

M Manhattan

CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH



SHARING
HOPE
AND
belonging
IN CHRIST

Welcome

— APRIL 5, 2026 —

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AM WORSHIP

10:00 AM

PM WORSHIP

6:00 PM

A Time of Worship Preparation
Christ the Lord is Risen Today

*There will be no service
this evening*

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*God Greets His People

WE GIVE GOD OUR PRAISE

*Litany

**Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

LUYH #182:1-4

*Litany

**Because He Lives*

LUYH #361

*Litany

**In Christ Alone*

LUYH #770:1,3,4

*We Greet One Another

WE OFFER PRAYERS AND GIFTS

Morning Prayer

Offering - General Fund

Offertory - *Christ Arose* LUYH #186:1-3

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

Children's Message

(Tot Church Dismissed for ages 3-5)

Text:

Message:

Prayer

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

**Praise the King*

WE CONCLUDE IN PRAISE

*God Blesses His People as They Depart

**Rejoice the Lord Is King* LUYH #224:1,2,4

Postlude

**please stand if you are able*

Tim Kuperus

preaching

Ruth Van Dyken

organ

Bonnie Potts

piano

SERVING THIS WEEK

APRIL 5

AM NURSERY *(Located on the lower level for all children up to the age of 3.)*

Kaycie Braaksma, Jorie Flikkema,
Decker Flikkema, Dominic Triemstra

TOT CHURCH

3's: Brittany Braaksma, Jack Zabel

4/5's: Lyndsey Van Gelder,
David Chausse'

USHERS

David Douglas, Les Visser

GREETERS

Darren & Kaycie Braaksma
Dean & Roz Danhof

COFFEE SERVERS

No Coffee

COOKIES (4 dz)

No Cookies

LIBRARY

Library Closed

WORSHIP AT CRH

Mark Eekhoff

SERVING NEXT WEEK

APRIL 12

AM NURSERY *(Located on the lower level for all children up to the age of 3.)*

Kylie Ayers, Ashley Flammond,
Holland Triemstra, Ariella Meza

TOT CHURCH

3's: Brittany Braaksma, Jack Zabel

4/5's: Lyndsey Van Gelder,
David Chausse'

USHERS

Walt Sales, Kyle Seifert

GREETERS

Sam Azizi & Elizabeth Peterson
Jerod & Jennifer Bos

COFFEE SERVERS

John & Dinah Sinnema
Heath & Jordan Huitink

COOKIES (4 dz)

Heidi Kuperus, Dinah Sinnema,
Jordan Huitink

LIBRARY

Jill Brouwer, Rose Brouwer

WORSHIP AT CRH

Mark Henry

PRAYER REQUESTS

APRIL 5, 2026

CHURCH FAMILY

Sally Dyk and Bonnie Alberda's sister, Kay Likkel, passed away this past week in Lynden, Washington. We are thankful that Kay is now living with her Savior and Lord. Pray for comfort and peace for the whole family.

Rob and Julie Hager thank you for your prayers for peace, strength and wisdom as they walk through the ups and downs of this journey with Huntington's disease.

Cathy Dawe was able to come home after her second surgery. She is doing well and slowly progressing. She doesn't have much pain, which is a huge blessing. The healing will take some time. Pray that Cathy will continue to have pain relief, that she can gain strength, and that she will heal well. Pray for Rich, too, as he cares for her.

Bonnie Alberda has returned to their home in Churchill. She is very happy to be home. She is still non weight bearing on her leg. Continue to pray for patience for Bonnie, healing in her leg, and good therapy to help with that healing. We praise God for Bonnie's great attitude.

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

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

Pray for our **council members**.

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

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

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.

Remember to pray for all of our church members in the personal care wing of the Churchill Retirement Home. **John Cok, Ethel Dykstra, Rob Hager, John Kamps, and Edith Vander Molen**. Others from our church live in independent rooms there. **Pete Kimm** is living at Park Haven in Manhattan.

