

Manhattan

CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

7950 **CHURCHILL RD**

Welcome

OCTOBER 4, 2020

Thy word is a lamp unto
my feet, and a light
unto my path.

Psalm 119:105 KJV



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OCTOBER 4, 2020

AM WORSHIP

10:00 AM

A Time of Worship Preparation

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Words of Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship

*God Greets His People

*We Greet One Another

WE GIVE GOD OUR PRAISE

**I Love Your Church O Lord*

- LUYH #247:1-3

**Build Your Kingdom Here*

GOD REMINDS US OF HIS WILL

Morning Prayer

Be Still My Soul

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

Conversation with the Bos Family

Children's Message - La Rae Sales

(Tot Church Dismissed For Ages 3-5)

Text: Various Selected

Message: **Filling The Toolbox (3)**

Prayer

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

**You're Worthy of My Praise*

WE CONCLUDE IN PRAISE

*God Blesses His People

**My Friends May You Grow in Grace*

- LH #938

Postlude

**please stand if you are able*

Tim Kuperus

preaching

Deb Smit

organ

Maddie Visser

piano

PM WORSHIP

6:00 PM

A Time of Worship Preparation

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WE GIVE GOD OUR PRAISE

**There is a Fountain* - CH #336:1,2,3,5

**Beneath the Cross* - LUYH #825:1-3

STATEMENT OF FAITH

Our World Belongs to God

- PH pg. 1029 34,35,36

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

O, Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts

- LUYH #823:1,2,3,5

Text: Exodus 20

Message: **A Time of Testing**

Prayer

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

**God's Glory Fills the Heavens*

- LUYH #719:1,2

WE CONCLUDE IN PRAISE

*God Blesses His People

**How Vast the Benefits Divine*

- LUYH #688:1-3

*Prayers of the People

Postlude

**please stand if you are able*

Tim Kuperus

preaching

Leanne Moss

piano

MCRC ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

October has been designated as a time of appreciation for pastors and their families. Please remember Pastor Tim, Heidi, and family with a card, note, or some other means of expressing your appreciation. We are blessed by their ministry at Manhattan CRC, so let's make the most of this opportunity to say "Thanks" for all they do!

SUNDAY WORSHIP

- Our worship services will be held indoors. Livestream will take place in the Fellowship Hall. Masks required as per governor's directive.
- Life Groups will be divided between the sanctuary and the Fellowship Hall. For October 4, Life Groups 5 & 6 will be in the Fellowship Hall. Next Sunday, Life Groups 7 & 8 will be in the FH.
- Nursery and Tot Church will be available. No coffee/punch time available yet.

COVID – 19 UPDATE

The Worship Committee has outlined how we can worship together while following the physical distancing practices outlined by the governor. It is important that we do all we can to create a safe atmosphere for worship.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Deb, Jana, or your elder.

OTHER DETAILS

- Please bring your own Bible. We will seek to avoid using the books in the pew. If you do need to use them, don't put them back in the holders, but set them on the bench so they can be wiped down.

- The upstairs restrooms will be available for use, one person at a time. The downstairs restrooms will be closed.

DESIGNATED PEWS

- For those that worship in church, we will be sitting in designated pews in order to keep an appropriate distance according to guidelines given to us.

Ushers will be help you find a seat.

Ushers October 4

Tim Van Dam, Darrel Flikkema
Ben Leep, Mel Dyk

Ushers October 11

Shad Van Dyken, Walt Sales
Karsen Kredit, Vince Van Dyken

PHYSICAL DISTANCING

- Please keep in mind that physical distancing applies not only during worship, but also before and after.
- Maintain appropriate 6' distance between families or household groups (including children). Please arrive on time to avoid bunching up in the back.
- If space runs out in the sanctuary, the service will be livestreamed in the fellowship hall.

COUNCIL MEETING

The council is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, October 6, at 7:00 p.m.

TOT CHURCH

Tot Church will be starting today for 3-5 year old children.

