

**Morning Worship ~ 9:30 AM  
May 3, 2026**

**God Gathers Us into Worship**

Prelude  
\*Call to Worship  
\*Opening Song: CH 215 *When Morning Gilds the Skies*  
\*Prayer  
\*Mutual Greeting

**We Lift Our Voices to God in Worship**

\*Songs of Praise: LUYH 743 *O God, You Are My God*  
CH 591 *Have Thine Own Way, Lord*

Bible Presentation  
Reading of the Law/Christian Living

**We Respond Through Prayer**

Praises and Prayer Concerns  
Congregational Prayer  
Offering *General Fund/Ministry Shares*

**God Speaks to Us through His Word**

Scripture: *Nehemiah 12 (P. 770)*  
Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

Message: **Persevering Together, Dedicating Anew**  
\*Song of Response: CH 589 *Here I Am, Lord*

**God Blesses Us as We Go Forth in Mission**

\*Parting Blessing  
\*Closing Song: LUYH 938 *My Friends, May You Grow In Grace*

\*Please stand if able

**Evening Worship  
6:00 PM**

**God Gathers Us into Worship**

Prelude  
\*Call to Worship  
\*Opening Prayer

**We Lift Our Voices to God in Worship**

\*Opening Songs: CH 492 vs. 1, 2 & 4 *At Calvary*  
CH 354 vs. 1-2 *I Cannot Tell*  
\*Apostles Creed

**We Respond Through Prayer**

\*Song of Prayer CH 488 *Just As I Am*  
Praises and Prayer Concerns  
Congregational Prayer  
Offering *Martin Resource Center*

**God Speaks to Us through His Word**

Scripture: **Matthew 18:21-35 (P. 1527)**  
Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

Message: **Can a Person Be Beyond Forgiveness?**  
\*Song of Response LUYH 638 *Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive*

**God Blesses Us as We Go Forth in Mission**

\*God's Parting Blessing  
\*Closing Song CH 354 v. 3 *I Cannot Tell*

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*Cameron Tuinstra*

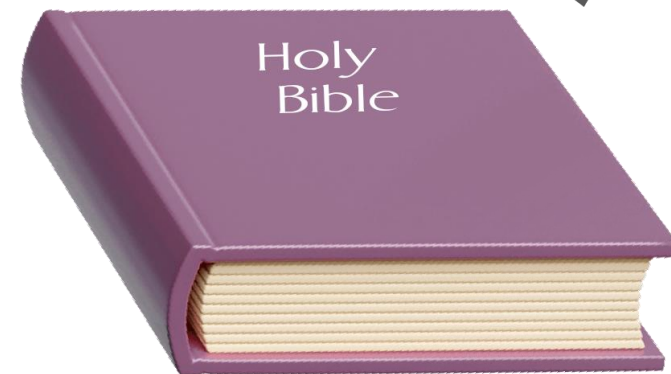
Glenn & Nancy Leep

Bruce Mejeur

Deb Smit

Scott & Jen Tuinstra

# Bible Sunday



## OUR VISION

*Our purpose, having been called by Christ to a life of service, is to glorify God through Biblical worship, strengthening and enriching one another in the Christian life, and sharing Christ's love through word and deed in faithful witness, both within our congregation and outside our fellowship.*

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**COUNCIL MEMBER PRAYER REQUEST**

Please pray for God’s guidance and direction for Dennis DeYoung this week.

**Shaarda Correspondence:** Glenn & Nancy Leep

**OFFERINGS**

**Today** AM: General Fund/Ministry Shares  
PM: Martin Resource Center

**Next Week** AM: East Martin Christian School  
PM: Mel Trotter Ministries

**GREETERS**

**Today** AM: Dave & Jean Mejeur, Dennis DeYoung  
PM: Les & Rena Lynema

**Next Week** AM: Jim & Cindy Mejeur, Vern Klaasen  
PM: Tim & Terri Miller

**LIBRARY**

**Today** Rena Lynema  
**Next Week** Nancy Tuinstra

**NURSERY**

**Today** Jessica Tucker  
**Next Week** Rebekah Westendorp

**USHERS**

**Today** Dean VanderMeulen, Luke Watson, Seth Watson  
**Next Week** Tom Westendorp, Bruce Aukema, Randy Bouman

**NEXT LORD’S SUPPER:** June 14

**OUR WEEK** May 3, 2026

**Sunday** 8:00 AM Prayer Group  
10:30 AM Fellowship Coffee  
7:30 PM Her True North  
**Tuesday** 7:00 PM Outreach Committee  
**Wednesday** 7:00 PM Men’s Bible Study

**Responsive Reading of the Law**

Leader: Blessed are all who fear the Lord, who walk in his ways.

**People: Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.**

Leader: Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who finds great delight in his commands!

**People: Direct me in the path of your commands, for there I find delight.**

Leader: And God spoke all these words:

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

You shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol. You shall not bow down to them or worship them.

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

**People: Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.**

Leader: Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

You shall not covet.

**People: If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared.**

Today we celebrate with our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders Spencer Tucker and Everett DeMaagd as they receive their Bibles from the church. May they let it be a light and lamp as they continue to grow in their relationship with their Lord.

