be a natural part of their lives. We are providing an environment and atmosphere where children can come boldly, just as they are, to the throne of God, and that's exactly how He designed it to be!

**Would you like to be a part of this journey? We are looking for people to lead or help with Children and Worship starting in the fall! To be a helper you must be in middle school or older. Parents are encouraged to take a turn! The more people to volunteer the fewer times you are put on the schedule!! It really is a fun experience working with our three and four year old children. If interested contact Bonnie Wolf.**

# Music Notes



## Communion Sunday



**Sunday Morning - August 12th**

### Piano / Organ Schedule



#### August 5

9:30 Marge Van Ommeren / Kristi Hargens

#### August 12

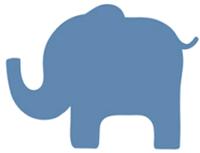
9:30 Judy Vlietstra / Jenn Leusink

#### August 19

9:30 Janene Van Gorp / Laura Haverdink

#### August 26

9:30 Marge Van Ommeren / Barb Van Horn



## NURSERY

If anyone would like to be added to the Nursery Volunteer list, please contact Lisa Smit for more information. Thanks.

	Volunteers
<b>Aug 5</b>	Mike & Jennifer Vermeer, Caleb Schrock
<b>Aug 12</b>	Brent & Kelli Hooyer, AJ Schrock
<b>Aug 19</b>	Jason & Kristi Hargens and family
<b>Aug 26</b>	Colette Hofmeyer, Angel & Hope Vander Zwaag

### Prayer Room—August

Date	
<b>Aug 5</b>	Laura Haverdink
<b>Aug 12</b>	Lee Maassen
<b>Aug 19</b>	Dave Van Klompenburg
<b>Aug 26</b>	Jill Muilenburg

### August Memory Verse

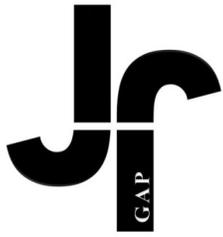
RELIGION THAT GOD  
 OUR FATHER ACCEPTS  
 AS PURE AND  
 FAULTLESS IS THIS:  
 TO LOOK AFTER  
 ORPHANS AND WIDOWS  
 IN THEIR DISTRESS  
 AND TO KEEP ONESELF  
 FROM BEING  
 POLLUTED BY THE  
 WORLD.

JAMES 1:27

### August Welcome Schedule

#### Morning Service -

Main door - Dave & Eunice Koopmans  
 Gym door - Cindy Van Der Weide



**“Do not conform to the patterns of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is - His good, pleasing and perfect will.” - Romans 12:2**

## REB-EL

*noun*  
**SOMEONE WHO DOES NOT CONFORM TO THE PATTERN OF THIS WORLD.**  
*Ref. Romans 12:2*

### SCHEDULE:

**August 2**—Jr. GAP Wild Water West Outing  
**August 12**—Power Connection Share Night  
**September 5**—Youth Ministry Parent's Meeting  
**September 12**—Jr. GAP BEGINS!



Summer Borchers—August 5  
 Karson Leusink—August 24  
 Jocelyn Muilenburg—August 24  
 Tyler Aberson—August 30

### ANNOUNCEMENTS—



**Wild Water West—Sioux Falls—August 2**—All incoming, current, and outgoing Jr. GAPpers are welcome to join us for our annual Wild Water West outing! We will leave MRC at 2:30 pm and hope to return about 8:45 pm. The cost is \$10 per person, plus covering the cost of supper at Wild Water West—friends are welcome! Please contact Jon Eveland if you plan to attend.

### Power Connection & Immerse Share Night—Sunday, August 12 at 5:30 pm in the Refuge

We will be hearing from the Jr. GAPpers and Sr. Highers, as well as adult leaders, about their experiences and how God was at work during their mission trips (Immerse & Power Connection). Invite family and friends to be a part of this special night!



