

# Manhattan

CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH



SHARING  
HOPE  
AND  
*belonging*  
IN CHRIST

*Welcome*

— AUGUST 10, 2025 —

## AM WORSHIP

10:00 AM

A Time of Worship Preparation

*Stronger*

### **GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP**

Words of Welcome

Announcements

*\*What a Beautiful Name*

### **WE GIVE GOD OUR PRAISE**

\*Call to Worship

\*God Greets His People

\*We Greet One Another

*\*How Great Is Our God*

### **WE OFFER PRAYERS & GIFTS**

Morning Prayer

Offering - General Fund (at table)

*The Tree Song*

*(No Tot Church)*

### **GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE**

Text: Psalm 115

Message: **All For God's Glory**

Prayer

*\*O Praise the Name (Anastasis)*

### **WE CONCLUDE IN PRAISE**

\*God Blesses His People as They Depart

*\*The Trees of the Field* CH #764

Postlude

*\*please stand if you are able*

Tim Kuperus

*preaching*

Deb Smit

*keys*

Miranda Wyatt

*keys*

Cavan Visser, Ben Smit, Mark Eekhoff

*musicians*

## PM WORSHIP

6:00 PM

A Time of Worship Preparation

### **GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP**

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

\*God Greets His People

\*We Greet One Another

### **GIVE GOD OUR PRAISE**

*\*Our God Reigns* PH #195:1,2

*\*When We All Get to Heaven* CH #772:1,2

### **WE OFFER PRAYERS & GIFTS**

Evening Prayer

*Spirit of the Living God* LUYH #749:1,2

### **GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE**

Text: Matthew 13:44-58

Message:

Prayer

### **WE CONCLUDE IN PRAISE**

\*God Blesses His People as They Depart

*\*Hear the Call of the Kingdom*

Postlude

*\*please stand if you are able*

Tim Kuperus

*preaching*

Beth Straatman

*keys*

## SERVING THIS WEEK

AUGUST 10

### AM NURSERY

Lisa Vanderby, Cassi Brush,  
Derk Flikkema (alt.) Parker Brush

### TOT CHURCH

No Tot Church

### USHERS

Walt Sales, Kyle Seifert

### GREETERS

Les & Betty Visser  
John & Lois Westra

### COFFEE SERVERS

Nick & Liz Bennett  
Walt & LaRae Sales

### COOKIES (4 dz)

No cookies

### LIBRARY

Joan Bos, Sheri Van Dyken

### WORSHIP AT CRH

Jay Visser

## SERVING NEXT WEEK

AUGUST 17

### AM NURSERY

Ren Braaksma, Sharon Kamp,  
Lucca Triemstra (alt.) Doug Braaksma

### TOT CHURCH

Kendra Heidema, Allie Heidema,  
Teagan Flikkema (sub.) Lisa Heidema

### USHERS

Mel Dyk, Isaac Van Dyken

### GREETERS

Tim & Jana Van Dam  
Rod & Libby Triemstra

### COFFEE SERVERS

No Coffee

### COOKIES (4 dz)

No Cookies

### LIBRARY

Erika Van Dyk, Rose Brouwer

### WORSHIP AT CRH

Walt Sales

# PRAYER REQUESTS

AUGUST 10, 2025

## CHURCH FAMILY

Pray for **Bob and Judy Poelman** as Bob's sister-in-law, **Jennifer**, passed away this past week. May God give His peace and comfort to the whole family. Her service was held on Friday.

**Tyler and Kaytlin DiGiovanna** welcomed a baby girl on Sunday, July 27. **Jovie Kay DiGiovanna** and the rest of her family are doing very well! Praise God for this new blessing in their lives!

Please keep **Rob and Julie Hager and family** in your prayers as Rob continues to decline with the effects of Huntington's disease. Please pray for God's peace, strength, and the ability to praise and glorify him through these hard days. They are very grateful for all of your thoughts and prayers.

Please pray for **Les Ypma** who is dealing with a fracture in his back. He had a meeting with the spine doctor this past week and they have decided to treat the L1 fracture with rest and a back brace. He is thankful that he will not need surgery. Pray for patience for both Les and Donna as they wait for healing to take place. They appreciate the prayers!

**Jake, Jackie, James, Nadine, and Noah Van Dam** have arrived in Saipan, and they are settling in. Pray for them as they adjust to their new life there.

Keep **Pastor Tim and Heidi** in your prayers as they minister with us.

Pray for our **council members**.

Keep **Josh and Lacey** and their young family in your prayers as they minister to us and to our youth.

Please pray for our **church family and community** as many are grieving the passing of close family members and friends recently. Pray for comfort, strength, and peace for all.

**Patti Herbrandson** is living at the Springs in Bozeman. Patti has been out of bed recently and doing fairly well. She is grateful for prayers.

Pray for our part-time staff: **Kathy Eekhoff, Lisa Heidema, Bob Poelman, and Jim & Bonnie Potts**.

