

M Manhattan

CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH



SHARING
HOPE
AND
belonging
IN CHRIST

Welcome

— APRIL 12, 2026 —

AM WORSHIP

10:00 AM

A Time of Worship Preparation

Christ Is Risen

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Words of Welcome

Announcements

*Call to Worship

*God Greet His People

*We Greet One Another

WE GIVE GOD OUR PRAISE

*Forever (We Sing Hallelujah)

*O Praise the Name (Anatasis)

GOD REMINDS US OF HIS WILL

God Be Merciful to Me LUYH #623:1-3

WE OFFER PRAYERS AND GIFTS

Morning Prayer

Offering - Denominational Ministry
Shares

Offertory - *Just A Closer Walk With Thee*
LUYH #661:1-3

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

Children's Message - Jean Selles
(Tot Church Dismissed for ages 3-5)

Text: Revelation 2:8-11

Message: **The Seven Churches (Smyrna)**

Prayer

WE CONCLUDE IN PRAISE

**Jesus Messiah*

*God Blesses His People as They Depart

Postlude

**please stand if you are able*

Tim Kuperus

preaching

Deb Smit

piano

Emily Straatman

keys

Mark Eekhoff, Ben Smit

musician

Heidi Kuperus, Lorna Skovly, Jon Chausse'

praise team

PM WORSHIP

6:00 PM

A Time of Worship Preparation

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*Words of Welcome

*Call to Worship

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WE GIVE GOD OUR PRAISE

**Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer*

LUYH #43:1-3

**All the Way My Savior Leads Me*

CH #680:1,3

WE OFFER PRAYERS AND GIFTS

Evening Prayer

**Children of the Heavenly Father*

LUYH #23:1-4

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

Text: Mathew 19:16-30

Message: Matthew

Prayer

WE CONCLUDE IN PRAISE

**Amazing Grace* LUYH #691:1,3,4,5

*God Blesses His People as They Depart

**Salvation Belongs to Our God*

LUYH #608:1,2

Postlude

**please stand if you are able*

Tim Kuperus

preaching

Leanne Moss

piano

SERVING THIS 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

SERVING NEXT WEEK APRIL 19

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

Eleanor Den Hartigh, Kathryn Chausse,
David Chausse, Grant Kamerman

TOT CHURCH

3's: Crystal Van Dyken, Allie Heidema

4/5's: Jean Selles, Kaylee Brouwer

USHERS

Mel Dyk, Grant Van Dyken

GREETERS

Nick & Liz Bennett
Doug & Ren Braaksma

COFFEE SERVERS

Will & Ruth Van Dyken

COOKIES (4 dz)

Sally Triemstra, Ruth Van Dyken,

LIBRARY

Erika Van Dyk, Rose Brouwer

WORSHIP AT CRH

Rob & Brittany Braaksma

PRAYER REQUESTS

APRIL 12, 2026

CHURCH FAMILY

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

Bonnie Alberda is still non-weight bearing on her leg that was surgically repaired. Continue to pray for patience for Bonnie, healing in her leg, and good therapy to help with that healing.

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 is doing well, slowly progressing, and doing some walking. 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 will heal well. Pray for Rich too as he cares for her.

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 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 be praying for **Jake and Jackie Van Dam and family, and all those in Saipan, Guam, and the Marianas**. There is a typhoon headed their way which will possibly be making landfall early Monday morning. They have stocked up on rice, water, tuna, and Spam! The porches are cleared and the classrooms are boarded up. They will probably be leaving for higher ground on Sunday afternoon. Remember that Saipan is 16 hours ahead of us!

Pray for our **council members**.

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

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** as they are serving in many areas around the world.

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

EXTENDED CHURCH FAMILY & COMMUNITY

Sherry Hofman's brother, Bob, has been transitioned to comfort care. He has many medical issues, and the doctors feel that he will probably not be able to recover from them in this earthly life. Please pray for peace and comfort for Bob and his whole family.

Thank you for praying for **Harv Bos' family**. The family is so very grateful for all of the support during Harv's diagnosis and passing. His service was this past Monday, and many of his relatives were able to travel to Colorado to be with family there. Pray for peace, comfort, and strength for his whole family. We are thankful that Harv is now with his Lord and Savior.

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

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.

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

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.

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

**We ascribe glory to Your name, Lord;
we come before You in worship
for You are holy.**

(1 Chronicles 16:28-29)

FELLOWSHIP

Coffee, punch, and cookies will be served after the morning service. Stay for a time to get to know each other!

COUNCIL MINUTES

The council minutes will be available on the table by the Fellowship Hall.

