

THE LORD'S DAY, MAY 16, 2021
YOUTH SUNDAY

WELCOME TO MORNING WORSHIP

THIS MORNING'S MESSAGE
"MAKING PREPARATIONS"

THIS MORNING'S TEXT

John 14:1-3; I John 2:1-2 (Pew Bible: Page 1675;1899)

*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
"LYSTRA'S AMBIVALENCE"

THIS EVENING'S TEXT
Acts 14:1-23 (Pew Bible: Page 1716)

MEMBER MINISTRY

Bethany Kennedy, Ben DeHaan, Lilly Lyon (AM)
Sara DeHaan, Lacy Hulst, Lynsey Jager (AM)
TODAY: Ben Lyon, Larry Martin, Jr.
NEXT WEEK: Nate Jager, Sam Mensch

NURSERY TODAY
NEXT WEEK
HALL MONITORS

We express our sympathy to Ken and Sharron VandenBerg on the death of Ken's sister, Eleanor VandenBerg. Pray for much peace and comfort.

This morning we honor and congratulate these graduating seniors: Morgan Dykstra, Leah Helder, Mitchell Jager, Alex Johnson, Liza Klingenberg, Travis Marsman, Jenna Mohr, Liz Smit, Carter Stahl, Abbie Timmer, Renee Timmer and Natalie Yowler. ***Please join us in the Gym following the morning service to celebrate with the graduates and have a time of refreshments and fellowship.***

George Klein will celebrate his 96th birthday on May 22nd. If you would like to send him a card/note you can mail it to: 488 – 22nd Street, Otsego, MI 49078.

Next Sunday morning, **we will be celebrating** The Lord's Supper together. May we prepare our hearts for this blessed sacrament of communion with our Lord.

VBS Update: Be sure to check out today's insert for **Donations needed and Volunteer Sign-ups**. VBS is coming up quickly (June 21-24).

Please Note: There will be **NO Women's Volleyball** on Monday, May 17.

Missy Martin has resigned from her position of Sunday School superintendent. Missy, thank you for your many years of being a blessing to MRC and the Sunday School through this important work. Your service is very much appreciated!

The **MRC Quilter's** will be meeting Saturday, June 5, at 9:30 a.m. (note time change) for a local outing to two quilt shops and lunch. Remember to bring your 12-1/2" quilt square!

At our last congregational meeting, we discussed the Reformed Church's Vision 20/20 Report which addresses the issue of homosexuality, its impact on the denomination, and possible ways forward. In following up on our discussion, the consistory has put together a short survey that is now in your church mailbox. If you are not a member but a regular attender and would like to participate, contact the church office. Please place your completed survey in the box at the welcome center in the narthex.

MRC is in need of a new Sunday School superintendent. If you are interested in being a blessing to our Sunday School through this position, please contact Pastor Mark.

Dear Church Family,

The Martin Area Veterans would like to invite you all to the **Annual Martin Village Memorial Day Parade (10:00)**. This year we are sponsoring a “**Definition of patriotism**” **essay contest!** All 6-12 grade students are welcome to participate, 5 winners will receive a \$100.00 gift card. Winners must be present at the ceremony to win. The grand prize essay will be read aloud. The less than one page essay must be turned into the church office by May 21.

Thank you, thank you, thank you! Our church family went above and beyond to provide funds for the Bible’s our graduating preschoolers will receive! We have enough funds that we will be able to provide Bibles for all of this year’s graduates to Kindergarten, and have some left over for the following year! We are so thankful to be a part of such a supportive church community, and appreciate your continued prayers for MRC Preschool!

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 **May**, we will be collecting the following items for **Martin Resource Center:** Boxed meals, peanut butter, jelly and paper products. You may place your donations in the grocery cart in the Narthex.

Tim & Angie Sleidrecht are still **collecting ten-centers (cans/bottles)** for the mission outreach in Uganda. If you have some cans/bottles you would like to donate, contact Jan Westendorp for drop off time at 269-672-5628.

Requested Announcement

SUMMERFEST SON-Life Camp & Retreat Center (189 123th Ave; Wayland, MI) will be holding their annual **SUMMERFEST Family Fun Day & Auction** on Saturday, June 19, starting at 3:30 p.m. *FREE EVENT!!* Join us! Games for the kids plus the waterfront is open! Dinner will be from 4:30-6:00 p.m. SON-Life Summer Staff will entertain the kids while the adults enjoy the auction. Check us out! All proceeds from SUMMERFEST will go toward the ministry of SON-Life Camp & Retreat Center.

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

Life of the Congregation May 16, 2021

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

10:35 AM Coffee/conversation in the **Gym** (Note: location).
6:00 PM Evening Worship in the Sanctuary.

MONDAY

----- **NO Women's Volleyball** in the Gym – until 9:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

4:00 PM MRC Prays in the Narthex Area.



PRAYER CONCERNS

- *** **Jack Alles** had hip-fusion surgery on Monday, but then suffered a stroke afterwards. Pray for healing and also for wisdom in making decisions.
- *** **Chris Davis, Linda Benwire's son**, has resumed chemotherapy. Pray that the treatments shrink the cancer so that surgery can be scheduled for a later date.
- *** Continue to pray that God heals **Pastor Mark's** lungs as he recovers from Covid.
- *** **Charley Martin** had surgery to repair a torn ligament in his ankle on Tuesday. Pray for a speedy recovery.
- *** Pray for comfort for **Ken and Sharron VandenBerg** as they grieve the death of Ken's sister.
- *** **Daryl VanderPloeg, Pat DeHaan's brother**, has been placed on Hospice care. Pray for strength and comfort during this difficult time.
- *** **Nora Mingerink** had a good report at her last doctor's appointment. Praise God that the tumors are stable. Pray for a good MRI report.
- *** Pray for **Judy Nieuwenhuis** as she continues her battle against cancer.
- *** Continue to pray for **Esther Schaafsma** as she recovers from a stress fracture. Pray for relief of pain and healing.
- *** **Jim Vander Roest** has been discharged from the hospital and hopes to return back to Michigan soon. Pray for a complete recovery.
- *** **Emily Veld** may need additional surgery to correct her vision. Continue to pray for perfect healing.
- *** 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); **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 the "Crops for Christ" mission and that farmers were able to plant this past week.

Sunday Evening - May 16, 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 #234: “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

We Quiet Ourselves to Hear the Word

Prayer for Illumination
Scripture: Acts 14:1-23 (Pew Bible: Page 1716)
Message: “*LYSTRA'S AMBIVALENCE*”
Prayer of Application

We Respond to the Word

Song of Response #231 (vs. 1-3): “Jesus Shall Reign”
Parting Blessing

We Are Sent Forth in the Grace of God

Parting Song #231 (last verse): “Jesus Shall Reign”
Postlude