

THE LORD'S DAY, MARCH 21, 2021
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

WELCOME TO MORNING WORSHIP

THIS MORNING'S MESSAGE

"I THIRST"

THIS MORNING'S TEXT

John 19:28-30 (Pew Bible: Page 1685)

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

**Join us for Combined Evening Worship with EMCRC
at MRC at 6:00 p.m.**

THIS EVENING'S MESSAGE

"SMITTEN"

THIS EVENING'S TEXT

Isaiah 53:1-6 (Pew Bible: Page 1145)

MEMBER MINISTRY

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

Bethany Kennedy, Ben DeHaan, Lacy Hulst (AM)
Sara DeHaan, Sarah Veld, Grace Sheaffer (AM)
Kelly, Lynsey & Avery Jager, Kaelyn Sikkema
TODAY: Nate Jager, Larry Martin, Jr.
NEXT WEEK: Ben Lyon, Sam Mensch

We express our sympathy to those who have lost loved ones:

- To Leona Schipper and her family on the recent passing of her sister-in-law, Ginny Veldman and also her Uncle, Rev. John Bushman.
- To Curt and Brian and Diane DeVries on the death of their brother-in-law, Greg Sparks.

Pray for comfort and peace for these families.

This morning Pastor Ken will continue with his series entitled "At the Foot of The Cross" as we journey through the Lenten Season. **This evening**, we will again have combined evening services with East Martin CRC **at MRC**. Pastor Mark will lead us in worship.

MRC Newsletters are in your mailboxes! Please be sure to get yours before you leave today. If you would like yours mailed, please contact Jill at office@martinreformed.org or 269-672-5596.

Attention Youth families: Kelly Jager now has a new email for the church! mrcyouthgroup21@gmail.com. Please feel free to email or text to 269-303-2171 anytime you have questions or concerns. Thank you!

Profession of Faith Class: Pastor Mark and our Youth Coordinator, Kelly Jager, will lead a Profession of Faith Class on 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.

Telephone Directories will be updated soon! If you have any changes to your entry, please let Jill know at office@martinreformed.org or text 616-550-1454. Thanks!

Save the date for VBS - June 21- 24th 9-11:30 a.m.

Knights of North Castle VBS - All kids 4 years old - 6th grade (going into in the fall) are welcome. Please spread the word. Stay tuned for more information and volunteer opportunities. Questions? Call/text Sarah at 269-760-9232 or email children@martinreformed.org.

Building Fund/3 for 3 Update: With three months to go, we are within reach of our target of \$500,000. We need to average \$10,000 per month for the next three months to reach our goal. February's offering was \$7,100. Thank you for your continued support to this cause.

Please note: The **Quilting Group** that normally meets the first Saturday in April has been moved to Saturday, April 10, due to Easter.

Would you be interested in **playing softball** in the Otsego Church Friday Night league? There would be two games every Friday. It runs about two months, with a couple of weeks off in case of rain. It starts the second Friday in May. We are trying to find out if there is enough interest for MRC to form a team. It is an open league that's available to anybody that wants to play. Some teams are competitive and some play for fun. See Michael Dutton if you are interested. You can contact him at 269-217-2128 or mdutton7@yahoo.com.

There is one spot still open for the **MRC Campout Weekend** at SON-Life Camp August 5-8! If you would like to camp with the church, please contact SON-Life at 269-792-2081. Any questions can be directed to Lori (Jim) Schipper at 269-929-2693. Cost is \$115 total for the three night weekend. Don't miss out on this great opportunity for fun and fellowship!

Baker Book House will be holding **Spring Librarians Day** on Tuesday, April 13. This is a great saving for librarians to purchase New and Used Books, Music and Movies at 30% off. Everyone must register to receive the information packet and promo-code to shop ONLINE all week, Monday, April 12-Saturday, April 17. Store occupancy is limited for safety requirements and everyone is required to wear a mask in-store. ***The librarians are asking for your suggestions of authors and titles which interest you.*** Please list them on a card with your name by Sunday, April 4, and we will do our best if available. Leona and Kelly are planning to attend. For more information you can see the pamphlet or catalog in the Library.

The **First Quarter Faith Mission Offering** will benefit Dégagé Ministries in Grand Rapids. This ministry is a welcoming home base for anyone experiencing homelessness or poverty. If you would like to contribute, please mark your offering accordingly.

For the month of **March**, we will be collecting the following canned food and drink items for **Martin Resource Center**: Canned fruits, canned veggies, juices, applesauce and canned meat (i.e. tuna & chicken). You may place your donations in the cart in the Narthex.

Requested Announcement

East Martin Christian School is now enrolling students in Kindergarten through 8th grade. EMCS is a small, faith-based, Christ centered school for students in grades K-8. Call 269-672-5722 to schedule an in-person tour or check us out on our website at <https://www.eastmartin.org>.

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# Life of the Congregation March 21, 2021

## THISWEEK'S SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY

- 10:35 AM** Coffee/conversation 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** Combined Evening Worship with East Martin Christian Reformed Church at MRC.  
**6:00 PM** Jr. High Youth will meet in the Youth Room – until 7:30 p.m.  
**6:00 PM** Sr. High Youth Small Groups will meet in the downstairs Fellowship Hall – until 7:30 p.m.

### MONDAY

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

### WEDNESDAY

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

## PRAYER CONCERNS

- \*\*\* Continue to pray for **Jack Alles** as he recovers from surgery at home.
- \*\*\* 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.
- \*\*\* **Brian Keeler's** heart valve surgery went very well. Pray for complete healing.
- \*\*\* **Warren Kimmel** is in rehab and hoping to be released in a week. Pray for strength and healing.
- \*\*\* **Marie Knight** was hospitalized with extreme pain resulting from some fluid build-up and vertebrae/disc issues. She has returned home and will need rest for recovery. Pray that God heals quickly and completely.
- \*\*\* **Bob Modreske** is consulting with doctors about treatment for back and leg pain.
- \*\*\* Pray for **Emily Veld's** healing so that her vision is restored to normal.
- \*\*\* **Pray for comfort** for those of our church family who have lost loved ones.
- \*\*\* Pray for **Nora Mingerink** and **Judy Nieuwenhuis** in their battles against cancer.
- \*\*\* 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

- \*\*\* **We praise God** for the coming of spring and the beauty of each season.

**Sunday Evening - March 21, 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 #183: “Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

**We Quiet Ourselves to Hear the Word**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Isaiah 53:1-6 (Pew Bible: Page 1145)

Message: “SMITTEN”

Prayer of Application

**We Respond to the Word**

Song of Response #175 (vs. 1-4): “Hallelujah, What a Savior!”

Parting Blessing

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

Parting Song #175 (last verse): “Hallelujah, What a Savior!”

Postlude