

THE LORD'S DAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2021
“Welcome!” to you today. May you receive King Jesus with open hearts.

WELCOME TO MORNING WORSHIP

THIS MORNING'S MESSAGE
“WRESTLING WITH GOD”

THIS MORNING'S TEXT
Genesis 32:22-32 (Pew Bible: Page 53)

*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
“ENCOURAGEMENT NEEDED”

THIS EVENING'S TEXT
Acts 15:36-41 (Pew Bible: Page 1720)

MEMBER MINISTRY

NURSERY TODAY
NEXT WEEK
HALL MONITORS

Sara DeHaan, Leah Helder, Kylie Sheaffer (AM)
Jenna Marsman, Carly Schipper, Sara Schipper (AM)
TODAY: Nate Jager, Kyle Katje
NEXT WEEK: Kevin Jager, Sam Mensch

Our **evening services** will resume tonight at 6:00 p.m.

The **Sunday School Kick-Off** is one week away! Are you making plans to join us? We will have an Ice Cream Social after the morning service. The kids will go to their classrooms and meet and greet their teachers and then join the rest of us for ice cream.

Parents/Kids: Big d.o.G.'s (for kids 4-years-old – 5th grade) meets Wednesdays, September 22nd, 29th (note: two weeks in a row), October 13th, 27th and November 10th, 6:00-7:30 p.m. If anyone would be interested in helping, please contact Sarah Broughman 269.760.9232 or email children@martinreformed.org.

Adult Sunday School: Starting Sunday, September 26, for four weeks, Ken Harthorn will be leading a class on the book entitled, *Just Walk across the Room* by Bill Hybels. This is a book on how we can be a better witness to those around us, those that we work with, and how by simply crossing the room and saying “hello” to someone, we could change that person's life forever. There will be a sign-up sheet in the back for anyone that would like a book. If you have any questions, contact Ken Harthorn or Harvey Leep.

Note: Due to the Village of Martin flushing its water system, you might notice some temporary discoloration in the bathrooms.

A note from the Deacons: Thank you for the terrific tithes and offerings, it has been an outstanding 2021, what a blessing! Starting September 19, we are planning to transition back to a traditional offering (passing the plate). Also a reminder, you can give online on our website at martinreformed.org by going to the ministries tab and select donations.

The consistory is pleased to announce that it has hired Rachel Helder to be our new Youth Coordinator. We're excited to have Rachel on staff and we look forward to her using her gifts and talents in leading our young people. Many thanks to outgoing Youth Coordinator Kelly Jager for her service in being a huge blessing to our kids.

GREETER SCHEDULE: A new greeter schedule will be made soon. If you would like your name added or removed, please contact Jill Wolthuis at office@martinreformed.org; text/call 616.550.1454; or leave a note in the Church Office.

Kids of Light (children's church) is looking for leaders and helpers for fall. If you are interested in helping out, please let Sarah Broughman know 269.760.9232 or email children@martinreformed.org.

Thank you to all who participated in the MRC hosted blood drive this past week. From the blood given, potentially 39 lives will be saved right here in Michigan.

There are a few **salad bowls** left from recent funerals. If one of them belongs to you, they are located on the shelf across from the Church Library. Please help yourself.

GYM REMODEL: The Gym will be closed until further notice due to painting and installation of a new floor.

Volunteer needed to bring the collected items to Martin Resource once a month. If you can help with this, please contact Jill Wolthuis. Thank you to Pat Brinkhuis for doing this for us this past year! You have been a blessing!

THANKS

MRC church family,
Thanks so very much for all your prayers, cards and words of encouragement before and after Lee Swainston's passing. God is so very good. ~Arnie and Irene Blain & family

To the Ladies of the Prayer Shaw Ministry,
There are no words to express our heartfelt thanks for this wonderful gift and to be surrounded by prayers.
~Mary Swainston (Irene Blain's sister) & daughters Vickie, Jill & Amy

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

MRC ELDERS:

Doug Geurink, Harvey Leep, Bob Modreske, Jerry Pols, John Schipper, Troy Timmer.

MRC DEACONS:

Kyle Katje, Ben Lyon, Sam Mensch, Steve Pott, Ben Schipper, John Smit.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

10:35 AM Coffee/conversation in the Narthex Area.

6:00 PM Evening Worship in the Sanctuary.

MONDAY

----- **NO Women's Volleyball** in the Gym.

TUESDAY

9:00 AM Senior Chair Exercise in the downstairs Fellowship Hall.

7:00 PM "Good Reads" Book Club will meet in the Friendship Area.

WEDNESDAY

4:00 PM MRC Prays in the Narthex Area.

THURSDAY

9:00 AM Senior Chair Exercise in the downstairs Fellowship Hall.

PRAYER CONCERNS

- *** **Erin Davis, Linda Benwire's daughter**, is in the hospital and may need surgery. Pray that God gives the doctors wisdom as well as healing for Erin.
- *** Continue to pray for **Nora Mingerink** in her battle against cancer.
- *** **Esther Scholten, Laurel Schipper's mom**, has been moved to a home in Zeeland for rehabilitation. Pray for strength and healing.
- *** **Emily Veld** is still struggling with double vision. Continue to pray for improved vision.
- *** 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); **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); **Daryl VanderPloeg** (Pat DeHaan's brother); **Stella Waller** (Linda Benwire's sister); and **Hope Wassenaar** (SON-Life Camp Director).

REASONS FOR PRAISE

- *** During this fair season we praise God for all of our young people who have been and will be showing animals.

Sunday Evening - September 12, 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 #56: “Day by Day”

We Quiet Ourselves to Hear the Word

Prayer for Illumination
Scripture: Acts 15:36-41 (Pew Bible: Page 1720)
Message: “*ENCOURAGEMENT NEEDED*”
Prayer of Application

We Respond to the Word

Song of Response #419 (vs. 1-4): “Abide with Me”
Parting Blessing

We Are Sent Forth in the Grace of God

Parting Song #419 (last verse): “Abide with Me”
Postlude