

Manhattan

CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH



SHARING
HOPE
AND
belonging
IN CHRIST

Welcome

— AUGUST 9, 2026 —

AM WORSHIP

10:00 AM

A Time of Worship Preparation

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery
Sing! #180:1-4

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

*All My Boast Is In Jesus *Sing! #227:1-3*

*Amazing Grace *LUYH #691:1,2,4,5*

WE OFFER PRAYERS AND GIFTS

Morning Prayer

Offering - Denominational Ministry
Shares

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

Children's Message - Pastor Tim
(No Tot Church)

*Wonderful, Merciful Savior
Sing! #199:1-3

Text: John 1:19-34

Message: **Messages In Glass:**
See The Lamb Of God

Prayer

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*Holy Forever

WE CONCLUDE IN PRAISE

*God Blesses His People as They Depart

*There Is Power In The Blood *CH #329*

Postlude

**please stand if you are able*

Tim Kuperus

preaching

Deb Smit

piano

Kathryn Chausse'

keys

Heidi Kuperus, Jon Chausse', Brook Leep

praise team

Mark Eekhoff, Ben Smit

PM WORSHIP

6:00 PM

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*The Heavens Declare Your Glory
LUYH #3:1,3

*All Glory Be To Christ *Sing! #217*

WE OFFER PRAYERS AND GIFTS

The Lord My Shepherd Rules My Life
LUYH #732:1-3

Evening Prayer

The Lord My Shepherd Rules My Life
LUYH #732:4,5

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

Text: Matthew 23:1-24

Message: **Matthew**

Prayer

WE CONCLUDE IN PRAISE

*In Our Lives, Lord, Be Glorified
LUYH #861:1,3,4

*God Blesses His People as They Depart

Postlude

**please stand if you are able*

Tim Kuperus

preaching

Ruth Van Dyken

piano

SERVING THIS WEEK

AUGUST 9

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

Beth Straatman, Julie Kincaid,
Alex Straatman, Trevor Brouwer

TOT CHURCH

3's: No Tot Church

4/5's: No Tot Church

USHERS

Walt Sales, Kyle Seifert

GREETERS

Leland & Lisa Heidema

COFFEE SERVERS

No Coffee

COOKIES (4 dz)

No Cookies

LIBRARY

Erika Van Dyk, Rose Brouwer

WORSHIP AT CRH

Rick Braaksma

SERVING NEXT WEEK

AUGUST 16

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

Katie Meza, Kendra Heidema,
Kinsley Heidema, Allie Heidema

TOT CHURCH

3's: Lacey Sinnema, Decker Flikkema

4/5's: Elizabeth Peterson, Derk Flikkema

USHERS

Mel Dyk, Isaac Van Dyken

GREETERS

Brett & Kendra Heidema

Brendan & Emelia Julian

COFFEE SERVERS

Jerod & Jennifer Bos

Mark & Jennifer Underhill

COOKIES (4 dz)

Karen Dykman, Jennifer Bos,
Jennifer Underhill

LIBRARY

Lisa Heidema, Bonnie Van Dyke

WORSHIP AT CRH

Rich Dawe

CHURCH FAMILY

Praise God for the birth of baby boy **Stetson Warren to Ben and Marissa Smit and brother Dawson** this past week. He was 5 lbs. 9 oz. at birth and will need to stay in the NICU for a bit while he works on his breathing, eating, and maintaining body temperature. From Ben on Friday: Thank you for the prayers and support for baby Stetson and our family! He has been doing well! Marissa and I have been able to hold him a lot over the last few days. The doctors have been weaning him off of oxygen slowly and he will hopefully be heading to low flow oxygen today. His breathing rate has continually been dropping, which is great news! Thank you again for all the prayers.

Please pray for **Sarah Van Gelder and family** as Sarah had surgery recently. Recovery from surgery is going well. Unfortunately, pathology showed that her margins aren't clear, and further treatment is necessary. She met with an oncologist and is getting a second opinion soon to formulate a plan moving forward. Continue to pray for Sarah, Dylan, Trevon, and Rocklyn and for patience for all as Sarah will have weight lifting restrictions for some time. They really appreciate our prayers!

