

# THE LORD'S DAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

"Welcome!" We are happy you have joined us today.

## *WELCOME TO MORNING WORSHIP*

### THIS MORNING'S MESSAGE

*"HUNGRY?"*

### THIS MORNING'S TEXT

Matthew 5:1-12 (Pew Bible: Page 1501)

*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

*"FAITH-TESTED, GOD APPROVED"*

### THIS EVENING'S TEXT

Genesis 22:1-18 (Pew Bible: Page 31)

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### MEMBER MINISTRY

Sara DeHaan and Sarah Veld  
Bethany Kennedy and Leah Helder  
Sarah, Oliva and Nolan Broughman  
**TODAY:** Larry Martin, Jr. and Brian Veltman;  
**NEXT WEEK:** Nate Jager and Ben Lyon

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

"**Congratulations**" to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Moored (nee Pam Heijerman) who were married on Friday. May God grant them many happy years together!! Their new address is: 4001 Hayes Street, Portage, MI 49002.

**This morning**, we welcome Rev. Ken Kuiper to our pulpit, and **this evening** Rev. Derek Noorman will bring God's word to us. May God bless these men as they lead us in worship.

**It's here!!!! Kick-Off Sunday!!!!** Our Education year begins! Here are the details for today: We will be having cake and ice cream for everyone. If you're not part of a Sunday school class, please go straight to the Gym after the worship service. For everyone involved in Sunday school, please go to your class following the service for a short time (10 minutes or so) for teachers and students to get acquainted and also perhaps for teachers to explain the materials they'll be studying. Please note: Don VerHage's class WILL meet in the Consistory Room. After class, Sunday school participants will join the rest of us in the Gym.

**Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group will Kick-Off things tonight** as well from 6:00-8:30 p.m. at Kelly Jager's House. There will be food, games and fun! Invite your friends!!!

Pastor Mark will be on vacation until September 23. If you have an emergency or prayer concern, please contact Bob Veld, Vice President of Consistory.

**Women's volleyball** starts tomorrow, Monday, September 21, 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Come bump, set, & spike with us!

At its last meeting, the consistory decided to change our **current format of seating** in the sanctuary. Beginning **today**, in order to accommodate more people for the start of our fall program, the west wing (piano side) of pews will be fully open (no longer every other pew). Then, on October 4, the west center section and west wing will both be fully open. The whole eastern half of the sanctuary will remain every other pew indefinitely.

**Homemade Cookie Dough for sale!** East Martin Christian School is selling Chocolate Chip and White Chocolate chip/macadamia nut cookie dough for \$10/32 oz. tub. **We have some here at MRC.** Contact Joan Doezema (269-207-1738) or Laurel Schipper (269-207-8815) for all the details.

A **money apron** will be given to Taylor Vink who will marry Isaac DeVries on October 16. To be included, please leave your gift in the Church Office by Sunday, October 11.

**Mark your calendars:** The next MRC Quilters Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, October 3, 9:00 a.m. in the downstairs Fellowship Hall.

**FREE STUFF:** File cabinet and teaching-on-cassette tapes. If interested, please check them out in downstairs Sunday School Room #4. Help yourself.

The **Faith Mission Offering** for the third quarter will benefit **New Creations Prison Ministries** which is dedicated to the spiritual needs of inmates in Michigan prisons.

Nora Mingerink continues to have health needs that take Jake and Molly to Ann Arbor with some frequency, and therefore the deacons have set up a **fund to help the Mingerink family** with some of their travel, lodging, eating, and miscellaneous expenses. If you would like to contribute to this fund, please earmark your offering accordingly.

**Martin Resource is in need of the following items for September:** Peanut Butter / Jelly, Mac & Cheese, Tuna, Healthy Snacks, Graham Crackers, Cracker Packs, Pudding / Jello and Juice Boxes. Please leave your donations in the grocery cart in the Narthex. Last month we had 32 pounds donated to those in need!

