

**THE LORD'S DAY, APRIL 18, 2021**  
“Welcome!” May our worship today prepare you for a week of serving Jesus.

***WELCOME TO MORNING WORSHIP***

**THIS MORNING'S MESSAGE**  
“CARE FOR THE WANDERER”

**THIS MORNING'S TEXT**  
James 5:19-20 (Pew Bible: Page 1885)

*See any usher if you need a song sheet or hearing device.  
Both are available on request.*

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**Join us for Evening Worship at 6:00 p.m.**

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**THIS EVENING'S MESSAGE**  
“GOD SAID IT, THAT SETTLES IT”

**THIS EVENING'S TEXT**  
Acts 11:1-18 (Pew Bible: Page 1711)

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**MEMBER MINISTRY**

**NURSERY TODAY**  
**NEXT WEEK**  
**KIDS OF LIGHT**  
**HALL MONITORS**

Shelley Heijerman, Hope & Katie Doezema (AM)  
Sara DeHaan, Kylie Sheaffer, Sarah Veld (AM)  
Mindy, Payton & Carter Stahl, Grace Sheaffer  
**TODAY:** Todd Helder, Eric Jager  
**NEXT WEEK:** Bob Sikkema, Dave Zuidema

**We express our sympathy** to Mike and C. Lee Pavlak as they grieve the death of Mike's brother, Bill Pavlak. Please pray that God gives much comfort and peace during this time of sorrow.

Over the past several months, it is has been the joy of the elders to receive new members into the MRC family. Stephen and Linda French have transferred from the Comstock Christian Reformed Church in Kalamazoo, Brian and Myssi DeGood and their children (Kaylin, Nikolas, Andre, and Kayiarra) have joined through re-affirmation of faith, and Todd and Wendy French and their daughter Elizabeth have come through transfer from Centerpoint Church in Kalamazoo. This morning it is our joy as a congregation to welcome publicly Steve and Linda and Brian and Myssi and family. Todd and Wendy will be welcomed publicly at a later date. We praise God for these families who are now part of the Martin Reformed family. **Please join us for refreshments in the Narthex area following the morning service to welcome them!**

We have had several inquiries regarding how to access **Live Stream for Sunday mornings**. Here is how you can access the service:

1. Go to martinreformed.org
2. Go to the Media tab and click on Sermons
3. Click on the date of the service (which should be the top one)

**Women's Bible Study:** Our next Jonah Bible Study meeting will be Tuesday, April 27, at 6:30 p.m. We will cover week 5; pages 105-125. See you!

**VBS NEEDS STATION LEADERS!!**

Crafts, Bible Story, Science, and up front. If you are able to help, please contact Sarah 269-760-9232 or email children@martinreformed.org.

The deacons have scheduled this year's **Church Yard Spring Clean-Up** for this Tuesday, April 20, 6:00 p.m. Should the weather be inclement, Thursday, April 22, is the designated alternate/make-up day. Many hands make light work and all help will be much appreciated.

**Profession of Faith Class:** Pastor Mark and our Youth Coordinator, Kelly Jager, will lead a Profession of Faith Class **next Sunday, Sunday, April 25**, 1:00-3:00 p.m. in the Consistory Room. If you are interested in attending, please let Kelly or Pastor Mark know.

**Praise Team:** I am writing the schedules for May and June this week. Please let me know of any conflicts. Thank you! Curt

**Building Fund/3 for 3 Update:** With one month to go, we are within reach of our target of \$500,000. Thank you for your continued support to this cause.

If you are financially blessed and you have no need for your stimulus check, please consider giving all or part of it to one of our missions. If this is your desire, please give your gift to MRC and earmark it for the mission of your choice. A list of missions is available in the Church Office.

The **Second Quarter Faith Mission Offering** will benefit Barb Bielecki (Lakota Native American Outreach) on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. If you would like to contribute, please mark your offering accordingly.

For the month of **April**, we will be collecting the following items for **Martin Resource Center**: pasta/rice, pasta sauces, Hamburger Helper, Mac & Cheese, stuffing, boxed foods and meals. You may place your donations in the grocery cart in the Narthex.

#### **Requested Announcements**

Hopkins Community Church is looking for a **full-time Youth & Families Pastor**. More information can be found at <https://www.hopkinscommunitychurch.net/employment-leadership-opportunities/>.

