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# The Echoes



## A View from the Pew

### Making Waves—Intentionally

At some point, most of us have heard the phrase (which goes back a long way historically), “Don’t make waves!” Or maybe we admonished someone ourselves, cautioning another NOT to create trouble/cause a problem. Consider, might the LORD desire us to make waves?

It’s like a boat on a lake, zooming across the water, leaving a wake long after it has passed by. Similarly, after we’ve passed on, the waves that our choices create still impact lives, some not yet born—people we’ll never see. Consider the fact that we continue to benefit (or suffer) from decisions people made in prior generations.

There’s so much more at stake in the options we “exercise” than we can imagine. Our words and actions pass from us to others, especially our children, who will, in turn, pass them on to those they influence, a ripple effect.

Making waves **is** God’s idea, *starting with our children*, to create that wake of revealing Who He is. The whole world needs to know God. “Impress [His words] on your children. Tell about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up” (Deuteronomy 6:7). It becomes as natural as breathing! Proclaiming Who God is and how we are to live is our intended legacy, seen in our homes and on to the lives of those around us, and this spreads like a wake on a lake.

From Old Testament to New, this wave remains. Someone, or more likely multiple “someones” in our past, claimed Him as Savior, and now we belong to the family of God at East Martin Christian Reformed Church. So, El Shaddai, the LORD Almighty, declares “that all of the people of the earth may know that the LORD is God. There is no other!” (1 Kings 8:60)

Whether we realize it or not, we make waves, which directly affect our children, our children’s children, and others, for many years to come. Let’s make God-honoring waves **intentionally** (because it matters). This is His desire for His people and the world! This is the legacy we must leave.

## In Contact With Council



Earl Wykstra opened the Council meeting of April 12 with devotions from the TODAY and prayer.

The minutes of the March 8 meeting were read and approved.

Communications: Membership transfers requested for John and Millie VanDerMeulen, Jason and Kathy Westendorp to Hopkins Community Church in Hopkins and Derek, Mardi and Alex Noorman to Second Reformed Church in Grand Haven. Motion to approve these transfers passed.

Reports:

A. Pulpit Supply list reviewed.

B. Deacons' Report: General Fund receipts of \$8,576.38 leaves us \$4,815.11 short of ideal and Ministry Shares receipts of \$2,162.00 leaves us \$6,830.90 short of ideal. The offering schedule was approved as presented.

C. Education Committee: Libby Dendel would like to start a Bible story reading time for kids who would like to attend after the morning services. Motion to approve passed.

D. Building and Grounds Committee accepted two new members, Kevin Bouman and Bruce Tiemeyer.

Council member visits and calls, 13 reported.

Old Business: Cameron Tuinstra is stepping down as Cadet Counselor. Cameron gave Council a report on the state of the Cadets and suggestions for the future of East Martin Cadets.

New Business: A rep from Sylvia's Place in Allegan will give an update on May 15.

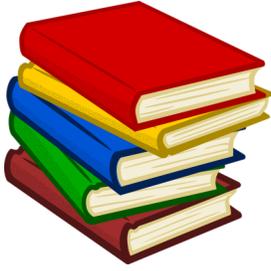
A motion to adjourn passed at 9:12. Doug DeMann closed in prayer. The next meeting will be held May 10.



Wyatt Andrew DeMaagd made his appearance on March 21. He weighed in at 9 pounds 13 ounces and was 22 1/4 inches long. His proud parents are Chase and Laura.

Wyatt has 3 older brothers, Carsen, Everett and Caden who all want to help "until they're done" according to Mom.

Congratulations to Chase and Laura and Wyatt's big brothers.



## Look What's New in the Library

*MALICIOUS INTENT* by Lynn Blackburn (Defend and Protect #2)  
*LOOKING FOR LEROY* by Melody Carlson — Good story—definitely worth reading  
*LUMBERJACK & LADIES* by Various authors — Four short stories  
*ALONG THE RIO GRAND* by Tracie Peterson (Love on the Santa Fe #1)  
*LIFE FLIGHT* by Lynette Eason (Extreme Measures #1)  
*THESE STRANGE ASHES* by Elisabeth Elliot — Is God Still in Charge?  
 This is a deeply personal account of her first year as a missionary  
*ALASKA BRIDES COLLECTION* — five authors write Alaska stories — Good  
*RELATIVE JUSTICE* by Robert Whitlow — Powerful legal drama novel

## Pinewood Derby

Thank you to everyone who came and supported our GEMS and Cadets. What a fun time and a great turnout!

There were 20 participants in the Derby.



The 1st place winner with the fastest car went to Violet Tuinstra. The 2nd place win went to Eden Suk. The 3rd place winner and hot on the tails of the first and second place was Addi Tuinstra.



David DeYoung took Best of Show.

Congratulations!

## Tri-Unity Christian School Wins It All



Tri-Unity Christian won the 2022 basketball state championship. What a fun game which even went into overtime but they hung on for the win. Super proud of these young men. They worked hard for this title.

Congratulations to Trey Rillema and the rest of his team.



