

THE LORD'S DAY, DECEMBER 5, 2021  
SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

*WELCOME TO MORNING WORSHIP*

**THIS MORNING'S MESSAGE**

*"CHRISTMAS PEACE"*

**THIS MORNING'S TEXT**

Zechariah 9:9-10 (Pew Bible: Page 1480)

*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**

*"PLANS TO PROSPER"*

**THIS EVENING'S TEXT**

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14 (Pew Bible: Page 1221)

**MEMBER MINISTRY**

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

Bethany & Jackson Kennedy, Morgan Ybema (AM)  
Kailee DeVries, Leah Helder, Grace Sheaffer (AM)  
Kelly, Lynsey & Avery Jager, Melissa Martin

**TODAY:** J.D. Mohr, Bob Sikkema

**NEXT WEEK:** Kevin Jager, Larry Martin, Jr.

**TODAY:** Michael Dutton, Harvey Leep, Jake Sybesma

**NEXT WEEK:** Tim Knoper, Jon Nieuwenhuis, Jake Sybesma

**USHERS**

**Today** is the last day to order **Butter Braids** for the **Youth Group winter retreat fundraiser**. You can place your order at the welcome center or with any youth. Thank you so much for supporting the youth group.

The **Blue Slugs** care group will meet today, at 11:45 a.m., in the Youth Room.

**Walkers:** The Gym will be open for walkers starting tomorrow, December 6, 8:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Our **Annual Congregational Meeting** is this Tuesday, December 7, 7:00 p.m., in the downstairs Fellowship Hall. On the agenda will be: Election of Elders and Deacons, (Charlie Jager and Mike Wolthuis for Elder, Kevin DeMann and Matt Modreske for Deacon), Discussion and approval of Treasurers Report and 2022 Budget, Discussion and possible vote on whether or not to have a Wednesday evening Thanksgiving Service and a preliminary discussion of staying in or leaving the RCA.

Next Sunday, December 12, 6:00 p.m., is the **Sunday School Christmas Program** in the Sanctuary. Invite your friends and neighbors! Refreshments will follow in the Gym.

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.

Items for next month's **Newsletter** are due next Sunday, December 12. Please email your information to office@martinreformed.org or leave it in Jill Wolthuis' staff mailbox across from the Church Office.

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 Sunday, December 19.

**Thank you** to Shelly Modreske, Stephanie Wilson and April Modreske (and Bob, Andy & Matt too) for the wonderful decorations in the Narthex and Sanctuary!

**Still looking for a Christmas gift?** Consider a Martin Reformed Church Cookbook. We still have several copies left. If you would like one, they are \$15 and you can grab one from the office and put your money in any offering plate or mail it in.

**Valet service** for morning worship services will resume again this year starting today and ending on March 27. Please contact Robert Vandenberg (269-397-0118 or a.rvandenberg@yahoo.com) if you are interested in volunteering. Basically the task is opening doors of cars and the church, helping people out of cars and parking cars. You would have to be at church around 9:00 a.m. and would be done at 9:30 am. The pay is GREAT! You get to greet people as they come into church, receive many smiles and “thank yous”. Many hands make light work!

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.

**FOUND**: Ring on the lower level parking lot. If you are missing yours, please see Jill in the Church Office to claim.

The **Fourth Quarter Faith Mission Offering** designee will be East Martin Christian School. If you would like to contribute, please mark your offering accordingly.

**Martin Resource Center Collections for December** will include the following items: laundry soap, fabric softeners, dish soap, dishwasher soap, window wash, disinfectants, mops, brooms, sponges and hand soap. Please leave your donations in the grocery cart in the Narthex.

#### Requested Announcement

The East Martin Christian School **Christmas program** will be held this Tuesday, December 7, at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday, December 9, at 1:00 p.m. in the school gym. The students will be performing the musical “The Christmas Shoe Tree”. Family and friends are welcome to attend.

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# Life of the Congregation December 5, 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.  
**11:45 AM** Blue Slugs Care Group will meet in the Youth Room.  
**5:00 PM** Sr. High Youth “Adopt-A-Family” Shopping Night – until 8:00 p.m.  
**6:00 PM** Evening Worship in the Sanctuary.  
**6:00 PM** Jr. High Youth Christmas Party in the Youth Room – until 7:30 p.m.

### MONDAY

- 8:00 AM** Open Gym for Walkers: Monday-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.  
**7:00 PM** Annual Congregational Meeting in the downstairs Fellowship Hall.

### WEDNESDAY

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

### THURSDAY

- 6:30 PM** The Elders will meet. To request baptism, see Pastor Mark.  
**7:30 PM** The Consistory will meet. Devotions and lunch: Troy Timmer.

### SATURDAY

- 10:00 AM** Christmas Program Practice in the Sanctuary – until noon.



## PRAYER CONCERNS

- \*\*\* Susan Iervolina, Sherry Knoper’s step-mom, has been diagnosed with uterine cancer and will have surgery after the holidays. Pray for successful surgery and complete healing.
- \*\*\* 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 peace that is ours because of Advent.

**Sunday Evening - December 5, 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 (Rick Katje)

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

Time of Prayer

Time of Reflection

Song of Preparation #143: “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

**We Quiet Ourselves to Hear the Word**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14 (Pew Bible: Page 1221)

Message: “*PLANS TO PROSPER*”

Prayer of Application

**We Respond to the Word**

Song of Response #152 (vs. 1-4): “I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day”

Parting Blessing

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

Parting Song #152 (last verse): “I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day”

Postlude