Keep **Les Ypma** in your prayers as he is awaiting an appointment for knee replacement surgery. He needs to have some healing in his toe before that appointment can take place. His heart test came back positive, which is a blessing. Les and Donna appreciate the prayers and care they have received from our congregation.

Kaycie Braaksma recently had a cardiac MRI and saw a cardiologist. He confirmed that she has Arrhythmogenic Right Ventricular Cardiomyopathy. It is a rare genetic heart muscle disease where heart muscle cells are progressively replaced by fat and scar tissue leading to dangerous irregular heartbeats and an increased risk of sudden cardiac arrest. She is currently on medication in hopes that it will even out the arrhythmias and she wore a heart monitor to monitor the irregular heartbeats. She is meeting with a doctor to discuss the results of the heart monitor results and also looking to schedule an appointment with Mayo. Pray that this medication will be helpful for Kaycie. They appreciate our prayers.

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

Ann Visser had surgery on the heel of her foot recently. She is now able to put some weight on her foot. Pray for good healing, pain control, and patience.

Bill Cok had a heart attack recently. He had surgery to place a stent, and he is back home. Pray that this surgery will be very successful for Bill and that he will recover well. Pray for Theresa too.

George Den Hartigh had surgery recently to place a shunt in his brain to release some fluid. Pray that this surgery may help George feel much better, that he will heal well, and for patience.

Bonnie Alberda is doing well and walking more. Continue to pray for patience for Bonnie, healing in her leg, and good therapy to help with that healing. Pray for Pete too.

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.

Pray for our **council members**.

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

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

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. Or they wonder what medical treatment they should pursue. Pray that God will give them peace and wisdom during these times.

Pray for the safety of our **military** as they serve around the world.

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.

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

Pray for the family of Jake Hansen who passed away recently in a motorcycle/deer collision on Dyk Road. He worked for the Schutter family, and he was a friend of many. Pray that the Lord will give this family, and his friends, comfort, peace, and strength as only He can give.

Praise God that **Tammi (Triemstra) Flikkema** was able to receive her heart transplant and is doing well! She is currently living in a little place near the cardiac rehab facilities in Salt Lake City so that she can get to her appointments easily. She will need to stay in SLC for some time and the family will take turns being with her there. All the family is giving thanks that she is doing great! Thank you for your continued prayers.

Halane Van Dyke had scans this past week and there were no new lesions found! Praise God for these results! She will continue with her chemo treatments. Pray that the Lord will give continued strength and peace to Halane and family.

SUPPORTED MISSIONARIES & THE GLOBAL CHURCH

Pray for **Sosthene and Kara Maletougou and family** and their work with the Christian schools in Africa along with the Teacher's Garden (Christian education resource center). They have safely arrived in Cameroon. Pray for them as they adjust to life in a different country.

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

**O magnify the Lord with me,
And let us exalt His name together.**
(Psalm 34:3)

SUMMER OUTDOOR SERVICES

This morning's service is planned for outside.

All evening services will be held outside, weather permitting. Please feel free to bring your own chairs.

ALL CHURCH POTLUCK

Immediately following the service this morning, we will be holding an all church potluck! We hope you will join us. Please bring one hot dish and one cold dish to share, just one dish if you are single. Plates, silverware, and drinks will be provided. Bring your own lawn chairs.

COUNCIL MINUTES

The minutes of the August council meeting will be available this week and next on the table by the mailboxes.