Teachers are:

October 4 & 11 - Angela Kamp,

Lucas and Dakota Schwendemmen

October 18 & 25 - Ashley Flammond,

Simeon O'Hara and Samuel O'Hara

NURSERY SCHEDULE

October 4 - Julie Witte, Crystal Van Dyken,
Isaac Van Dyken

October 11 - Kathryn Chausse,
Carla Dyk, Brook Leep

COUPLES BIBLE STUDY

This is diaper collection week.

OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE

- Send your weekly or monthly gifts to Manhattan CRC, 7950 Churchill Road, Manhattan, MT 59741.
- Give on-line by going to manhattancrc.org and clicking the "Give Now" tab.
- Hold your gifts in an envelope at home, send in monthly, or bring back to church when you feel comfortable.
- If you have any questions about giving please contact Mike Kamp (406-539-1195), chair of the finance committee. Thank you!

VULNERABLE POPULATION

According to CDC guidelines, vulnerable populations include those over 65 and those with heart disease, diabetes, asthma, etc. Those to whom this applies are encouraged to worship via livestream. Also, those exhibiting any symptoms of illness are asked to worship via livestream.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

The Youth Ministries of MCRC will be meeting but we are starting a little later than normal! Cadets, GEMS and Junior High Youth Group will be starting October 21, watch your inboxes and the bulletin for registration information and more details. If you have questions, please contact Tim, Jennifer or Annie. We are so excited to see you this year!

COFFEE BREAK

Coffee Break will be starting October 6, 9:30 a.m at Manhattan CRC with the study of Ruth. The hardest times in your life may be when God does some of his greatest work in you. The book of Ruth shows what can happen when people take God at his word. Please call Karen Schutter 539-1286 or Jeanette Walhof 539-9515 to pre-register so we can have a COVID safe environment. At this stage we are planning on nursery and Little Lambs.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

The Combined Youth Group is planning to begin soon with a couple changes. First, we will meet on Sunday night instead of Wednesday, at least for the rest of 2020. Our first meeting will be Sunday, October 11 at 7:15 pm. Another change is that we will be meeting in the fellowship halls of Manhattan CRC and Bethel CRC instead of Amsterdam School – with the first meeting at Bethel. That meeting on October 11 will be more informal – there will be pizza, games, registration, and information about summer opportunities for 2021. Please note that unless the governor's directive changes, masks will be required while you enter and are in close proximity to each other (similar to school guidelines). If you have any questions, you can contact Pastor Steve Bussis, Hannah Brouwer, Ashley Fontaine, or Sandi Van Middendorp. We are excited to be able to resume Combined Youth Group, and we hope to see you on October 11!

JOB OPENINGS

Sacred Portion Children's Outreach, a local Orphan Care and Adoption Ministry, is seeking a BS or MS level Social Worker and an Adoption Program Assistant. For more information contact the office at (406) 586-5773.

LOVE INC PLANT THE SEED

The Plant the Seed Fundraiser is this Monday, October 5, as a virtual event! Please plan to join us in celebration of the 25th Anniversary of Love INC in Gallatin County! You can get a free ticket and bidder number in advance at bidpal.net/pts and can join the event at this site also, which begins at 7:00 p.m. Thank you for your support!

CALLING ALL CRAFTY & ARTISTIC PEOPLE

Do you have a craft or hobby that you are willing to use to bless Christian education? Then we need you! Please consider making a donation to the Manhattan Christian School Harvest Festival craft room of your craft/hobby of choice. All donations can be brought to the office at MCS during school hours. Questions? Call or text Marylou Sytsma 580-2849 or Jami Visser at 570-5959.

