



# The Echoes

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## A View from the Pew

### VICTORY

Two things in Jesus crucifixion I want to focus on for just a few minutes. Jesus took all my sins and yours to Calvary's cross. He bore the full weight of the Father's wrath and punishment, none of which was for His sins, since He was the perfect spotless lamb of God. When He cried "it is finished" on that cross, He indicated the sacrifice for our sins was now complete, and the Father Himself showed His satisfaction with the work by tearing the curtain in the temple separating the Holy of Holies, in half from top to bottom. Because of Christ's sacrifice those of us who receive salvation now may "approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need." Hebrews 4:16.



The second indication Jesus' work was complete and the Father was satisfied was "Resurrection Morning". The Father raised Jesus on Easter morning showing us we never have to doubt our salvation is complete, and victory is won! Now we can look forward with gleeful anticipation to joining Jesus in Heaven someday, if we have believed in His saving, sacrificial death on the cross to save us from our sins.

**Hallelujah! What a Savior!**

### In Contact With Council



1. The Council meeting of March 11 was opened with devotions and prayer by Dean Wubben. Dean read Matt 11:25-30.
2. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.
3. Pulpit supply is covered through May 19.
4. Deacons' report: The offering schedule was made, supported and passed. The budget was reviewed. The General Fund is behind 8.82%; Ministry Shares is ahead 4.5%.

5. Education Committee: Reviewed next year's materials. Our GEMS have 15 girls and the Cadets have 7 boys. The Pinewood Derby is coming up.
6. Five Council visits were made.
7. A motion was made, supported and passed to have Congregational Meeting on May 19.
8. A host is needed for Pastor Ted Gray from Mid-America Seminary for April 28. He is preaching in the morning and evening.
9. A motion to adjourn was made, supported and passed. Wayne Leep closed with prayer and has devotions next month.

## The Pinewood Derby

The East Martin Cadets and GEMS held their annual Pinewood Derby on the evening of March 20. With 18 participants involved it was a fun event for the kids and onlookers alike. Many of the kids were very thoughtful and creative while designing their cars. Some of the designs included cars made to look like: a wedge of cheese, a beautiful flower box, an army tank, Big Ben and an ice cream sandwich. But the winner of best in show for the night went to Emily Kalkman for her car that looked like a pink marshmallow peep.

And while some kids worked hard to earn the best in show trophy, there were others who wanted their car to be aesthetically pleasing and the fastest. Brianna Timmer received 4th place with her Coffee car. Mani Smit received 3rd place for his Tesla shaped car. Ariana Leo's took second place with her sleek wedge design, adorned with a beautiful rainbow paint scheme. First place was awarded to Kevin Suk with his flat and thin, but very glossy, black car donning the name "The Beast".





Thanks to everyone who showed up to participate and enjoy the evening, and thanks be to God for our fun GEMS and Cadet clubs!



### Check Out What's New in Our Library

WHAT A WAVE MUST BE—ANGEL HUNT  
 CAPTURING HOPE—ANGELA K COUCH  
 (Heroines of WWII)  
 THE WARSAW SISTERS—AMANDA  
 BARRATT (WWII POLAND)  
 ALL MY KNOTTED-UP LIFE—BETH MOORE  
 (Memoir)  
 ROCKY MOUNTAIN PROMISE—MISTY M.  
 BELLER (Sisters of the Rockies #2)  
 FATAL WITNESS—PATRICIA BRADLEY  
 (Pearl River #2)  
 GRADITUDE—NEAL PLANTINGA  
 COLD THREAT—NANCY MEHL (Ryland +St.  
 Clair #2)  
 IF THE BOOT FITS—KATEN WITEMEYER  
 (Texas Ever After #2)  
 EASTER ROBIN—DANDI MACKALL (An  
 Easter Story of Compassion and Faith).  
 Primary  
 A SEASON of HARVEST—LAURINE  
 SNELLING (Leah's Garden #4)

Thank  
You

Les and Rena Lynema and family would like to thank you for your thoughts and prayers. Please continue to pray for the next step in this journey.

A sincere thanks to all those who provided cookies, trail mx, microwave popcorn, cracker packs, Kind bars, candy bars and chocolates for our college kids who live away from home, military personnel and to our college kids living at home as well as our single, recent high school grads.

### 3 Ingredient Lemon Pie

2 cans of sweetened condensed milk  
 3/4 cup fresh lemon juice plus 2 tsp lemon peel  
 2 eggs beaten

Mix all ingredients well. Pour into a 9" Graham cracker crust and bake for 20 minutes at 350 degrees.



SO GOD *raised him up* to the most important place and gave him the name that is *greater than ANY OTHER NAME*.  
 Philippians 2:9 ERV

REJOICE as we *celebrate* the  
 RISEN SAVIOR!  
 Have a blessed Easter.

## Greeters

April 7: AM—Nancy Minegar, Pat Fenton, Wayne Leep; PM—Bruce and Sue Tiemeyer  
 April 14: AM—Tom Rook, Dave Mejeur; PM—Ryan and Jessica Tucker  
 April 21: AM—Jim and Cindy Mejeur, Tom Rook; PM—Bill and Bonnie Snook  
 April 28: AM—Don and Nancy Smith, Keith Smit; PM—Cameron and Kristie Tuinstra



## February Tithes and Offerings

## Ushers

See the church bulletin

## Nursery

April 7: Rebekah Westendorp  
 April 14: Jen, Violet and Willow Tuinstra  
 April 21: Laura DeMaagd  
 April 28: Hailey and Kylee Tuinstra

## Library

April 7: Ida Westendorp  
 April 14: Rena Lynema  
 April 21: Linda DeYoung  
 April 28: Ida Westendorp

General Fund	\$ 6,760.70
Ministry Shares	2,280.00
Faith Promise	
East Martin Missions	20.00
Shaarda	310.00
Smit	260.00
Tiemeyer	60.00
Walker	80.00
Guatemala Orphanage	70.00
East Martin Christian School	25.00
Education Assistance	2,404.00
Senior High Youth Group	25.00
Pine Rest Christian Services	265.00
Son-Life Camp	417.00
Gideons	585.00
Total	\$13,561.70

General Fund behind	8.82%
Ministry Shares ahead	4.51%



## Martin Area Resource Center

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

pasta/rice; pasta sauces; hamburger helper; mac and cheese; stuffings, boxed foods and meals

## Offering Schedule for April

April 7: AM—General Fund and Ministry Shares; PM—Tri-Unity Christian School

April 14: AM—East Martin Christian School; PM—International Campus Ministries (WMU)

April 21: AM—General Fund and Ministry Shares; PM—Rehoboth Christian School

April 28: AM—East Martin Christian School—Tuition Assistance; PM—East Martin Missions