### Youth Ministry Parents Meeting—September 5 at 7 PM in The Refuge—Youth Group is right around the corner



(begins September 12!). During this meeting, we will go over the schedule, theme for the year, fill out waiver forms and go over other important information regarding another youth group season—we encourage all parents to attend! Please contact Jon Eveland if you are unable to attend, so you may receive the information.

**2018 MRC Youth Group Fantasy League**—Fantasy Football is BACK! Contact Jon Eveland for more information, and if you would like to be part of the fantasy football league. This is open to all students 6-12th grade.



**Youth Group Time Change (Beginning September 12)** - This fall, we will be starting with two separate times for Jr. GAP & Sr. High. The new times are as follows:

**Jr. GAP—6:20-7:30 PM; Sr. High—7:50-9:00 PM**—With this new time structure, we know

that there may be potential challenges that arise regarding transportation, especially for those with multiple children in different age groups. We want to help alleviate any concerns or stress with this and plan to utilize carpooling. If you will be needing assistance with transportation for your Jr. GAPpers or Sr. Higher on Wednesday evenings, OR if you are willing to help with carpooling and are able to give rides home for students in need, please contact Jon Eveland prior to the Youth Ministry Parents Meeting on September 5 so that the Youth Ministry Team can begin to organize transportation. We want to ensure that all students are able to participate in Youth Group, and do not want transportation to be a hindrance in students involvement in Jr. GAP or Sr. High. On another note, we will continue to have Wednesday Night Worship once a month. More information concerning this will be coming soon!



**“Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith;  
be courageous; be strong.  
Do everything in love.”**  
1 Corinthians 16:13-14



## SCHEDULE:

**August 12**—Immerse Share Night  
**August 26**—Paintball Outing  
**September 5**—Youth Ministry Parent's Meeting  
**September 12**—Sr. High BEGINS



Brooke De Jong—August 2  
Morgan Feenstra—August 10

## ANNOUNCEMENTS—



**Sr. High & All Church Paintball Outing—Sunday, August 26 @ Splat Attack**—Open to anyone going into 6th grade or above! **The cost is \$20 per student, plus covering the cost of 2 meals.** Contact Arlin Van Gorp if you are interested! 712-441-4312

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**Youth Group Time Change (Beginning September 12)** - This fall, we will be starting with two separate times for Jr. GAP & Sr. High. The new times are as follows: **Jr. GAP—6:20-7:30 PM; Sr. High—7:50-9:00 PM**—With this new time structure, we know that there may be potential challenges that arise regarding transportation, especially for those with multiple children in different age groups. We want to help alleviate any concerns or stress with this and plan to utilize carpooling. If you will be needing assistance with transportation for your Jr. GAPpers or Sr. Higher on Wednesday evenings, OR if you are willing to help with carpooling and are able to give rides home for students in need, please contact Jon Eveland prior to the Youth Ministry Parents Meeting on September 5 so that the Youth Ministry Team can begin to organize transportation. We want to ensure that all students are able to participate in Youth Group, and do not want transportation to be a hindrance in students involvement in Jr. GAP or Sr. High. On another note, we will continue to have Wednesday Night Worship once a month. More information concerning this will be coming soon!



# Moments in Missions

The **special offering** for the month of August is:

**Whispers of Love, Hope & Joy-** Pastor Deb Rensink

(please mark your check or envelope with "Special" & place in the plate with your offering)

## **Whispers of Love, Hope & Joy—Pastor Deb Rensink**

"Whispers of Love, Hope & Joy is an independent, non-profit ministry that brings the love and healing power of Jesus to survivors of intimate partner violence (IPV). Family Crisis Centers (FCC) is the outpost where I serve as a pastor to housing guests, staff (in house and in the field), as well as outlying survivors of intimate partner violence in seventeen counties of Northwest Iowa. Day by day the rhythm varies. Some days it's quiet and peaceful. Other days the feeling of unrest and uncertainty permeates. As the pastor I meet the clients and staff where they're at: physically, emotionally, mentally, and spiritually creating a calm, quiet, healing and prayer-filled space which emanates the presence of Christ."