### **MRC PRESCHOOL NEWS**

**Are you or someone you know looking for a great preschool?** MRC Preschool is accepting applications for the 2020/2021 year. Please contact Carrie for all the details at [preschool@martinreformed.org](mailto:preschool@martinreformed.org) or 269-672-9711.

In an effort to provide a safer space for our students; we have set up a majority of our preschool classroom in the downstairs Fellowship Hall. While we will be moving some items back to the classroom at the end of the week, not everything is able to be moved. Would you please help us keep everything in its place on Sundays by making sure children don't move our items or play with any of our materials so that we can have everything in its place on Monday morning? Thank you so much for helping us! The Fellowship Hall can still be rented for gatherings, and we will be able to move many of our items out of the way at that time. Thank you for your continued support of MRC Preschool!!

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## **MARTIN REFORMED CHURCH**

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**Life of the Congregation  
September 20, 2020**

**THISWEEK'S SCHEDULE**

**SUNDAY**

- 10:35 AM** Coffee/conversation in the Gym 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 meet briefly.  
**6:00 PM** Evening Worship in the Sanctuary.  
**6:00 PM** Jr. High Youth & Sr. High Youth Groups will meet at Kelly Jager's home, 438 N. Pratt Lake Drive, Shelbyville – until 8:30 p.m.

**MONDAY**

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

**TUESDAY**

- 9:00 AM** Senior Chair Exercise in the Gym.  
**5:15 PM** Classis Meeting at Haven Church. Delegates: Pastor Mark, Jerry Pols and Ben Lyon.

**WEDNESDAY**

- 4:00 PM** MRC Prays in the Consistory Room.  
**6:00 PM** Big d.o.G.s (4-years-old thru 2<sup>nd</sup> grade) will meet in the Sanctuary Please pick up your child(ren) in the upstairs Friendship Area at 7:30 p.m.  
**7:15 PM** Fourth Sunday Worship Team: Musicians.  
**7:30 PM** Fourth Sunday Worship Team: Vocalists.

**THURSDAY**

- 9:00 AM** Senior Chair Exercise in the Gym.

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

- \*\*\* **John Bancino** had back surgery this past Wednesday. Pray for relief of pain and healing.
- \*\*\* **Pat Brinkhuis** will have knee replacement surgery on October 5 at Bronson Hospital.
- \*\*\* **Gary Dykstra** is battling an infection in his leg. Pray for daily improvement and healing.
- \*\*\* **Margie Hines** continues to battle buildup of fluids, but is stable. Pray for strength and peace.
- \*\*\* **Nora Mingerink** had another chemo treatment this past week in Ann Arbor. Pray that Nora remains strong during treatment and that God heals perfectly.
- \*\*\* Pray for **Judy Nieuwenhuis** in her battle against cancer.
- \*\*\* Continue to pray for **Emily Veld** and ongoing vision issues.
- \*\*\* Continue to remember **Stella Waller, Linda Benwire's sister**, as she battles Covid-19.
- \*\*\* **Ron Westendorp** has returned home and is on Hospice care. Pray that God gives Ron and Jan strength and comfort during these difficult days.
- \*\*\* Pray for **John Ybema, Morgan's grandfather**, as he has been placed on Hospice care.
- \*\*\* 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

**REASONS FOR PRAISE**

- \*\*\* **Praise God** for Ben and Pam Moored who united their lives together in marriage this past Friday.

**Sunday Evening - September 20, 2020**  
**Pastor Derek Noorman**

**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 #358: “I Am Thine, O Lord”

**We Quiet Ourselves to Hear the Word**

Prayer for Illumination  
Scripture: Genesis 22:1-18 (Pew Bible: Page 31)  
Message: “*FAITH-TESTED, GOD APPROVED*”  
Prayer of Application

**We Respond to the Word**

Song of Response #406 (vs. 1-3): “My Hope Is in the Lord”  
Parting Blessing

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

Parting Song #406 (last verse): “My Hope Is in the Lord”  
Postlude