



# The Echoes

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## **A View from the Pew**

Memorial Day is a federal holiday in the United States that honors those who have died while serving in the military. Observed annually on the last Monday of May, Memorial Day is a time for Americans to remember and honor the sacrifices made by those who gave their lives for their country so that we might live free.

As Christians, we can also use this day to celebrate and remember the Biblical values of sacrifice, courage, and love. We remember the sacrifice Jesus made as he faced the enemy of death and sin in our place and gave his life to give us eternal life.

Here are some Bible verses that are relevant to Memorial Day:

John 15:13 - "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."

Romans 12:1 - "Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship."

Philippians 2:3-4 - "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others."

Hebrews 11:1 - "Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see."

Psalms 46:1 - "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble."

Psalms 23:4 - "Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me."

Isaiah 6:8 - "Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I. Send me!'"

1 Corinthians 15:58 - "Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain."

Proverbs 28:1 - "The wicked flee though no one pursues, but the righteous are as bold as a lion."

Joshua 1:9 - "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

Psalms 116:15 - "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful servants."

2 Timothy 4:7 - "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."

Psalms 144:1 - "Praise be to the Lord my Rock, who trains my hands for war, my fingers for battle."

Matthew 5:4 - "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."

Romans 5:3-5 - "Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us."

James 4:14 - "Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes."

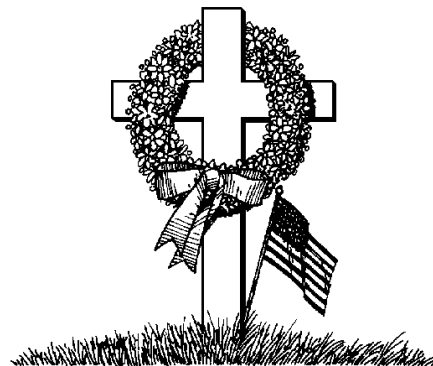
Ephesians 6:13-15 - "Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace."

## **In Contact With Council**



- ◆ The Council meeting of May 14 was opened with prayer and devotions by Bruce Tiemeyer. Bruce read from Proverbs 3:7, 8, 13-15, 21-24.
- ◆ The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.
- ◆ Pulpit supply is covered through June 23.
- ◆ Deacons' report: The offering schedule was made, supported, and passed. The General Fund is behind 12.40%; Ministry Shares is behind 4.40%.
- ◆ Twelve Council visits were made.
- ◆ A motion to adjourn was made, supported, and passed. Scott Tuinstra closed with prayer and has devotions next month.

**As it was their job  
to defend our freedom,  
so it becomes our job  
to honor their memories.**





## Our 2024 Graduates

**East Martin Christian School**  
David DeYoung

**Martin Public School**  
Nate Lynema

**Tri-Unity Christian School**  
David Rillema  
Trey Rillema

**Aquinas College**  
Kate Wubben  
Bachelor of Science in Business  
Administration

**Calvin University**  
Psalm Anthony Katje  
Bachelor of Science in Psychology

**Lake Michigan College**  
Rozalyn Denzel  
Associates Degree in Arts and Science

Congratulations to our graduates. We pray for God's blessing on you in the next phase of your life.



## New Books For May

LAST GIRL BREATHING—COURT STEVENS  
(Suspense)  
THE SHEPHERD'S WIFE—ANGELA HUNT  
(Jerusalem Road #2)  
FATAL DOMAIN—STEVEN JAMES  
(Suspense)

THE SONGBIRD OF HOPE HILL—KIM VOGEL SAWYER (Excellent book)  
LETTERS OF WISDOM—WANDA E BRUNSTETTER (Friendship Letters #3)  
HER HEART'S DESIRE—SHELLY SHEPHERD GRAY (Season in Pinecraft #1)  
HER ONLY WISH—SHELLEY SHEPHERD GRAY (Season in Pinecraft #2)  
HER SECRET HOPE—SHELLY SHEPHERD GRAY (Season in Pinecraft #3)  
THE ARK AND THE DOVE—JILL EILEEN SMITH (The story of Noah's wife)  
A LOVE DISCOVERED—TRACIE PETERSON (Heart of Cheyenne #1) History



## Martin Area Resource Center

When you are grocery shopping in June please remember those who are less fortunate in our community.

Martin Area Resource Center needs the following:

Shampoo/conditioner; Bar soap/body wash; Toothpaste/mouthwash; Razors/deodorants; Lotion/sunscreen; Diapers/wipes



## April Tithes and Offerings

General Fund	\$ 6,998.00
Ministry Shares	1,537.00
Faith Promise	
East Martin Missions	860.00
Shaarda	470.00
Smit	370.00
Tiemeyer	370.00
Walker	370.00
Guatemala Orphanage	280.00
Benevolence	50.00
East Martin Christian School	1,534.00
East Martin Christian School— Tuition Assistance	1,244.00
Tri-Unity Christian School	136.00
Rehoboth Christian School	333.00
International Campus Ministry	237.00
 Total	 \$14,789.00

General Fund behind 12.4%  
Ministry Shares behind 4.4%

## Offering Schedule for June

June 2: AM—General Fund/Ministry Shares;  
PM—Martin Resource Center  
June 9: AM—East Martin Christian School;  
PM—Pine Rest  
June 16: AM—General Fund/Ministry Shares;  
PM—Right to Life Education Fund  
June 23: AM—East Martin Christian School;  
PM—Heritage Christian School  
June 30: AM—Benevolence; PM—Mel Trotter  
Mission

## Library

June 2: Ida Westendorp  
June 9: Rena Lynema  
June 16: Nancy Tuinstra  
June 23: Carolyn VanderMeulen  
June 30: Linda DeYoung

## Greeters

June 2: AM—Earl and Harold Wykstra;  
PM—Dean Wubben  
June 9: AM—Elders; PM—Marcia Bouman  
June 16: AM—Randy and Mary Bouman,  
Don Wubben; PM—Chase and Laura  
DeMaagd  
June 23: AM—Doug and Jeanne DeMann,  
Wayne Leep; Merrie Beth DenBoer  
June 30: AM—Kevin and Joe DeKoekkoer,  
Tom Rook; PM—Libby Dendel

## Ushers

June 2: Glenn Leep, Robert Leep, Stan  
Leep  
June 9: Wayne Leep, Wes Leep, Bruce  
Mejeur  
June 16: Dave Mejeur, Jim Mejeur, Dave  
Misner  
June 23: Tom Rook, Toby Smith, Keith Smit  
June 30: Bruce Tiemeyer, Ryan Tucker,  
Caleb Tuinstra

## Nursery

June 2: Hailey and Kylee Tuinstra  
June 9: Mary Bouman and Addison  
Tuinstra  
June 16: Rebekah Westendorp  
June 23: Jen, Violet and Willow Tuinstra  
June 30: Laura DeMaagd

## Rosalyn Carter's Strawberry Cake

1 yellow cake mix  
3/4 cup cooking oil  
1 cup chopped nuts  
4 eggs  
2 tablespoons of flour  
1—10 ounce package of frozen strawberries  
or 1 pint of fresh berries and 1/2 cup of  
sugar

Mix all ingredients and beat well. Pour into  
an angel food cake pan. Bake at 350  
degrees for 45 minutes. Serve plain or with  
whipped cream.