There will be a congregational meeting following this morning's service. We will be electing new council members, approving a budget, and voting to call Pastor Joel as a Commissioned Pastor. Elder nominees: Randy Bouman, Glenn Leep, Les Lynema, Dave Mejeur, Keith Smit. We will elect 2. Retiring are Wayne Leep and Don Wubben. Deacon nominees: Chase DeMaagd, Tim Miller, Ryan Tucker, Scott Tuinstra, Seth Watson. We will elect 2. Retiring are Tim Westendorp and Dean Wubben. There is a proposed budget in your mailbox.

A kind reminder that due to the severe airborne allergy to oranges of one of our members, we ask that nothing orange flavored or scented (including gum, candy, beverages – including Mountain Dew – and orange scents) be brought into the church. Thank you for showing Christian love in this way.

GEMS Prayer Partners: Thank you to all of the GEMS Prayer Partners for writing to and praying for the girls throughout the School year. Please pray about it and let Amy know if you are willing to continue being a part of this ministry. Also, we anticipate new girls joining GEMS in the fall and we are looking for new ladies to step up to write a monthly note and to pray for a GEMS girl. If you are interested, please see Amy.

We have an opportunity to bless two of our Church families by providing meals. To provide a meal, visit the Take Them a Meal site. For Nick & Courtnie Shealy and family enter: Shealy with password 1044. And for Steve & Sara Heffron and family enter: Heffron with password 4185.

Young @ Heart will meet on Thursday, May 21. Please come at 11:30 a.m. for fellowship, lunch will be served at noon. Please sign the list in the narthex if you plan to come.

We are thinking of doing a VBS for the daycare kids at East Martin Christian this summer, and we are in need of volunteers! There is a sign-up sheet in the back for anyone who is interested in helping.

East Martin Christian School invites you to "Donate While You Dine" at Culver's in Otsego on Monday, May 4, from 5-8 p.m. A percentage of the sales raised during those hours will go towards EMCS. We'd love to have you join us and support our school.

East Martin Christian School is hiring a full-time elementary teacher for the 2026-27 school year. The full job description can be found <https://eastmartin.org/job-opportunities/> Please email application materials or direct inquiries to Mr. Jim Greydanus, Administrator, at [jgreydanus@eastmartin.org](mailto:jgreydanus@eastmartin.org) by May 11.

East Martin Christian School is seeking candidates to cover a maternity leave in combined grades 1-2 to begin the 2026-2027 school year. The positional need is for the first 12 weeks of the school year, starting in late August. Interested candidates should send an email of interest and resume to Jim Greydanus, Administrator, at [jgreydanus@eastmartin.org](mailto:jgreydanus@eastmartin.org).

The annual East Martin Christian School Golf Outing is Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, at Mullenhurst Golf Course in Delton. The day includes 18 holes of golf, a shirt, Chick-fil-A lunch, and a chance at prizes. The 4 person scramble begins at 8 a.m. If you are interested in playing or sponsoring this event, please call/text Kelvin DeVries at (616) 481-3872.

Spring Work Week at SON-Life Camp & Retreat Center – May 11-15, 2026. Come out and help us get ready for another amazing summer of ministry! We're looking for anyone willing to serve for a few hours or for the week! Fellowship with others, do some projects and camp for free! Be sure to contact us to let us know you will be joining us. Call the office at 269-792-2081 or email us at [office@son-lifecamp.org](mailto:office@son-lifecamp.org).

Summerfest: SON-Life Camp & Retreat Center will be holding their annual SUMMERFEST Family Fun Day & Auction on Saturday, June 6, 2026. We are currently looking for donations for the fundraising auction. We would love to include your baked goods, home-made items, business items or services. Non-perishable items may be dropped off at the SON-Life Camp office. Baked goods should be brought on the day of the event. Please contact the camp office at 269-792-2081 or email: [office@son-life.org](mailto:office@son-life.org) with questions and let us know if we can help!

Red Cross Blood Drive is Friday, May 8 from 12:00-5:45 pm at Dorr Christian Reformed Church. 4220 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Dorr. To schedule an appointment visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) (sponsor code: Dorrchurch) or call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Give blood between May 1-17 and get a \$20.00 eGift card, thanks to Amazon!

**Sermon Series:** The Book of Nehemiah

**Sermon Recap:** Nehemiah 11 emphasizes that true revival is proven in persevering obedience, as God sovereignly places His people in specific roles and seasons for His purposes. Just as the Israelites were called to relocate, serve, and sustain the life of Jerusalem, every believer is called to faithfully “bloom where planted,” embracing both comfort and change as part of God’s work in building His church. The chapter highlights that each person’s role matters in the body, and that growth, though often uncomfortable, is God’s means of shaping His people to serve one another and advance His kingdom.

**Sermon Title:** Persevering Together, Dedicating Anew

**Sermon Text:** Nehemiah 12

**Sermon Outline:**

I. Remember the Faithful (vv. 1–26)

II. Rejoice in God’s Work (vv. 27–43)

III. Renew Your Commitment (vv. 44–47)

**Sermon Title:** Can a Person Be Beyond Forgiveness?

**Sermon Text:** Matthew 18:21-35

**Sermon Outline:**

I. We Are Not Forgiving If We Are Still Counting (vv. 21–22)

II. We Are Motivated to Forgive By How Much We Have Been Forgiven (vv. 23-27)

III. We Are Not Reflecting the Evidence of Being Truly Forgiven When We Do Not Forgive (30-35)