

THE LORD'S DAY, DECEMBER 12, 2021
THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

WELCOME TO MORNING WORSHIP

THIS MORNING'S MESSAGE

"CHRISTMAS JOY"

THIS MORNING'S TEXT

Luke 2:8-11; John 17:13 (Pew Bible: Page 1591; 1680)

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

**Please join us for the Sunday School
Christmas Program
this Evening at 6:00 p.m.**



MEMBER MINISTRY

NURSERY TODAY
NEXT WEEK
KIDS OF LIGHT
HALL MONITORS

Kailee DeVries, Leah Helder, Grace Sheaffer (AM)
Angela Bouwman, Shelley Heijerman, Lilly Lyon (AM)
Sarah, Liv & Nolan Broughman, Kylie Sheaffer

TODAY: Kevin Jager, Larry Martin, Jr.

NEXT WEEK: Ben DeHaan, Dave Zuidema

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USHERS

We express our sympathy to the following families:

- To Bob & Shelly, Bruce & Laura, and Paul Modreske and their families on the death of Bob, Bruce and Paul's mom, Jean Modreske. Visitation: Sunday (today), 4:00-7:00 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church (1235 – 135th Avenue, Wayland) and Monday, December 13, 2:00-3:00 p.m. at the church with the funeral following at 3:00 p.m.
- To Evert Reurink on the death of his daughter, Linda Evers. Visitation: Monday, December 13, 4:00-7:00 p.m. at the Kubiak-Cook Funeral Home in Wayland (312 N. Main Street) and Tuesday, December 14, 2:00-3:00 p.m. at the funeral home with the funeral following at 3:00 p.m.
- To Margaret Schram (wife), Jill (daughter) and Mike Wolthuis and family, and Jan Westendorp (sister-in-law) as they grieve the death of Frank Schram. Visitation: Monday, December 13, 9:30-11:00 a.m. at Martin Reformed Church with the funeral following at 11:00 a.m.

May God give much comfort during this time of sorrow.

This morning, we welcome Kurt & Ellie DeMann into the MRC family. Kurt joins MRC through Profession of Faith and Ellie through transfer from Grace Christian Reformed Church, in Kalamazoo.

The **Sunday School Christmas Program** is **tonight** at 6:00 p.m.!!!! Invite your friends and neighbors! Refreshments will follow the program in the Gym.

Items for next month's **Newsletter** are due **TODAY**. Please email your information to office@martinreformed.org or leave it in Jill Wolthuis' staff mailbox across from the Church Office.

Congregational Meeting Report:

- 1.) Mike Wolthuis and Charlie Jager elected to the office of elder; and Kevin DeMann and Matt Modreske elected to the office of deacon.
- 2.) Approved a budget for 2022.
- 3.) Approved a one-year trial to have our Thanksgiving Service on the Wednesday evening prior.
- 4.) Loan update: Balance of \$586,082.12.
- 5.) Discussed whether we should stay or leave the RCA.

All year long the **MRC Quilters** make beautiful items for the home and some of them are now available to you on a table in the narthex. These treasures make wonderful gifts and can be yours for a donation to MRC's Building Fund. Thank you MRC Quilters!

Thank you for your prayers, cards, and telephone calls while I have been recovering from my shattered wrist.
~Rose Haaksma

This year the proceeds from our **Crops for Christ** will be distributed (\$4,375 each) to the following: Christian Neighbors, Feeding America, Forefront Ministries, Global Outreach, Kalamazoo Gospel Mission, Mel Trotter, Project Hope and RCA World Relief. Praise God for the blessings of this ministry!

Anyone interested in a **work/mission trip**? There will be an information meeting on December 20, at 7:00 p.m. in the Friendship Area. We are looking at possibly going sometime around the first of March. If you have any questions, please contact Harvey Leep.

The Consistory is looking for a qualified individual to upgrade and and/or manage our church web page. If you have skills in this area, and are interested in being involved in this project, please contact Pastor Mark.

A **monetary Christmas gift** will be given to **Pastor Mark and his family**. To be included, drop your gift, marked accordingly, in any offering plate by next Sunday, December 19.

There are several **new people** that we would like to **add to our telephone/address directory**. If you would like to be added, please pick up an information sheet at the Welcome Center and return to the Church Office.

Your **CHRISTMAS CARDS** may again be "mailed" through our Narthex mailboxes. Any cards which are alphabetically pre-sorted are a huge help to us! Your "postage money" donated for the sorting of Christmas cards in Narthex mailboxes will again be appreciated. These donations go toward sending personal monetary gifts for both Christmas and birthdays to the missionary wives MRC supports. Your generosity makes it possible for them to enjoy a little pampering they otherwise can't experience. ALSO: If you are willing at any time to work at sorting the cards, your help with this task will be immensely appreciated!! Please join in whenever you are able.

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**Life of the Congregation
December 12, 2021**

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

- 10:35 AM** Coffee/conversation in the Narthex Area.
10:35 AM Christmas Program Practice – **ALL kids are welcome to participate!** Meet in downstairs Fellowship Hall.
10:45 AM Sunday School classes for all ages until 11:30 a.m.
6:00 PM Sunday School Christmas Program in the Sanctuary. Refreshments will follow in the Gym.

MONDAY

- 8:00 AM** Open Gym for Walkers: Tuesday-Friday – until 10:30 a.m.
7:00 PM Women's Volleyball in the Gym – until 9:00 p.m.

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

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



PRAYER CONCERNS

- *** Pray for comfort for those who have recently lost loved ones.
- *** Continue to pray for **Nora Mingerink** in her battle against cancer.
- *** **Sharron Vandenberg** has been struggling with eye issues and acid reflux. Pray for healing.
- *** Pray for **MRC moms** expecting babies.
- *** Pray for the men and women who give of themselves everyday as they serve in our armed forces, as law enforcement officers, EMT personnel, firefighters, and healthcare workers.
- *** 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); **Doug** (Wes & Cindy Bloemsma's son-in-law); **Shirley** (sister-in-law to Seymour and Pat DeHaan); **Sharon Fitzpatrick** (Sandy Knooihuizen's mom); **Kimmi McCliman** (Mike and Chris Grosser's cousin); **Daryl VanderPloeg** (Pat DeHaan's brother); **Stella Waller** (Linda Benwire's sister); and **Hope Wassenaar** (SON-Life Camp Director).

REASONS FOR PRAISE

- *** **Praise God** for the joy that is ours because of Advent.

Sunday Evening - December 12, 2021

Sunday School Christmas Program