

**Morning Worship ~ 9:30 AM
April 12, 2026**

God Gathers Us into Worship

Prelude
*Call to Worship
*Opening Song: CH 372 *Our God Reigns*
*Prayer
*Mutual Greeting

We Lift Our Voices to God in Worship

*Songs of Praise: CH 338 *Wonderful Grace of Jesus*
CH 353 *Victory in Jesus*
Reading of the Law/Christian Living

We Respond Through Prayer

Praises and Prayer Concerns
Congregational Prayer
Offering *East Martin Christian School*

God Speaks to Us through His Word

Scripture: **John 11:1-44** (P. 1668)
Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Message: **A Walk to the Grave**
*Song of Response: LUYH 770 *In Christ Alone*

God Blesses Us as We Go Forth in Mission

*Parting Blessing
*Closing Song: CH 366 v. 1 *I Live*

*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 388 *Spirit of the Living God*
CH 434 vs. 1-3 *Revive Us Again*
*Apostles Creed

We Respond Through Prayer

*Song of Prayer CH 393 *Breathe on Me Breath of God*
Praises and Prayer Concerns
Congregational Prayer
Offering *Martin Resource Center*

God Speaks to Us through His Word

Scripture: **Ezekiel 37:1-14** (P. 1345)
Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Message: **God Loves Cemeteries**
*Song of Response CH 718 *Day by Day*

God Blesses Us as We Go Forth in Mission

*God's Parting Blessing
*Closing Song: CH 434 v. 4 *Revive Us Again*

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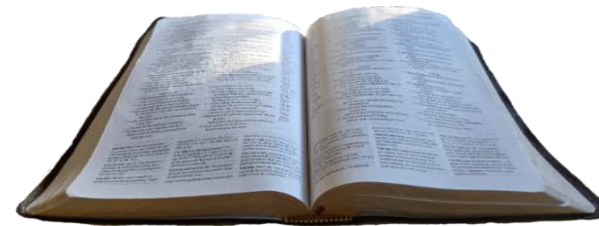
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*Come!
Let us
worship
together,
in spirit and truth!*



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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**Today we welcome
Dave & Wilma Persenaire
into membership
at
East Martin
Christian Reformed Church**

**We praise God for blessing our church family
with this delightful couple.**

Announcements

Today we welcome Bruce Persenaire who will lead us in worship.

We wish Bonnie Snook a happy birthday as she celebrates her 88th birthday today! We pray that God blesses her in the coming year.

Ladies Evening Bible Study: We meet Monday, April 13th at 6:30 pm.

All articles for the *Echoes* are due this week.

CoffeeBreak will meet this Wednesday and then we will be finished until their start up in September. Take note please, because this is different than what was originally scheduled. Any questions, please talk to Deb Smit, or Denise Leep.

Many thanks to Scott & Jen Tuinstra for blessing the church family with a delicious Easter breakfast.

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.

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.

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.

East Martin Christian School is hiring an Administrator/Teacher for the 2026-27 school year. This individual will provide day-to-day administrative oversight while also leading our Educational Support Services (ESS) or teaching assigned classes. The full job description can be found at <http://eastmartin.org/job-opportunities/> Please email application materials or direct inquiries to Mr. Jim Greydanus, Administrator at jgreydanus@eastmartin.org by April 15.

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 Harold Wykstra this week.

Shaarda Correspondence: Scott & Jen Tuinstra

OFFERINGS

Today AM: East Martin Christian School
PM: Martin Resource Center

Next Week AM: General Fund/Ministry Shares
PM: Pine Rest

GREETERS

Today AM: Joe DeKoekkoek, Harold Wykstra
PM: Kenlee Funk

Next Week AM: Steve & Sara Heffron, Kevin Bouman
PM: Glenn & Nancy Leep

LIBRARY

Today Rena Lynema

Next Week Linda DeYoung

NURSERY

Today Jen, Violet, and Willow Tuinstra

Next Week Laura DeMaagd

USHERS

Today Dave Mejeur, Justin Rillema, Scott Rillema

Next Week Tom Rook, Keith Smit, Don Smith

NEXT LORD'S SUPPER: June 14

	<u>OUR WEEK</u>	April 12, 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	Women's Bible Study
<u>Tuesday</u>	7:00 PM	Council
<u>Wednesday</u>	9:45 AM	Coffee Break
	6:00 PM	GEMS/Cadets
	7:00 PM	Men's Bible Study

Reading of God's Law as Summarized in Matt. 22:37-40

Leader: What is the great and first commandment?

People: Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.

Leader: What is the second commandment like it?

People: Love your neighbor as yourself.

Leader: What does this mean?

People: Love is the fulfilling of the law.

Leader: To what does this call us?

People: To a life of faith working through love.

Prayer of Confession: (A Puritan Prayer: Yet I Sin) (Unison)

Eternal Father,

Thou art good beyond all thought,

But I am vile, wretched, miserable, blind;

My lips are ready to confess, but my heart is slow to feel, and my ways reluctant to amend.

I bring my soul to Thee; break it, wound it, bend it, mold it.

Unmask to me sin's deformity, that I may hate it, abhor it, flee from it.

Grant me to know that the way of transgressors is hard, that evil paths are wretched paths, that to depart from Thee is to lose all good.

I have seen the purity and beauty of Thy perfect law, the happiness of those in whose heart it reigns, the calm dignity of the walk to which it calls, yet I daily violate and contemn its precepts.

Thy loving Spirit strives within me, brings me Scripture warnings, speaks in startling providences, allures by secret whispers, yet I choose devices and desires to my own hurt, impiously resent, grieve, and provoke Him to abandon me.

All these sins I mourn, lament, and for them cry pardon.

Work in me more profound and abiding repentance;

Give me the fullness of a godly grief that trembles and fears, yet ever trusts and loves, which is ever powerful, and ever confident;

Grant that through the tears of repentance I may see more clearly the brightness and glories of the saving cross.

Sermon Title: A Walk to the Grave

Sermon Text: John 11:1-44

Sermon Title: God Loves Cemeteries

Sermon Text: Ezekiel 37:1-14