

**THE LORD'S DAY, MAY 2, 2021**  
**This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

***WELCOME TO MORNING WORSHIP***

**THIS MORNING'S MESSAGE**

*"DON'T LOOK BACK"*

**THIS MORNING'S TEXT**

Genesis 19:12-29 (Pew Bible: Page 26)

*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**

*"GOD SENDS ME"*

**THIS EVENING'S TEXT**

Acts 13:1-13 (Pew Bible: Page 1714)  
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**MEMBER MINISTRY**

Leah Helder, Avery Jager, Lisa Mensch (AM);  
Katie & Anna Jager, Carly Schipper (AM);  
Sarah, Liv & Nolan Broughman, Sara Schipper  
**TODAY:** Brian DeMann, Steve Pott  
**NEXT WEEK:** Brian Veltman, Don VerHage

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

**TODAY** is the last day of Sunday School, Children's Choir and Kids of Light until fall. Thank you to all the teachers, helpers and administrators for your time and dedication to our children.

This Thursday, May 6, is the **National Day of Prayer** and the regulars at MRC's weekly prayer time would like to combine the Thursday Prayer Day with their usual Wednesday gathering at 4:00 PM. The needs are great—a nation with much political turmoil, healing needed, and struggles that all of us endure. Come be a part this Wednesday. Praying out loud is not a requirement. Simply come and pour out your heart to God with fellow believers.

**Youth Group Fundraiser Dinner is coming up quickly!** Please check out the insert in the bulletin if you would like to get your order in for our **"to go" dinner**. The date is Saturday, May 15, from 4:00-7:00 p.m. **You can place your order in the box at the Welcome Center or Kelly Jager's mailbox.**

**VBS is fast approaching** (June 21 - 24) and we will be in need of supplies. Within the next couple of weeks the donations boards will go up, so please keep your eyes out for that. We also are in need of empty **paper towel rolls** and **toilet paper rolls**. Please leave any rolls in the bin behind the welcome desk. Questions? Call / text Sarah 269-760-9232 or email children@martinreformed.org.

**Women's Bible Study:** This Tuesday, May 4, will be the last Jonah Bible study, and we will be covering pages 129 through 150. Come and celebrate what we have learned about Jonah and ourselves and ultimately our God in this last week of study!

**Book Club:** Our next meeting is Tuesday, May 11, 6:00 p.m., at the Heijerman Cottage. We will discuss "All Manner of Things" by Susie Finkbeiner. Everyone is to bring a dish to pass and two book recommendations for us to choose from for next year's book list.

**MRC Preschool News:** We are starting a **new tradition for our graduating preschoolers by giving them a Children's Bible**. If you would like to help by donating to this great cause, please see today's insert for all the details!!! Thanks in advance for helping our children learn more about Jesus!

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. ***Thanks for your wonderful donations in April – 28 pounds were donated to help those in need!***

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 to determine where our congregation stands with regard to this issue and possible separation from the Reformed Church. It will be in your box mid-May and your participation will be much appreciated.

#### **Requested Announcements**

**Save the Date! Child Evangelism Fellowship of Michigan – Allegan Chapter is having an Auction** on Saturday, May 15 at First Baptist Church of Allegan 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon. It is an Outdoor Auction. Bid from your car by listening on your radio or sit outside in your lawnchair!

Kalamazoo Christian High School's **Metal Recycle Drive** will be held **this week May 6-8, 2021** in the High School parking lot. Now is a great spring cleanup time. All proceeds will benefit the Kalamazoo Christian School's annual fund needs.

Anything metal: like clothes hangers, clean tin cans, Christmas tree light strings, electrical cords, appliances (no freon), scrap metal, metal tools, equipment, metal bed frames, small tractors, mowers and engines.

We also accept laptops, computer towers (NO TV's, NO monitors), printers, copiers, fax machines and all metal business/office electronics, medical equipment with NO biohazards, cell phones & telecom equipment, DVD players & stereo equipment, network equipment & servers. Just about anything with a circuit board.

**SUMMERFEST** - SON-Life Camp & Retreat Center (189 126th Ave; Wayland, MI) will be holding their **annual SUMMERFEST Family Fun Day & Auction** on Saturday, June 19. We are currently looking for donations for the fundraising auction. We would love to include your baked goods, home-made items, home based business items or services. Please contact the camp office at 269-792-2081 or email: [office@son-lifecamp.org](mailto:office@son-lifecamp.org) with questions or ideas.

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

# Life of the Congregation May 2, 2021

## THIS WEEK'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.  
**11:30 AM** Blue Slugs Care Group will meet at the VanElderen's.  
**6:00 PM** Evening Worship in the Sanctuary.  
----- **NO Youth Groups tonight.**

### MONDAY

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

### TUESDAY

- 6:30 PM** Women's Bible Study meets in the Youth Room.

### WEDNESDAY

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

## PRAYER CONCERNS

- \*\*\* 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.
- \*\*\* Pray for **Nora Mingerink** and **Judy Nieuwenhuis** in their battles against cancer.
- \*\*\* **Esther Schaafsma** has a stress fracture in one of her vertebra and has been struggling with severe pain. Please pray for relief of pain, healing and pray also for wisdom for the doctors as they determine treatment.
- \*\*\* **Jim Vander Roest** will have aorta aneurism surgery in Boston on May 7. Pray for the doctors and Jim as this is a very delicate surgery.
- \*\*\* **Emily Veld** may need additional surgery to correct her vision. Continue to pray for perfect healing.
- \*\*\* **Rachael Veld** was in a car accident this past week and is understandably sore. Please pray for relief of pain, quick healing, and thanksgiving that she was not seriously injured.
- \*\*\* Pray for our **Jr. High Youth and their leaders** as they return home from Grace retreat.
- \*\*\* 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); **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

- \*\*\* **Praise God** for our Sunday School and for everyone who made it a great year!

**Sunday Evening - May 2, 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 #231: “Jesus Shall Reign”

**We Quiet Ourselves to Hear the Word**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Acts 13:1-13 (Pew Bible: Page 1714)

Message: “*GOD SENDS ME*”

Prayer of Application

**We Respond to the Word**

Song of Response #447: “Freely, Freely”

Parting Blessing

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

Parting Song #624: “Doxology”

Postlude