A STAR IS BORED

Check out our children's programs at www.kidscorner.net. In this week's episode "A Star is Bored," Filmmaker Liz wants to direct a blockbuster, but he only has Morrie to act in it. Can Liz make Morrie into a star? Listen now at kidscorner.net and subscribe to KC's weekly emails for future episodes. Download this month's Kids Corner Bible Story Coloring Packet: The Story Begins. kidscorner.net/activities

GROUNDWORK

WELCOME AND CARE - Does Leviticus' theme of hospitality extend to Christians and the church today? Join Groundwork as we study Leviticus 19:33-34 and 1 Peter 2:9-10 to inform our thoughts and behaviors toward non-Christians and vulnerable people in our world today. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

WORLD RENEW

Hurricane Laura made landfall in the southwest corner of Louisiana on August 27th. It is reported to be the strongest hurricane to hit in 164 years. World Renew - Disaster Response Services is monitoring this disaster and making plans for long term recovery work. Please pray for the families and communities affected by Hurricane Laura. Also pray for DRS staff and volunteers and all disaster responders, as the coronavirus pandemic greatly complicates how to help. DRS is accepting donations for Hurricane Laura. Give online at worldrenew.net/hurricanelaura or send your check, made out to World Renew with "Hurricane Laura" in the Memo line.

AT-HOME FAITH FORMATION TIP

The Practice of Sabbath: In Wendell Berry and the Given Life, author Ragan Sutterfield quotes Berry: "[Sabbath] is not a break so that we might become renewed and refreshed for more work, but is rather a time when we live in the simple reality that we are creatures whose lives are given by God." How might this insight change how you celebrate sabbath? (Tip from Faith Formation Ministries; crcna.org/FaithFormation)

FROM OFFICE OF SOCIAL JUSTICE

"Blessing Not Burden" Campaign - The CRC Office of Social Justice is relaunching their "Immigrants Are a Blessing, Not a Burden" campaign to equip people of faith to speak in uniquely Christian ways about immigration! Stay updated with resources and opportunities by following their "Blessing Not Burden" Facebook page today! facebook.com/BlessingNotBurden

PRAYER REQUESTS

We pray fervently that God arrests this spreading virus. We pray for those infected. We pray for health workers on the front lines of this pandemic. We pray for leaders who must make hard choices on how to respond. We pray for calm.

We trust God our Father who is always in control, even when our life feels tenuous and uncertain.

CHURCH FAMILY

Give thanks that **John Kamps'** surgery this past Wednesday went as well as it did. He was in surgery for eight hours and they removed a kidney and a bit more. They were hoping that he could be moved out of ICU on Friday but he will have a long recovery. Please pray for strength and healing, and pray also for a peace to surround John & Lidea during this time.

Pray for **Sally Dyk**, that the injections in her neck will work to greatly reduce the pain that she still has almost every day.

Pray for all **those who are mourning** the recent loss of loved ones.

Rob & Julie Hager thank you for your prayers. Please pray for strength, peace and wisdom as Rob's health declines. He is on a new medication for involuntary movements, his dementia is significantly worse, and he has other health issues.

Remember to pray for all our senior church members who are living in various retirement homes: **Jerita Andriesen, Ret Blankisma, Ethel Dykstra, Grace Douma, and Edith Vander Molen** (in Personal Care at the Churchill Retirement Home), and **Jeanette Visser** (at Gallatin County Rest Home.)

Please keep the **staff at the Churchill Retirement Home** in your prayers.

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

Please pray for our part-time staff: **Deb Flikkema, Jana Van Dam, Kathy Eekhoff, Lisa Heidema, Jim & Bonnie Potts, and Bob Poelman.**

Be in prayer for **our council members.**

EXTENDED CHURCH FAMILY & COMMUNITY

Please pray for **Eric Danhof**. He is continuing to struggle with pain and now is also experiencing hallucinations, probably due to the cancer. Debbie is now "knocking on the door of hospice," even while Eric's strength and will to live continues to be strong. Thank you for holding them up in prayer.

From **Steve and Jen Sofie**: "We have been praying for **Mikaela Fu**. She's the 22-year-old that had kidney cancer; she had her kidney removed and the cancer has come back. She has been having a lot of pain and does not understand how extensive her cancer is. Pray that she will have peace and understanding and can be without pain. Please keep their family in your prayers as they go through this most difficult time and of course please keep praying for a miracle."