## Graduations

Anyone from our church who has or will be graduating during the current school year from 8<sup>th</sup> grade, high school or college, please contact a member of the *ECHOES* staff by the next copy deadline so the graduation information can be listed correctly. If graduating from college, please include your degree.



## Wild Game Dinner

A big thank you to everyone who came out to support EMCS at the Wild Game dinner either through donations or enjoying the feast of great food! We raised a little over \$12,000 that evening for our school.

# Thank You

Thank you for your graciousness and kindness extended to our family during the loss of our father, Thomas Tuinstra.

We appreciate the flowered candle lantern. He loved this church and the fellowship he had with you.

Everyone was so helpful with the send off for our Dad. We sincerely thank you for all your love and support!

Weebe Tuinstra  
Sharon (Keith) Herring  
Sandy (Rich) Ipaman  
Calvin (Karen) Tuinstra

Thank you so much for your expressions of kindness and sympathy during the passing of Betty DeJager. She loved her church family and enjoyed your friendships. Most of all she loved her Lord and Savior and longed to be with Him.

In Christ's love,  
Mary and Randy Bouman  
and family

Thank you so much for partnering with our Wycliffe ministry. We appreciate your prayers and financial support. Thank you for inviting us to share with your congregation about Bible Translation. We enjoyed getting to know you and brunch together.

Joel and Tanya Tiemeyer



## Martin Area Resource Center

When you are grocery shopping in May please remember those who are less fortunate in our community. Martin Area Resource Center needs the following:

Toilet paper, paper towels, napkins, paper plates, female sanitary napkins/tampons, wraps, baggies and foil.

### Springtime Asparagus Medley

1 cup water  
1 1/2 lbs. fresh asparagus, cut into 2" pieces  
2 small tomatoes, cut into wedges  
3 Tbsp cider vinegar  
3/4 tsp Worcestershire sauce  
1/3 cup sugar  
1 Tbsp grated onion  
1/2 tsp salt  
1/2 tsp paprika  
1/3 cup canola oil  
1/3 cup sliced almonds, toasted  
1/3 cup crumbled blue cheese, optional

In a large saucepan, bring water to a boil. Add asparagus. Cover and cook for 3-5 minutes or until crisp—tender. Drain. Add tomatoes. Cover and keep warm.

In a blender combine vinegar, Worcestershire sauce, sugar, onion, salt and paprika. Cover and process until smooth. While processing, gradually add oil in a steady stream. Pour over asparagus mixture and toss to coat.

Place in a serving bowl; sprinkle with almonds and blue cheese. Serve warm. Yield 8-10 servings.



## Tithes and Offerings for March

General Fund	\$ 8,576.38
Ministry Shares	2,162.00
Faith Promise	
Shaarda	260.00
Smit	230.00
Tiemeyer	105.00
Walker	200.00
Guatemala Orphanage	280.00
Memorial Fund	100.00
Guatemala Mission Trip	80.00
East Martin Christian School	985.00
Right to Life Education Fund	568.00
Gideons	75.00
Project Hope	372.00
Martin Resource Center	1,101.00
Don and Nancy Smith	200.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 15,294.38</b>
General Fund	3% ahead
Ministry Shares	19% behind

## Offering Schedule for May

May 1: AM—General Fund and Ministry Shares; PM—World Renew—DRS  
 May 8: AM—East Martin Christian School; PM—Forgotten Man Ministries  
 May 15: AM—General Fund and Ministry Shares; PM—Pine Rest  
 May 22: AM—World Renew—Ukraine; PM—Luke Society  
 May 29: AM—General Fund; PM—Growing Hope Globally

## Greeters

May 1: AM—Doug and Mary VanDerMeulen, Keith Smit; PM—Westendorp family  
 May 8: AM—Ron and Lorraine VandenBerg, Kevin Bouman; PM—Randy and Mary Bouman  
 May 15: AM—Dave and Karen Misner, Earl Wykstra; PM—Bob and Ruth Katje  
 May 22: AM—Nancy Minegar and Pat Fenton, Doug DeMann; PM—Bruce and Joanne Mejeur  
 May 29: AM—Jeanine Katje and Mina Haveman, Dave Misner; PM—Glenn and Nancy Leep

## Ushers

May 1 - Vern Klaasen, Wayne Leep, Tim Westendorp  
 May 8 - Earl Wykstra, Wes Leep, Preston Rillema  
 May 15 - Tom Westendorp, Kevin Bouman, Jared Westendorp  
 May 22 - Dave Misner, Toby Smith, Kevin DeKoekkoek  
 May 29 - Glenn Leep, Bruce Mejeur, Adrian VandenAkker

## Nursery

May 1: Jen, Violet and Willow Tuinstra  
 May 8: Laura DeMaagd  
 May 15: Hailey and Kaylee Tuinstra  
 May 22: Riley and Addison Tuinstra  
 May 29: Rebekah Westendorp

## Library

May 1: Rena Lynema  
 May 8: Nancy Tuinstra  
 May 15: Carolyn VanderMeulen  
 May 22: Linda DeYoung  
 May 29: Ida Westendorp