

THE LORD'S DAY, JANUARY 9, 2022
Thank you for joining us in worship at MRC today! We're glad you are here!

WELCOME TO MORNING WORSHIP

THIS MORNING'S MESSAGE
"OWING GOD EVERYTHING"

THIS MORNING'S TEXT
Genesis 47:13-25 (Pew Bible: Page 79)

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

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

THIS EVENING'S MESSAGE
"WHEN THERE'S A FORK IN THE ROAD OF GOD'S WILL"

THIS EVENING'S TEXT
Acts 21:1-15 (Pew Bible: Page 1730)

MEMBER MINISTRY

NURSERY TODAY
NEXT WEEK
KIDS OF LIGHT
HALL MONITORS

Nancy DeWolff, Avery Jager, Maggie Jager (AM)
Lisa Mensch, Sara Schipper, Emily Veld (AM)
Mindy, Payton & Carter Stahl, Sara Schipper
TODAY: Eric Jager, Nate Jager

USHERS

NEXT WEEK: Brian DeMann, Don VerHage
TODAY: Michael Dutton, Mike Pavlak, Jake Sybesma
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Today we remember The Lord's Supper. All those members in good and regular standing of an evangelical church are invited to partake. If you missed this morning's celebration, a Vesper Service will be held in the Friendship Area immediately after tonight's worship.

Adult Sunday School (meets in the Sanctuary): If you enjoy a class with a variety of different topical discussions, please join us today! Jim Schipper will be leading this class and it will meet near the organ.

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

Sunday School, Kids of Light and Youth Groups start back up today!

Parents/Kids: Big D.O.G.s begins this week Wednesday, January 12, at 6:00 p.m. This includes children ages 4-year-olds through 5th grade. Come and join us and invite some friends.

The **"Good Reads" Book Club** meets this Tuesday, January 11, at 7:00 p.m., in the Friendship Area.

MRC Quilter's: At our Saturday, February 5th meeting, we will be working on the missionaries quilt after learning the Twin Sisters quilt block from Irene. So please plan on staying later for lunch & sewing. We have to complete this quilt before March in order to send it. Thanks.

Women's Bible Study starts back up on Tuesday, January 18. We will be studying Lysa Terkeurst's book entitled, *"It's Not Supposed to be This Way"*...finding unexpected strength when disappointments leave you shattered. We will meet in the Youth Room at 6:30 p.m. Contact Nancy DeWolff at 269-808-7844 with questions.

The **MRC Church Campout** is scheduled for Thursday, August 4 – Sunday, August 7. There are currently still four more sites open. If you would like to join us, please reserve your spot by January 25. You can contact SON-Life at 269-792-2081 or email office@son-lifecamp.org. A 50% deposit is due at the time of booking.

Found: A white airpod was found on the front pew near the piano. If this belongs to you, please see Jill Wolthuis.

The **Prayer Shawl Meetings** scheduled for Thursday, January 13 and Thursday February 11 are canceled. We are hoping Lord willing to meet again in March. Thank you, faithful laborers for continuing to work on your prayer shawls in your homes. Looking forward to March!!!

Attention Treasurers: Once your books are closed for 2021, please prepare a **financial report** for the year. Deadline: Sunday, January 30. Any questions, please contact Jill Wolthuis.

Martin Resource Center Collections for January include: bar soap, body wash, toothpaste, mouthwash, razors, deodorants lotion, diapers and wipes. Please leave your donations in the grocery cart in the Narthex.

THANKS

There simply are NO WORDS to adequately thank our church family at MRC, during Frank's hospitalizations and subsequent admission to Faith Hospice care at home for all the: prayers, phone and in person visits, cards, the gifts of food and baked goodies you brought so lovingly and all your words of encouragement and concern. We also thank Pastor Mark for his frequent visits and time of sharing scripture and prayer. We always felt the prayers and love embrace us, and at this time of such a deep loss, thanks to all who continue to support me and remember Frank with me. Thanks also, to all those who prepared and served an exceptional luncheon following the funeral. Your kindness and love will forever be remembered. Our God is so good! ~Margaret and (Frank) Schram

I would like to thank MRC for the box of goodies brought to me before Christmas, and most of all by the lovely visit by Sam and Lisa Mensch and sweet little Ava! ~Margaret Schram

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

MRC ELDERS:

Charlie Jager, Doug Geurink, Jerry Pols, John Schipper, Troy Timmer, Mike Wolthuis.

MRC DEACONS:

Kevin DeMann, Kyle Katje, Matt Modreske, Steve Pott, Ben Schipper, John Smit.

Life of the Congregation

January 9, 2022

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

- 10:35 AM** Coffee/conversation in the Narthex Area.
10:35 AM Children's Choir – Three's thru Grade 5: Meet in 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.
6:00 PM Evening Worship in the Sanctuary.
6:00 PM Sr. High Youth Group will meet in the Youth Room – until 8:00 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 "Good Reeds" Book Club meets in the Friendship Area.

WEDNESDAY

- 4:00 PM** MRC Prays in the Consistory Room.
6:00 PM Big d.o.G.s (4-years-old thru 5th grade) will meet in the Friendship 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: John Schipper.

PRAYER CONCERNS

- *** **Wes Bloemsma** has been diagnosed with Sjogren's disease, a form of arthritis that affects the eyes, nose and throat. Pray that God gives much healing.
- *** Continue to pray for **Nora Mingerink** in her battle against cancer.
- *** Pray that **Emily Veld's** vision be restored.
- *** Pray for **Stella Waller, Linda Benwire's sister**, whose cancer is no longer in remission.
- *** Pray for our **missionaries and the people in Papua, New Guinea** as they struggle with gang violence.
- *** 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 blessings of the sacraments as we celebrate communion this morning.

Sunday Evening - January 9, 2022
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 (Mark Heijerman)

We Turn to God in Prayer and Preparation

Time of Prayer

Time of Reflection

Song of Preparation #477: “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”

We Quiet Ourselves to Hear the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Acts 21:1-15 (Pew Bible: Page 1730)

Message: “*WHEN THERE'S A FORK IN THE ROAD OF GOD'S WILL*”

Prayer of Application

We Respond to the Word

Song of Response #483 (vs. 1-2): “Lead On, O King Eternal”

Parting Blessing

We Are Sent Forth in the Grace of God

Parting Song #483 (last verse): “Lead On, O King Eternal”

Postlude