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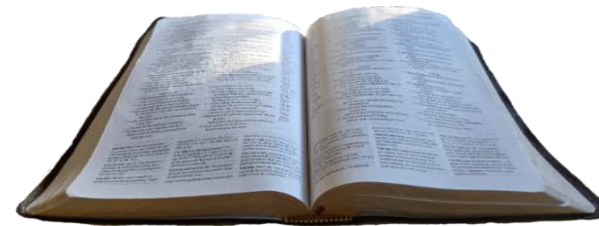
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*Come!
Let us
worship
together,
in spirit and truth!*



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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We will be hosting today's combined evening Lenten service.

The Spring Break Serve Trip team will meet this morning after the service.

All articles for the *Echoes* are due today.

Cookie Bakers: If you would like to bake cookies or bars this week for the Serve Trip there is a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

Next Sunday evening, March 29, we will be hosting the combined Lenten service with the additional bonus of being blessed by the ministry of the Singing Crusader men's choir. We will need to provide snacks for the choir before the service and it would be nice if we could also provide cookies for after the service for a time of fellowship. There is a sign-up list in the narthex. If you have any questions ask Libby.

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 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 & Courtne 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 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.

Thank you to those who have already provided a meal for the youth group. There is a sign-up 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.

Please join East Martin Christian School as they celebrate America's 250th birthday with a patriotic-themed Spring concert. The concert will be held on March 26 at 6:30 p.m. at East Martin CRC.

The annual East Martin Christian School Golf Outing is Saturday, June 20th, 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.

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.

COUNCIL MEMBER PRAYER REQUEST

Please pray for God's guidance and direction for Tim Westendorp this week.

Shaarda Correspondence: Rena Lynema

OFFERINGS

Today AM: East Martin Missions
PM: Bible League

Next Week AM: East Martin Christian School
PM: Reach the Forgotten

GREETERS

Today AM: Chase & Laura DeMaagd, Tim Westendorp
PM: Bruce & Renee Aukema

Next Week AM: Randy & Mary Bouman, Dean Wubben
PM: Libby Dendel

LIBRARY

Today Rena Lynema
Next Week Linda DeYoung

NURSERY

Today Riley and Addison Tuinstra
Next Week Jessica Tucker

USHERS

Today Kevin DeKoekkoek, Chase DeMaagd, Dave DeYoung
Next Week Jacob DeYoung, Joel DeYoung, Levi DeYoung

NEXT LORD'S SUPPER: June 14

	<u>OUR WEEK</u>	March 22, 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
	7:00 PM	Education Committee
<u>Tuesday</u>	7:00 PM	Elders
<u>Wednesday</u>	9:45 AM	Coffee Break

Reading of God's Law as Summarized in Matt. 22:37-40 The Word Leads Us to Confess and Rest in Grace

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul. (Psalm 19:7)

People: The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart. (Psalm 19:8)

Leader: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart.

People: Teach us, O Lord, the way of Your statutes. (Psalm 119:33)

Leader: If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, who could stand? (Psalm 130:3)

People: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your steadfast love. (Psalm 51:1)

Leader: Create in us a clean heart, O God. (Psalm 51:10)

People: And renew a right spirit within us. (Psalm 51:10)

Leader: But with You there is forgiveness, that You may be feared. (Psalm 130:4)

People: Bless the Lord, O my soul, who forgives all your iniquity. (Psalm 103:2-3)

Leader: Let us walk in the way of the Lord.

People: Your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. (Psalm 119:105)

All: We will delight in Your Word and walk in Your ways. Amen.

Prayer of God's Pardon (Unison)

Merciful God, You do not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. As far as the east is from the west, so far have You removed our transgressions from us. Through Jesus Christ, You have blotted out our sins and called us Your own. Cleanse our hearts, renew our spirits, and restore to us the joy of Your salvation. Let us walk in the freedom of Your forgiveness and in the light of Your Word, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lenten Worship

March 22, 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 310 *Lead Me to Calvary*
CH 305 *Jesus Paid It All*
*Apostles Creed

We Respond Through Prayer

*Song of Prayer CH 311 *Hallelujah, What a Savior!*
Praises and Prayer Concerns
Congregational Prayer
Offering International Campus Ministries

God Speaks to Us through His Word

Scripture: **Luke 19:11–28** (P. 1631)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message: **Don't Bury It; Use It!**

*Song of Response CH 674 vs. 1-3 *Who is on the Lord's Side?*

God Blesses Us as We Go Forth in Mission

*God's Parting Blessing
*Closing Song CH 674 v. 4 *Who is on the Lord's Side?*

Sermon Title: Don't Bury It; Use It!

Sermon Text: Luke 19:11–28

Pastor Matt Hendricks

Sermon Outline:

I. Reasoning Behind the Parable

II. Explaining the Parable

III. Applying the Parable