Please be praying for our **Nigerian brothers and sisters** who are being attacked by the followers of Islam. Also, pray for the safety of our **military** in the battle against Iran and the evil that is threatening our world.

Pray for our **college students** and our **day school children** as they are in school each day. Pray for our **teachers, administrators, and parents** as well.

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.

EXTENDED CHURCH FAMILY & COMMUNITY

Sherry Hofman's brother, Bob, is in the hospital with several medical issues. He has had a stroke and will also be on antibiotics for some time. Please pray for good healing and patience for Bob.

Please be praying for **Al Bos's brother, Harv's family**, as Harv passed away on Tuesday morning. Please pray for peace, comfort, and strength for his whole family as they will all miss him. We are thankful that Harv is now with his Lord and Savior. His service is planned for this week. And in God's perfect timing Al, Joan, and Dan were able to see Harv yet this weekend. Praise God for that visit!

Pray for **Halane Van Dyken** as she continues to receive treatments. Pray that the Lord will give continued strength and peace to Halane and family.

SUPPORTED MISSIONARIES & THE GLOBAL CHURCH

Pray for **Kurtis Schutter and family**. They are working with the Navigators in Des Moines, IA.

Pray for **Melissa Bos** and family as Melissa works in Grand Rapids, MI serving as the Missionary in Residence at Calvin Theological Seminary. Give thanks for God's provision for all of their needs. Pray for discernment for Jeff for his next place of employment.

Pray for **Lauren and Connie Runia** as they work with Wycliffe in many different areas of ministry.

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

Pray for **Sosthene and Kara Maletoungou and family** and their work with the Christian schools in Africa along with the Teacher's Garden (Christian education resource center). Give thanks to God for sustained growth in the ministry of the Teachers' Garden. Pray for God's provision for the resources needed by the Teachers' Garden ministry to meet growing demands for teacher training. **Pray for a smooth transition for Sosthene and Kara and family as they will be moving to Cameroon in July.**

Pray for **Matt Kirby** as he leads Athletes in Action at MSU. Pray that he may be able to touch many lives with the love of Christ.

Pray for **Daryl and Carol Van Dyken** and for their work with TWR. They are living in Pennsylvania. Daryl is doing digital work with TWR.

Pray for **Katie** in the Middle East. Pray for a great experience for her.

Chaplain Randy Jones ask for prayer for the safety and well-being of our officers and that he would know how and when to minister to those who are in crisis with the compassion of Christ.

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

GATHERED TOGETHER FOR WORSHIP

Welcome to all as we join together to celebrate our risen Lord!
This evening there will be no service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School will not be meeting this Sunday, April 5 because of Easter. We will resume on April 12.

FOOD DRIVE

The deacons report that 201 pounds of food was delivered to the food bank. Thank you for your giving!

COUNCIL MEETING

The council is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, April 7, at 7:00 p.m.

CATALYST MEETING

The catalysts are scheduled to meet on Tuesday, April 7, at 7:00 p.m.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FUND 2026–2027 PLEDGE DRIVE

We are now accepting pledges for the 2026–2027 school year. If you feel called to support Christian education, we invite you to help us reach our goal of \$101,442, the amount needed to fully fund grants for all families who applied to the CEF. Any funds raised beyond this goal will be used to provide additional assistance to families in need and to build a reserve for future years.

Pledge cards and additional information are available in your mailbox or on the table in the fellowship hall. Thank you! Please note: Payments for this pledge drive will begin on September 1, 2026. Current CEF pledges (made in Spring 2025) will continue to support the 2025–2026 school year.

SEAT CUSHIONS

There are seat cushions available in the back of church, for your use, if you require a bit more padding while sitting in church. Feel free to take a cushion and then return it after the service. Thanks!

MCS TULIP MANIA & DUTCH SUPPER

Please join us on Friday, April 10. Dinner is from 4–7pm. Silent auction opens at 4pm and the live auction begins at 7pm. Zootopia 2 will be showing for free for kids during the live auction.