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!

LAWN MOWING NEEDED

We are looking to hire someone to weed eat and mow the lawns at church. Equipment will be provided. This would be each week on Thursdays, Fridays, or Saturdays. Must be at least 18 years old to apply. If interested, please call or text Hank at 406-580-2735.

BELLTOWER

The digital edition of the April Belltower is available. There will be a limited number of printed copies available in the racks near the mailboxes.

MARCH GIVING TOTALS

General Fund	\$32,164
Capital Improvement	\$5,765
Special Missions	\$2,503
Cadets	\$2,564
Denominational Ministry Shares	\$150
Love Fund	\$300
GEMS	\$25
Prison Ministries	\$1,749

CHURCHILL YOUNG ADULTS BIBLE STUDY

Next meeting is April 15, from 7-9pm. We meet every other Wednesday at the home of Jake & Shawna Liudahl
39 Godfrey Way
madelyn.liudahl@gmail.com
Text for info: 701-580-2534
We'd love to have you join us

THRIFTING HOPE

ZoeCare welcomes you to shop, volunteer, or donate to Thrifting Hope, a clothing and accessories sale, Thursday-Saturday, April 16-18, from 12-5 pm. All proceeds go to our clinic expansion and new services support project! Preloved clothes, shoes, and purses. \$1, \$5, \$10, and \$20. At ZoeCare, 2251 W. Kagy Blvd. For more information, to donate YOUR clothes, or to volunteer: call/text (406) 414-6503.

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.

GIVE BIG

Love INC is excited to be a part of One Valley's Give Big, a 24-hour online giving event that brings our community together to support local nonprofits and make a lasting impact. This will take place on Thursday, April 30th at 6 PM through Friday, May 1st at 6PM. On May 1st, we will be hosting a prayer table outside of First Security Bank on Main Street from 8 AM - 4 PM, where anyone can stop by to receive prayer and encouragement. If you would like to be involved, please email Jennifer at changeyourlife@loveincgc.org!

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY TO DOUBLE YOUR GIFT TO RESONATE

Through April 30, your gift to Resonate's Where Most Needed fund will be matched by a generous group of donors, dollar for dollar, up to \$275,000! Take advantage of this opportunity, while your gift will go twice as far!
www.resonateglobalmission.org/double

THE ANNUAL BANNER APPEAL

The 2026 funding drive for The Banner, the CRC's award-winning magazine, has started. The Banner is delivered free in print and online, and your giving to this annual donation appeal makes it possible. To help keep this community conversation going please give online now at: TheBanner.org/Give

WORLD RENEW

2026 Discovery Tour - World Renew invites you on a learning journey to explore Cambodia! Grow in your understanding of World Renew's work from communities already leading change, while experiencing the history, traditions, and culture of Cambodia. Join us from November 6-16, 2026 and come discover what God is doing in Cambodia. Registration is limited. For more information and to register, visit: <https://bit.ly/cambodia2026info>

PAUL'S MISSIONARY JOURNEYS IN TURKEY & THE SEVEN CHURCHES OF REVELATION

(Oct 9-19, 2026) Visit ancient sites connected with Paul's First, Second, and Third Missionary Journeys as well as the seven churches to whom John wrote the Book of Revelation. Join Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary for this inspirational biblical tour. Contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or weimje@calvinseminary.edu

THIS WEEK

TODAY

- 9:00 AM Sunday School - All Ages
10:00 AM Worship Service
- Tot Church
6:00 PM Worship Service
7:15 PM Combined High School
Youth Group

WEDNESDAY

- 7-9:00 PM Young Adult Bible Study

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
May 10 Communion
June 15-19 Rainforest Falls VBS Bethel
CRC

TODAY'S OFFERING

DENOMINATIONAL MINISTRY SHARES

The Christian Reformed Church uses ministry shares to fund a variety of requested ministries both within North America and around the world. The vast majority of every dollar of ministry shares goes directly to ministry programs that start new churches, train servant leaders, support chaplains, resource congregations, and reach out to our neighbors through media and evangelism.

UPCOMING OFFERINGS

April 19 **Special Missions**
General Fund

April 26 **Love INC**
General Fund

May 3 **General Fund**

May 10 **ZoeCare**

OUR GIVING

General Fund Approved Budget	\$430,916
<i>Received To Date</i>	\$ 289,217
Capital Improvement Fund Approved Budget	\$ 75,000
<i>Received to Date</i>	\$ 41,270
Christian Education Fund Pledges	\$ 87,241
<i>Received to Date</i>	\$ 64,305

(fiscal year ends 8/31/26)

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