PROPOSED BUDGET

The proposed budget for the 2026-2027 year has been placed in your mailboxes. Please take the time to read it over and if you have any questions, please contact Mike Kamp - 406-539-1195

JUNE GIVING TOTALS

General Fund	\$37,658
Capital Improvement Fund	\$5,491
Special Missions	\$1,725
Denominational Ministry Shares	\$1,050
Love Fund	\$600
Youth Group	\$2095
Shepherd Project	\$911

COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

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

Elders: Joe D. Braaksma, Darrel Flikkema, Charlie Kimm, Chris Hahn, Brad Moss, Keith Moss, Nate Te Slaa, Randy Van Dyk, Les Visser

Deacons: Rob Braaksma, Trent Dykman, Jon Chausse', Haak Johnson, Tim Van Dam, Randy Visser
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 next Sunday, August 16. Selection by lot will take place on Sunday, August 23 to select 3 elders and 3 deacons.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

New council members will be selected by lot on the morning of August 23. We will also be discussing and voting on the budget that morning after church. Please plan to be there.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADER(S) NEEDED

The K-8 Sunday School is looking for a volunteer(s) to lead the Christmas program. This position could be shared by two people and involves organizing and leading the Christmas program in December. There are programs available for you to choose from as well as a checklist that covers everything that needs to be done. If you are interested or would be willing to help, please contact Kathryn Chaussé (406) 599-7321 or Julie Kincaid (406) 581-4160.

SMALL GROUP COMMUNITY

Are you looking for a small group community? Join us for a quick meeting in the sanctuary after worship on August 30 to learn more about small group opportunities at MCRC. Even if you're only slightly interested, this meeting is for you! If you have questions or are unable to attend, please reach out to Pastor Josh for more information. His contact info is in the bulletin.

GARDEN BOUNTY

Do you have extra produce to share or could you use some? Check out the table in the fellowship hall where you can donate your abundance or you can take what you can use.

BELLTOWER

During the month of August, the Belltower will consist solely of the birthday & anniversary calendars and were placed in each mailbox. Regular full Belltower issues resume in September. During August, there will be a limited number of hard copies of missions newsletters available at the table near the mailboxes

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FUND

2026–2027 PLEDGE DRIVE

The Christian Education Fund is currently \$23,000 short of the minimum amount of pledges needed to fulfill the proposed grants for the 2026–2027 school year.

Without additional pledges, we may not be able to provide the full level of assistance that families are counting on. We are already past our pledge deadline, and this is our final effort to secure the pledges needed before grant amounts are finalized. Every pledge, regardless of size, helps make Christian education more accessible for families

in our church.

Please prayerfully consider pledging as soon as possible. Any funds raised beyond our goal will be used to provide additional assistance to families in need and to strengthen the CEF for future years. Pledge cards and additional information are available on the table in the fellowship hall. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and faithful support of Christian education.

Please note: Payments for this pledge drive will begin September 1, 2026.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Churchill Retirement Home is NOW HIRING!! We're looking for compassionate individuals to join our team in the Assisted Living. Current Openings: Night Shift – 2–3 nights per week, Weekend Medication Technician, and Weekend Resident Assistant / CNA. Mid-August: Full-time Resident Assistant / CNA Shifts opening. Please contact Churchill Retirement Home for more information or to apply.

KIDS CORNER DEVOTIONS

Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Talking About Sin: Tell and Show" at www.kidscorner.net. What's the best way to apologize? Explore the two-step approach: First, tell God you're sorry and say it to the person you've hurt. Then get serious and show your "I'm sorry" by taking action. Check out the new Kids Corner Devotions app at <https://kidscorner.net/app>

PODCASTS OF MCRC'S MESSAGES

MCRC has its very own podcast channel. If you miss a message, or would like to listen to one again, you can find the audio of every message on our website on Apple Music or Spotify.

THIS WEEK

TODAY

10:00 AM Worship Service Outside
All Church Potluck
6:00 PM Worship Service Outside

NEXT WEEK SUNDAY

10:00 AM Worship Service
6:00 PM Worship Service Outside

LOOKING AHEAD

August 18 Elders' Meeting
August 23 Congregational Meeting

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

- August 16 Special Missions**
General Fund
- August 23 World Renew**
General Fund
- August 30 Gallatin Valley Diaconate**
General Fund

OUR GIVING

General Fund Approved Budget	\$445,716
	<i>(increased by council)</i>
Received To Date	\$ 424,619
Capital Improvement Fund Approved Budget	\$ 75,000
Received to Date	\$ 53,102
Christian Education Fund Pledges	\$ 87,311
Received to Date	\$ 81,265

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