Through our financial support, Deb will be able to purchase many items to gift to the victims she counsels. These items include: Bibles, Bible studies, Devotional books, Welcome totes with basic supplies and comfort Teddy Bears for children.

***Pray for Deb as she meets with women, meeting them as they are hurting and healing, and that God's love and healing power can bring love, hope, and joy.***

*Pastor Deb Rensink—deb.rensink@gmail.com—(712) 441-0049*

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## **International Partners: Vasya & Maranda Heytsi**

Vasya and Maranda Heytsi wish you greetings from Ukraine. Most of their yearly outreach ministries have ended until fall, but many things continue to happen. One of the things they have been busy with since returning from the US is preparing their house and papers to possibly adopt 3 children (ages 8, 3, and 7 months). They Heytsi's have been working with this family for the past 10 years (the grandpa, grandma, and mother of the 3 kids). Alcoholism, drug abuse, health problems, and the death of their grandmother led to circumstances that warranted the government to take the children and place them in an orphanage. The 8 and 3 year olds stayed with the Heytsi's for a few days during that transition and while they were saying goodbye, they told the kids that they would be praying for them. They told them that God loved them and that they would not be alone. After the kids left, they Heytsi's started to seek God's will concerning these children and what they were to do since saying "Goodbye" and "We will pray for you", seemed very empty without at least being open to taking the kids themselves. In prayer and God's Word, He put His desire on their hearts to take these three children. Currently the government childcare authorities have given their approval, but they need to make some repairs and remodel their house first. **The Heytsi's ask for prayer that they would be able to take these three children, that the rooms they are repairing would be done in time, and the grace and strength to get through this time of transition.**