Because hunger doesn't take a summer vacation...the **Allegan County Food Panty is having a Cereal Drive** the month of April. If you would like to donate to this cause, please place any kind of cereal in the boxes near the welcome center. If you would like to donate online, the website is [www.alleganfoundation.org](http://www.alleganfoundation.org). If you would like to mail a donation, you can do so at 112 Locust St., Allegan, MI 49010.

**East Martin Christian School's Society Meeting** will be this Tuesday, April 20, at 7:00 p.m. in the School Gym.

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**WORSHIP WITH US: 9:30 A.M. and 6:00 P.M.**

# Life of the Congregation

## April 18, 2021

### THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

#### SUNDAY

- 10:35 AM** Coffee/conversation/refreshments in the Narthex Area.
- 10:35 AM** Children's Choir – Three's thru Grade 2: Meet in Fellowship Hall.
- 10:45 AM** Sunday School classes for all ages until 11:30 a.m.
- 6:00 PM** Evening Worship in the Sanctuary.
- 6:00 PM** Sr. High Youth Group – until 8:00 p.m.

#### MONDAY

- 7:00 PM** Women's Volleyball in the Gym – until 9:00 p.m.

#### TUESDAY

- 6:00 PM** Church Yard Spring Clean-Up. Should the weather be inclement, Thursday, April 22, is the alternate date.

#### WEDNESDAY

- 4:00 PM** MRC Prays in the Narthex Area.

### PRAYER CONCERNS

- \*\*\* **Chris Davis, Linda Benwire's son**, has begun treatments for stomach cancer. Pray for strength to endure the treatments and healing.
- \*\*\* **David, Margaret Schram and Jan Westendorp's nephew**, has returned home. Pray for complete recovery.
- \*\*\* Pray for **Ardis Doezema** who is experiencing ongoing headaches and dizziness.
- \*\*\* Continue to pray that God heals **Pastor Mark's** lungs as he recovers from Covid.
- \*\*\* Pray for **Nora Mingerink and Judy Nieuwenhuis** in their battles against cancer.
- \*\*\* **Bob Modreske** has returned home from the hospital. Pray for relief of pain and for quick healing.
- \*\*\* Pray for comfort for **Mike and C. Lee Pavlak and family** on the passing of Mike's brother.
- \*\*\* Pray for **Emily Veld's** vision to improve.
- \*\*\* Please pray for our **church family** impacted by the coronavirus.
- \*\*\* **Betsy Bergsma, Kara Smit's mom and Janice VandenBerg, Steve Pott's mom** were both hospitalized for Covid and have returned home. Pray for a full recovery.
- \*\*\* Pray for those with ongoing health concerns: **Blaine Anderson** (Jim and Barb Keyzer's nephew); **Shannon Bergsma** (Frank & Margaret Schram and Jan Westendorp's niece); **Shirley** (sister-in-law to Seymour and Pat DeHaan); **Tom Damber** (Michelle DeMann's father); **Chris Davis** (Linda Benwire's son); **Sharon Fitzpatrick** (Sandy Knooihuizen's mom); **Doug Flamm** (Wes and Cindy Bloemsma's son-in-law); **Kimmi McCliman** (Mike and Chris Grosser's cousin); **Stella Waller** (Linda Benwire's sister); and **Hope Wassenaar** (SON-Life Camp Director).

### REASONS FOR PRAISE

- \*\*\* **Praise God** for our new members who were recognized this morning.

**Sunday Evening - April 18, 2021**  
**Pastor Mark Heijerman**

**6:00 P. M.:**

**We Gather As God's People**

Prelude – Carol Jager

Welcome

**We Praise God in Song**

Opening Prayer

Song Service (John Schipper)

**We Turn to God in Prayer and Preparation**

Time of Prayer

Time of Reflection

Song of Preparation #270: “Wonderful Words of Life”

**We Quiet Ourselves to Hear the Word**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Acts 11:1-18 (Pew Bible: Page 1711)

Message: “*GOD SAID IT, THAT SETTLES IT*”

Prayer of Application

**We Respond to the Word**

Song of Response #271 (vs. 1-3): “Standing on the Promises”

Parting Blessing

**We Are Sent Forth in the Grace of God**

Parting Song #271 (last verse): “Standing on the Promises”

Postlude