

THE LORD'S DAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2021
Welcome to MRC! We are glad you are here!

WELCOME TO MORNING WORSHIP

THIS MORNING'S MESSAGE
"COME NEAR"

THIS MORNING'S TEXT
Genesis 45:1-15 (Pew Bible: Page 75)

*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
"PARTING CHARGE"

THIS EVENING'S TEXT
Acts 20:17-35 (Pew Bible: Page 1729)

MEMBER MINISTRY

NURSERY TODAY
NEXT WEEK
KIDS OF LIGHT
HALL MONITORS

Jenna Marsman, Sara Schipper, Linda Zeinstra (AM)
NO Nursery
Cristy & Aiden Mohr, Grace Sheaffer, Shelley Mueller
TODAY: Ben Lyon, Don VerHage
THANKSGIVING: Brian DeMann, Sam Mensch
NEXT WEEK: Kelvin DeVries, Nate Jager
TODAY: Earl Helder, Tim Knoper, Jake Sybesma
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USHERS

Adult Sunday School (meets on the Organ Side of the Sanctuary) – “Why do so many young adults leave the church after high school and college?” We’d love to have some young adults to share in the discussion. Join us after the morning worship service for a time of good discussion.

Our **Thanksgiving Day service** will be held at 9:30 a.m. This year, our Thanksgiving Offering is designated for Martin Resource Center.

Please Note: There will be **NO Nursery or Kids of Light** next Sunday, November 28.

The **Senior High Youth group** is having a **Butter Braids fundraiser** to raise money for their winter retreat **starting TODAY**. If you would like to order, there is a form at the Welcome Center. Delivery date will be December 19. Thank you for your support.

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.

Pastor Mark and Shelley will be on vacation November 25 – 29. If you have a prayer concern or emergency, please contact John Schipper, Vice President of Consistory.

The Women's Ministry will be holding their **Annual Women's Christmas Dinner** on Saturday, December 4, at 5:00 p.m., in the MRC Gym. Check your mailboxes or the facebook page for details! RSVP to Sara DeHaan by Nov 27th at 269.680.1737 or mrcwomensministry@gmail.com. We hope you will join us!

Mark your calendars: The **Christmas program** will be the evening of Sunday, December 12. We have begun practicing our songs for the program. All Sunday School kids who would like to be a part of the program, please meet immediately after the service downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. This will take the place of Kids Choir for November and December. Questions contact Sarah Broughman call/text 269-760-9232 or email children@martinreformed.org. There will also be practice Saturday, December 11, from 10 a.m. - noon.

Our next **MRC Community Blood Drive** is scheduled for Thursday, December 2, 12:00-6:00 p.m. Due to the ongoing impacts of COVID-19 in our communities, we are facing an immediate need for blood donations. All blood types are needed!

MRC Seniors: Be sure to mark your calendars for Friday, December 3, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., for our **Holiday Dinner** in the Gym. ***Please sign-up at the Welcome Center desk if possible so that we can get a count on the number of people.***

2022 Calendars are here! Help yourself! They are located at the Welcome Center.

Thank you to all who brought salads for the funeral luncheon! ***Please be sure to get your dish from the shelf across from the Library before you leave.*** Thanks!

Thank you to all the wonderful people that came to Big DOGs to help with our packing party. They were a tremendous help and I really appreciate it. **We counted 147 shoeboxes!!!** Thank also, to all who packed a box, anyone that prayed for the boxes, and those that helped transport them to the collection site. This has been an incredible year and I'm so excited to know that 147 souls will be touched by Christ through us. That is amazing. THANK YOU SO MUCH!! ~Wes & Cindy Bloemsma

We want to **thank** our church family for your prayers, phone calls, text messages, cards and to those who came to the visitation with the passing of my sister, Carol. If meant so very much to us. ~Rog & Sharon Sikkema

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 November include: soups, canned tomatoes, chili beans, crackers (saltine and oyster), spaghetti and sauce, tea and hot cocoa, boxed meals and foods, stuffing and rice mixes. Please leave your donations in the grocery cart in the Narthex.

Requested Announcement

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the time of the **East Martin Christian School Christmas program** has been changed. Because of this, an additional performance has been added in the hopes that one of these dates will work for you and your family members to attend. We ask that students attend both performances. The program will be held in the school Gym where the students will be performing the musical "The Christmas Shoe Tree."

The new time and additional date are as follows:

Tuesday, Dec. 7 at 6:30 pm (added performance)

Thursday, Dec. 9 at 1:00 pm (time change)

We apologize for the inconvenience during a very busy time of the year.

MARTIN REFORMED CHURCH

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Life of the Congregation November 21, 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.
6:00 PM **Evening Worship** in the Sanctuary.
6:00 PM **Jr. High Youth** will meet in the Youth Room – until 7:30 p.m.
6:00 PM **Sr. High Youth** will meet in the downstairs Fellowship Hall – until 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY

- 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.

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

- 9:30 AM** **Thanksgiving Day Service** in the Sanctuary.

PRAYER CONCERNS

- *** Beginning December 5, **Pastor Ken Kuiper** will be preaching Sunday mornings at East Martin Christian Reformed Church. Please pray that God uses Ken to be a great blessing to God's kingdom, East Martin Church and the community.
- *** **Antonio and Laura Mazuecos, Mark and Shelley Heijerman's daughter and son-in-law**, are expecting a baby that has been diagnosed with Dandy Walker Syndrome. Pray that God intervenes with a great work of healing.
- *** Continue to pray for **Nora Mingerink**. Nora's most recent tests revealed no tumor growth.
- *** **Myles Snyder** had an appointment at U of M this week. Pray that doctors discover the source of his respiratory issues and that a treatment plan for healing can move forward.
- *** **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

- *** **During this week of Thanksgiving, give God the thanks for His abundant blessings.**

Sunday Evening - November 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 #406: “My Hope Is in the Lord”

We Quiet Ourselves to Hear the Word

Prayer for Illumination
Scripture: Acts 20:17-35 (Pew Bible: Page 1729)
Message: “*PARTING CHARGE*”
Prayer of Application

We Respond to the Word

Song of Response #405 (vs. 1-3): “My Faith Has Found a Resting Place”
Parting Blessing

We Are Sent Forth in the Grace of God

Parting Song #405 (last verse): “My Faith Has Found a Resting Place”
Postlude