Date change: We will be serving at The Banquet on August 10

# August 2018

## Maurice Reformed Mission Prayer Guide

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> Pray for <b>Deb Rensink</b> as she leads Whispers of Love, Hope & Joy ministering to women at the Family Crisis Center. Pray for God's love, hope and healing for the women and children who have suffered.	<b>2</b> Pray for <b>Maranda &amp; Vasya Heytsi</b> in the Ukraine as they prepare to adopt 3 children. Pray for approval for the adoptions, that house repairs will get done in time, and that this transition will go well.	<b>3</b> Pray for <b>Meggan and Pavlos</b> in Greece as they begin a new school year and ministry with the Bible college. Pray for continued health for Meggan and their new addition this fall.	<b>4</b> Pray with <b>S &amp; A</b> for wisdom in planning training for two new people groups, (the Khumi and Pangkhua). Pray for open doors for hearing about the Bible through stories in their local languages.
<b>5</b> Pray for <b>Disaster response teams</b> around the world to be sensitive to those who are hurting and to share God's love in ways helpful for those in need.	<b>6</b> Pray for <b>Brad Schelling and students meeting with First Priority groups</b> that they may be able to share the gospel with their classmates in this new school year.	<b>7</b> Pray for the <b>summer teams</b> working with Paradise Bound in Guatemala. <b>Pray for the families</b> who have accepted Christ to continue to be hungry for God's word.	<b>8</b> Pray for <b>Jonathan &amp; Erin Haverdink</b> as they start the new school year with Navigators at UNI. Pray for new student contacts, & deepening spiritual growth for the Australia mission team.	<b>9</b> Pray for healing for <b>Mark &amp; Deb Wilson in Cambodia</b> after ongoing illnesses. Pray also for their work with students and colleagues in new academic year at the Bible college.	<b>10</b> Pray for <b>those who are serving at the Banquet</b> . Pray that they may be a blessing to those they meet and serve a meal.	<b>11</b> Pray for safety and health for <b>Brian Renes</b> and the Bible translators he works with around the world. Pray for open doors for new countries and new languages.
<b>12</b> Pray for our <b>MRC youth</b> as they share about God working through Immerse & Power Connection. Pray for God to continue to grow them through these experiences	<b>13</b> Pray for the <b>S family in SE Asia</b> , in their next steps of starting their business and ministry. Pray for their ongoing language and cultural learning and health needs for their family.	<b>14</b> Pray for wisdom and guidance for <b>Steve and Tara Dekkers</b> as move to a new home, and for the kids adjusting to new schools. Pray for the new goers starting their training.	<b>15</b> Pray for healing for <b>Aichatou Johnson</b> as she continues to struggle with mental illness. Pray for clarification for <b>Tom and the RCA</b> on next steps of ministry for them during this time.	<b>16</b> Pray for new <b>children recently arrived at the Open Door orphanage</b> with Paradise Bound. Pray for healing and Christ's love to be felt through the hands that care for them.	<b>17</b> Pray for <b>Joshua and Sally Vis</b> working with Palestinians & Jews in Israel. Pray for reconciliation to continue through the Vis's ministry and tours in the region.	<b>18</b> Pray for the work of <b>World Renew</b> in helping after flooding disasters. Pray for first responders as they assess needs, and for many who are now homeless.
<b>19</b> Pray for <b>Amistad</b> , as they minister to the Hispanic community. Pray for ongoing spiritual growth within leadership and members.	<b>20</b> Pray for <b>Pastor Wick and our care team leaders</b> as they minister to those with medical needs and their families and caregivers.	<b>21</b> Pray for blessing on those who come to the <b>Life Tree ministry of CANA</b> , that they may feel Christ's love as they gather and meet.	<b>22</b> Pray for <b>safety of our mission partners</b> serving in politically unrestful locations. Pray for the doors of the gospel to remain open.	<b>23</b> Pray for our <b>students and many who are involved with schools</b> as they go back to school this week.	<b>24</b> Pray for <b>love and peace around the world</b> as many Christians suffer for believing in Christ.	<b>25</b> Pray for the growing number of <b>refugees around the world</b> . Pray for God's Spirit to work through their struggles.
<b>26</b> Pray for the ministry of <b>Words of Hope</b> as they bring the news of God's love around the world through radio.	<b>27</b> Pray for wisdom and Christ's love in <b>ATLAS staff</b> , as they meet with people with financial or relationship issues.	<b>28</b> Pray for our <b>MRC staff</b> as they minister within our church and community.	<b>29</b> Pray for the ministry of <b>Genesis and the Family Crisis Center</b> as they meet needs of women and children in crisis.	<b>30</b> Pray for God's Spirit to be in his workers. Pray for opportunities to share God's love and his message.	<b>31</b> Pray for each of the <b>food pantries and the Snack Pack programs</b> as they reach out to those with needs related to hunger and finances.	

"BUT IN EVERYTHING, BY PRAYER AND PETITION, PRESENT YOUR REQUESTS TO GOD." - PHIL 4:6



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 2:30 PM Jr. GAP Wild Water West Outing	3	4
5 9:30 AM Worship Pastor Ross	6	7 9 AM Staff	8	9	10	11
12 9:30 AM Worship Pastor Ross  5:30 PM 2018 Mission Trip Share Night	13	14 9 AM Staff  6:30 PM Consistory Meeting	15 2 PM Senior 55+ Program	16	17 5:30 PM Recycled Teenagers at The Spink Café—Spink, SD	18
19 9:30 AM Worship Pastor Ross	20	21 9 AM Staff	22	23 <b>BACK</b> to <b>School</b>	24	25 6:30 AM Elder's Breakfast
26 9:30 AM Worship Pastor Ross  Coffee for SS teachers— 10:30— Multipurpose room  5:30 PM Hymn Sing	27 8:30-9:30 AM Fellowship Through Fitness  1-4 PM Yarn Connection	28 9 AM Staff  7-9 PM Yarn Connection	29 6:30 PM Pioneer Club Planning Meeting	30 8:15-9:00 AM Fellowship Through Fitness	31	