Pray for the **senior saints of our church**. Sometimes they struggle with pain. At other times, with discouragement. They may also deal with unknown medical issues. At other times, they wonder what medical treatment they should pursue. Pray that God will give them peace and wisdom during these times.

Pray for **expectant moms and dads**. Pray for healthy babies and moms as they await their precious little ones. Thanking the Lord for His constant care of the little ones who have been born.

Pray for **our military and their families**. Pray for courage and safety for them. Pray that they will know how grateful we are for their service and sacrifice for us.

Remember to pray for all of our senior church members. **John Cok, Ethel Dykstra, Edith Vander Molen, Rob Hager, and Hermina Visser** are in the Personal Care Wing at the Churchill Retirement Home. Others from our church live in independent rooms there. **Pete Kimm and John Kamps** are living at Park Haven in Manhattan.

## **EXTENDED CHURCH FAMILY & COMMUNITY**

Please pray for **Shirah Luther**, granddaughter of Patrick and Holly, as she was in the hospital with an infection, and had a very high fever. She was diagnosed with hydronephrosis which could affect her good kidney. She still has klebsiella which is the infection. Shirah had a procedure on Thursday, and they are hoping for results soon. She was hoping to go home on Friday, which was her birthday! She will receive antibiotics at home. Pray that this procedure will be successful and that her kidney will be protected.

Please continue to pray for **Wes and Brenda Asher's family** as Wes's dad passed away recently. Pray for comfort and peace for his family. Services are being planned for next week.

Please pray for **Jessica Gates**, who has worshipped us from time to time, (from Washington State). She had a mild stroke and has spent several days in the hospital. Please pray for good in-home care, and intense physical therapy plan, and complete healing for Jessica.

**Connie Hahn's father** has good days and not such good days. He really wants to stay in his home and Connie's mom is no longer able to care for him, so they are looking for someone to help with their care. They are thankful for our prayers!

**Carla Walhof**, the wife of Corwin Walhof, and a 1st grade teacher at Manhattan Christian School, has been dealing with a leukemia diagnosis. Praise God that a donor has been found. It will still be a lengthy process until the transplant takes place. Please pray for Carla, Corwin, their children, and their extended family and friends. May the Lord wrap His arms around them and give them peace and strength.

Keep **Joyce and Clary Flikkema** in your prayers. Pray for strength and courage for each day. They praise God for His constant love and care.

## **SUPPORTED MISSIONARIES & THE GLOBAL CHURCH**

Pray for **Matt and Missy Kamps and their family** as they have returned to the US. Pray for them as they make the Seattle area their new home.

Pray for **Megan Radoslovich** as she works with Family Life. Pray that she can bring the Gospel and the love of Jesus into many homes to save marriages and families. Pray that she can raise up disciples and train local churches to reach their neighbors and communities.

Be in prayer for **Mark Eekhoff** and the continuing work of the Shepherd Project.

Pray for **Sosthene and Kara Maletoungou and family** as they are on a 10-week home assignment. Please pray for good rest and meaningful connections with supporters in the coming weeks.

## **DO YOU HAVE AN UPDATE FOR THE PRAYER LIST?**

If you have an update for the prayer list, please call the office at 406-282-7442, call or text Kathy (406-580-1835), or contact your Life Group elder.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## GATHERED TOGETHER FOR WORSHIP

**Because your love is better than life,  
my lips will glorify you.  
I will praise you as long as I live,  
and in your name  
I will lift up my hands.** (Psalm 63:3-4)

## FELLOWSHIP

Dear MCRC Family:  
50 years ago on this date, we were married at Soldiers Chapel in Big Sky. We want to share this special Anniversary with all of you as you have become our family, too. There will be (famous Lisa Heidema) cake, wedding punch, iced tea and coffee after the morning service. Please join us.  
*~ Don and Cecilia Vaniman*

## SUMMER OUTDOOR SERVICES

Our morning service today will be held outside, weather permitting.  
The other outside morning service will be August 24.  
All evening services will be held outside, weather permitting. Please feel free to bring your own chairs.

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

New office bearers will be selected by lot on the morning of August 17. We will also be voting on the budget that morning after church. Following the service, please join us for a potluck in the park.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Potluck on Sunday, August 17, directly after morning service in the park. All are welcome. Please bring one hot dish and one cold dish per family or either one for a single. Plates, silverware and drinks will be provided. Bring your own lawn chairs. Thank you.

## COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

The following men have been nominated to serve on our church council:

Elders: Rick Braaksma, Darrel Flikkema, Leland Heidema, Ben Leep, Earl Miest, Jim Potts, Randy Van Dyk, Shad Van Dyken, Randy Visser

Deacons: Jon Chausse', Cale Howells, Mike Kamp, Jake Liudahl, Nate Te Slaa

Ballots for each professing member (over 18) are in your mailboxes today. Please read your ballot carefully. We ask that you vote "yes" or "no" for each person on the ballot as to whether they meet the Biblical qualifications for the office to which they have been nominated. If you do not know a nominee, we ask that you DO NOT vote either way for that person. **Please return your ballot** to the marked boxes **by this Sunday, August 10**. Selection by lot will take place next Sunday, August 17 to select 4 elders and 3 deacons.

## JULY GIVING TOTALS

General Fund	\$36,070
Capital Improvement Fund	\$3,816
Special Missions	\$2,587
Denominational Ministry Share	\$50
Love Fund	\$1,400
ZoeCare	\$100
SERVE	\$3,159

## MEMORIAL SERVICE

Private graveside services for Bill Asher (Wes Asher's dad) will be held Friday, August 15. There will be a time of fellowship and refreshments at 2:00pm Friday the 15th at the Churchill Retirement Home. All are welcome.

## SERVE 2025 THANK YOU

Thank you so much for letting us borrow your items for SERVE. Please pick them up at your earliest convenience.

### BELLTOWER

The digital edition of the August Belltower is now available. As always, there will be a limited number of printed copies available in the racks near the mailboxes.

### WORSHIP COORDINATOR POSITION

Our current Worship Coordinator and her family will be leaving to Saipan this summer. With her departure there will be a large hole to fill at MCRC. Do you have the gifts and interest to do this work? Are you curious how God might be calling you to be part of the ministry at MCRC in this way? Maybe there is a part of this ministry that interests you and you would be willing to share in this with others. If you would like to check it out, go to the church website, or stop in the office for a job description. If you have questions or would like more info, please talk with Kathy Eekhoff.

### MAINTENANCE POSITION

We are looking for a part-time maintenance person at Manhattan CRC. This position involves outside maintenance (lawn care and snow removal) and inside (overseeing maintenance and repairs). This person would also be responsible to open, walk through, and lock the church each day. Please contact Hank Eekhoff (406-580-2735) for information or questions.

### KIDS CORNER DEVOTIONS

Check out this week's kids' devotion, "God's Grand Story: Josiah Reads the Bible" at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Open the Bible today and see how God wants us to live. Talk together as a family about how the Bible offers guidance for real life—at home, at school, and with friends. Story

### GROUNDWORK

God Longs to Restore His People - Amidst all the judgment in Hosea, God reveals the tender ache of a father's heart, and we find powerful images of restoration. Join Groundwork as we study Hosea 11 and 14 and discuss how this ancient prophecy still calls us back to the heart of God and offers us a roadmap for restoration. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

### WORLD RENEW

Are you someone with time on your hands that is passionate about service towards God's kingdom? It's not too late to repair homes in a disaster-impacted community this fall by volunteering with World Renew DRS! Our reconstruction teams in Sarasota, Florida, and Windsor, North Carolina, have a spot waiting for you. Contact Diana Marquez, our Volunteer Program Manager, at [dmarquez@worldrenew.net](mailto:dmarquez@worldrenew.net) or 616-224-0701 for more information.

### THRIVE

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Psalm 19 exclaims, "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands" (v. 1, NIV). Throughout your week make a point to observe the sky—whether storm-filled, clear and sunny, brilliant blue with fluffy clouds, or full of stars. How does observing creation remind you of God's glory and good works? Brought to you by Thrive: [crcna.org/Thrive](http://crcna.org/Thrive)

# THIS WEEK

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## TODAY

- 10:00 AM Worship Service  
- Outside, weather permitting  
- Return ballots  
No Tot Church
- 6:00 PM Worship Service  
- Outside, weather permitting

## NEXT WEEK SUNDAY

- 10:00 AM Worship Service  
- Missionaries Sos & Kara  
Maletougou Visit & Share  
- Selection of Office Bearers  
- Congregational Meeting
- 11:30 AM Potluck in the Park
- 6:00 PM Worship Service  
- Outside, weather permitting

## LOOKING AHEAD

- August 24 Morning Service Outside  
- Josh Sinnema Leads  
Evening Service Outside  
- Reuben Sinnema Leads

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# TODAY'S OFFERING

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## GENERAL FUND

The General Fund is used to operate Manhattan Christian Reformed Church.

It is used to pay staff, ministry activities, insurance, utilities, office supplies, day to day maintenance, etc.

# UPCOMING OFFERINGS

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- August 17 Special Missions**  
General Fund
- August 24 Denominational Ministry Shares**  
General Fund
- August 31 World Renew**  
General Fund

# OUR GIVING

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General Fund Approved Budget	\$457,369
Received To Date	\$ 370,497
Capital Improvement Fund Approved Budget	\$ 75,000
Received to Date	\$ 29,254
Christian Education Fund Pledges	\$ 88,803
Received to Date	\$ 79,923
<b>(fiscal year ends 8/31/25)</b>	

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