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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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Today we will be hosting the combined evening Lenten service.

The Spring Break Serve Team will meet this morning after the service to discuss the final details of the trip. All those going and their parents are encouraged to attend.

Everyone is welcomed to a luncheon in the church basement after this morning's service about 11-11:15 am. Please come eat and fellowship together!

Ladies Evening Bible Study: We meet this Monday, March 9th at 6:30 pm.

We have an opportunity to bless two of our Church families by providing meals. If you are interested in bringing 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.

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.

We will be sending goodie boxes to our military personnel and college kids who live away from home. We will need approximately 9-10 dozen cookies. If you can help out it would be appreciated. Please sign on the sheet in the narthex if you can help. If you don't want to bake you can purchase something store-bought like chocolates or Kind bars/Larabars or something similar. We will pack the cookies on Tuesday, March 24, at 10 am so please have your cookies here either Sunday, March 22, or Monday, March 23.

We are seeking a reliable PowerPoint/Media Tech to prepare and run slides during weekly services. Hands-on training will be provided during live services. Some experience with either PowerPoint or Google Slides is preferred. This is a paid position and a great opportunity to support worship through technology in a meaningful way. Reach out to Sara or a member of the worship committee if you are interested.

You are invited to join the Cadets and GEMS at East Martin Christian School gym on Wednesday, March 18 for their Pinewood Derby. There will be a fundraiser dinner at 5:00. Cars must be weighed in by 5:45 and the race begins at 6:00. Come cheer on the kids and enjoy a time of fellowship.

Thank you to those who have already provided a meal for the youth group. There is a signup sheet if you would like to provide a, upcoming meal.

Our GEMS leaders are planning for next year. Do you have a skill or talent that you could teach the GEMS girls in an hour? Please see Amy Kalkman, if you are interested in teaching a craft/concept to the GEMS girls.

East Martin Christian School invites you to come and explore our school on Thursday, March 19, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. This is an opportunity for families to tour the school, meet the teachers, and see how we are helping students grow spiritually and excel academically. We also invite homeschool families to discover and ask questions about our homeschool partnership. We hope to see you there!

SON-Life Camp Staff Needed!! SON-Life Camp is now hiring paid staff for our upcoming summer camp season. If you love working with kids and want to serve Christ in a fun, faith-filled environment, visit www.son-lifecamp.org.

Christian Neighbors host various opportunities for people to learn different techniques to help them maintain a healthy life and make wise budgeting choices. They could especially use some gardeners at this time, but if you enjoy helping others learn things that will help them cook, budget or other such subjects, or if you would like to learn from others who are sharing their gifts, contact Sharon at Christian Neighbors for more information.

Dr. Alan Strange, President of Mid-America Reformed Seminary, will be offering a free evening class series in March of this year on *The Christian and Politics*, held Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:00 PM (CT). He will address important questions about Christian political engagement, the spirituality of the church, Christian nationalism, and our callings as both church members and citizens. You may attend in person (registration is still open) or watch via livestream on our Facebook and YouTube feeds (no registration required for livestreaming!). Please mark your calendars for Thursday evenings in March! Visit our website at www.midamerica.edu for information and in person details.

Martin Township invites the community to come to an Open House at the Township Hall on March 16th from 4:00-6:00 pm. They would like your input and ideas about a Township Park for layout design and what you may want to see in a park.

COUNCIL MEMBER PRAYER REQUEST

Please pray for God's guidance and direction for the Elders this week.

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OFFERINGS

Today AM: East Martin Christian School
PM: International Campus Ministries

Next Week AM: General Fund/Ministry Shares
PM: @ MRC

GREETERS

Today AM: Elders
PM: Rebekah Westendorp, Thomas Westendorp

Next Week AM: Seth & Keri Watson
PM: @ MRC

LIBRARY

Today Linda DeYoung
Next Week Ida Westendorp

NURSERY

Today Jen, Violet and Willow Tuinstra
Next Week Laura DeMaagd

USHERS

Today Luke Watson, Seth Watson, Thomas Westendorp
Next Week Bruce Aukema, Randy Bouman, Joe DeKoekkoek

NEXT LORD'S SUPPER: June 14

	<u>OUR WEEK</u>	March 8, 2026
<u>Sunday</u>	8:00 AM	Prayer Group
	10:30 AM	Fellowship Coffee Sunday School
	7:30 PM	Youth Group
<u>Monday</u>	6:30 PM	Ladies Bible Study
<u>Tuesday</u>	7:00 PM	Council
<u>Wednesday</u>	9:45 AM	Coffee Break

The Lord's Supper

Leader: We thank you, our Lord, for the hope this meal gives us, that Jesus will return as triumphant King, that the dead will be raised, and that all people will stand before his judgment. We face that day without fear, for you, our Judge, and our Savior. May our daily lives of service aim for the moment when the Son will present his people to the Father and God will be shown to be true, holy, and gracious.

People: With the whole creation we wait for the purifying fire of judgment. For then we will see you face to face. You will heal our hurts, end our wars, and make the crooked straight. Then we will join in the new song to the Lamb without blemish, who made us a kingdom and priests. You, our God, will be all in all, righteousness and peace will flourish, everything will be made new, and every eye will see at last that our world belongs to God! Hallelujah! Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

Prayer (Unison)

With joy we praise you, gracious Father, for you have created heaven and earth, made us in your image, and kept covenant with us— even when we fell into sin. We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord, by whose grace we may triumph over temptation, be more fervent in prayer, and be more generous in love. Therefore we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.

The Words of Institution:

Leader: We give thanks to God the Father that our Savior, Jesus Christ, before he suffered, gave us this memorial of his sacrifice, until he comes again. At his last supper, the Lord Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it [here the minister breaks the bread] and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, he took the cup after supper [here the minister pours the wine] and said, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this in remembrance of me." For whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes (1 Corinthians 11:23-26). Therefore we proclaim our faith as signed and sealed in this sacrament:

People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Leader: Prayer of Consecration

ALL: The Lord's Prayer

Lenten Worship
March 8, 2026
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 605 *Living for Jesus*
CH 592 *Jesus Calls Us*
*Apostles Creed

We Respond Through Prayer

*Song of Prayer CH 591 *Have Thine Own Way, Lord*
Praises and Prayer Concerns
Congregational Prayer
Offering International Campus Ministries

God Speaks to Us through His Word

Song of Preparation LYUH 755 *Speak O Lord*
Scripture: **Luke 14:25–35** (P. 1623)
Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message: **All to Jesus I Surrender**
*Song of Response CH 596 vs. 1-3 *I Surrender All*

God Blesses Us as We Go Forth in Mission

*God's Parting Blessing
*Closing Song CH 596 v. 4 *I Surrender All*

Sermon Title: All to Jesus I Surrender
Sermon Text: Luke 14:25–35
Pastor Matt Hendricks

Sermon Outline:

I. Am I first in your life? (vs. 25-26)

II. Will you follow me to the grave? (v. 27)

III. Are you ready to be my disciple? (vs. 28-35)