SUPPORTED MISSIONARIES & THE GLOBAL CHURCH

A prayer request from **Kurtis Schutter**: He currently has a commitment with the Dutch Navigators for two years but has just been asked to extend this to 3 years. Please pray for Kurtis and Amelia to have peace and joy and clarity in responding to this request. He thanks you so much for your support!

Continue to pray for **Mark Eekhoff**. He is working on an outreach to the Shepherds in Lesotho where he lived for two years, so that they may continue to hear the Gospel. Pray for God's blessings on his future plans.

From **Chaplain Randall Jones**: "Thank you for your thoughtful prayers and support. Please pray for the morale and safety of our officers during the anti-law enforcement climate sweeping the country. Pray that Christian officers would let their light shine for the Lord.

Pray that I would effectively minister to our officers and also to the public when the latter are in crisis."

From **Sosthene and Kara Maletougou**: "Pray that we will remain humble, deeply rooted in the Word and filled with God's wisdom as Sos serves his new leadership role in Resonate."

An update from **Rick and Becky Luth**: "Thank you all for all of your prayers, encouragement and support. We have good news as we have already found a home to rent for when we return to Salmon Arm, BC. And we are excited to announce that we have joined an amazing YWAM ministry, CREATE Seeds, which focuses on creating books and other Biblically-based and culturally-relevant materials for children in unreached parts of the world."

Remember to pray for **Dorothea Kirkendall**, and for **Lauren & Connie Runia** as they work for Wycliffe.

Pray for **Jeffery and Melissa Bos** and their family as they minister in Oman.

Pray for **Daryl and Carol Van Dyken** as they work in Cyprus with TWR. They are thankful that the TWR transmitters in their area are functioning well.

DO YOU HAVE AN UPDATE FOR THE PRAYER LIST?

Call the office at 282-7442, your district elder, or John and Eileen Scheffer 388-3032

THIS WEEK

OUR GIFTS

SUNDAY

10:00 AM Morning Worship Service
Life Groups 5 & 6 in FH
6:00 PM Evening Worship Service

TUESDAY

9:30 AM Coffee Break Bible Study
7:00 PM Council Meeting

THURSDAY

1:30 PM Churchill Quilting Bee—Bethel

NEXT WEEK SUNDAY

10:00 AM Morning Worship Service
Life Groups 7 & 8 in FH
6:00 PM Evening Worship Service

LOOKING AHEAD

October 18 Guest Pastors

AUGUST GIVING TOTALS

General Fund:

Total Goal for Year: \$346,582
Received for Year: \$356,753

Christian Education:

Final Tuition from MCS: \$376,088
Received for Year: \$397,149

Capital Improvement:

Total Goal for the Year: \$24,000
Received for Year: \$21,506

OFFERINGS

TODAY

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FUND

The Christian Education Fund is used to cover the tuition costs at Manhattan Christian School of families who are participating in the Christian Education Fund. It is for the exclusive benefit of students whose families belong to Manhattan CRC.

UPCOMING

OCT 11 GENERAL FUND
OCT 11 #2 **MANHATTAN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**
OCT 18 GENERAL FUND
OCT 18 #2 **SPECIAL MISSIONS**
OCT 25 GENERAL FUND
OCT 25 #2 **DENOMINATIONAL MINISTRY SHARES**

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SERVING THIS WEEK

JUNE 14

NURSERY

AM

TOT CHURCH

3's

4's

Substitutes

USHERS

GREETERS

COFFEE SERVERS

LIBRARY

VIDEO AT CRH

AM

PM

COOKIES (4 dz),

SERVING NEXT WEEK

JUNE 21

NURSERY

AM

TOT CHURCH

3's

4's

Substitutes

USHERS

GREETERS

COFFEE SERVERS

LIBRARY

VIDEO AT CRH

AM

PM

COOKIES (4 dz),