DO YOU ENJOY BAKING?

The Dutch dessert and goodies table is looking for a few more bakers for the Dutch Supper happening on April 10th. Please reach out to Katie Hart 406-600-1080 or Sadie Donaldson 406-570-9204 if you would be interested in helping this year.

BAKED GOODS TABLE

The Baked Goods table at the Dutch Supper/Tulip Mania would love to receive your delicious homemade baked goods to sell. Please let Brenda Asher (406-539-5183) or Jorie Flikkema (970-539-0942) know if you are willing to help out or have questions.

KIDS CORNER DEVOTIONS

Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Resurrection People," at www.kidscorner.net. Early on a Sunday morning, Mary Magdalene felt very sad; in fact, she felt hopeless. Her teacher and friend had been crucified on Friday, and now, mysteriously, his tomb was empty. Read what happens next. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like KC's Lent and Easter Collection.

GROUNDWORK

Jesus' Death, Burial, and Resurrection - We've reached the pinnacle moments of salvation history in our Stations of the Cross journey. Join Groundwork as we study Mark 15:33-16:8, Luke 23:44-49, John 19:28-42, and Matthew 27:62-28:10 to witness the thirteenth and fourteenth Stations of the Cross, which invite us to remember Jesus' suffering, death, and burial. Then linger at the tomb to witness the glory of his resurrection and celebrate his Easter victory over death. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

THRIVE FAITH FORMATION TIP

Happy Easter! We now move from Lent into Eastertide, a season of extended celebration of Jesus' resurrection. This week spend some time reading and reflecting on 2 Corinthians 5:14-21. What part of the passage connects with you the most? Create a reminder of Jesus' death and resurrection by writing a few words from this passage, such as a prayer of gratitude to God, or by drawing a picture that reflects Jesus' work on the cross. Place your reminder in plain site as a reminder throughout Eastertide to continue your Easter celebration. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

TWICE TREASURED

Twice Treasured is **in need** of brown grocery bags. You can drop them off at the thrift store or at the MCS school office. Thanks!

WORSHIP COORDINATOR POSITION

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 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.

DISASTER RESPONSE

As spring approaches, severe storms are already impacting North American communities, including the recent tornadoes in southwest Michigan. World Renew Disaster Response Services (DRS) is preparing to walk alongside communities in the weeks and months ahead as more storms are forecasted this season. You can share Christ's hope with vulnerable families by giving at worldrenew.net/springstorms, by calling 1-800-552-7972, or by mailing a check made out to World Renew, with "North American Disasters 2026" in the memo line, to: World Renew, 8970 Byron Commerce Dr SW, Byron Center, MI 49315.

THIS WEEK

TODAY

7:00 AM Easter Sunrise Service
9:00 AM No Sunday School
10:00 AM Worship Service
- Tot Church
6:00 PM No Worship Service
7:15 PM No Combined High School
Youth Group

TUESDAY

7:00 PM Catalyst Meeting
7:00 PM Council Meeting

WEDNESDAY

7:00 PM Cadets
7:00 PM Junior High Youth Group

THURSDAY

1:30 PM Churchill Quilting Bee - Bethel

SATURDAY

9:30 AM Cadet-O-Rama at Bethel CRC

NEXT WEEK SUNDAY

9:00 AM Sunday School - All Ages
10:00 AM Worship Service
6:00 PM Worship Service

LOOKING AHEAD

April 21 Elders' Meeting
May 3 Teacher Appreciation Sunday
June 15-19 Rainforest Falls VBS Bethel
CRC

TODAY'S OFFERING

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

April 12 Denominational Ministry
Shares
General Fund
April 19 Special Missions
General Fund
April 26 Love INC
General Fund

OUR GIVING

General Fund Approved Budget	\$430,916
Received To Date	\$ 257,053
Capital Improvement Fund Approved Budget	\$ 75,000
Received to Date	\$ 35,505
Christian Education Fund Pledges	\$ 87,241
Received to Date	\$ 61,838

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