

**GREETERS: North Door**

**South Door**

**April 9** Bonnie Veddler Butch & Mary Lou Karsten  
**April 14** Dale & Bev Taylor James & Lizelle Bazuin  
**April 16** Kasey & Mary Rees Steve & Sue Meeuwenberg  
**April 23** Ruth Bazuin Mary Dracht  
**April 30** C.J. & Sara Bruno Curt & Becky Wemple

**NURSERY:**

**April 9** Sheri Fiet, Karen Oeverman, Addean Oeverman  
Becky Wemple, Melissa Oeverman, Kari VanPolen

**April 14** Carrie Thompson, Tami Eisenga, Leah Thompson

**April 16** Kaylie Hiller, Lindsay Beerens, Chloe Philo  
Diane Eisenga, Sherry Jackson, Andrew Eisenga

**April 23** Bev Taylor, Ruth Kulhawick, Joey Kulhawick  
Lizelle Bazuin, Christina Dodde, Caitlin Dodde

**April 30** Sue Cook, Linda Ellens, Grace VanHaitsma  
Maggie Southwick, Donna Veddler, Cambria Ouwinga

**CHILDREN IN WORSHIP -- LITTLE LAMBS**

**April 9** Sue Cook, Kari VanPolen-Kaylie Hiller, Miranda Dykhouse

**April 16** No Children in Worship or Little Lambs

**April 23** Al Thomas, Greg Tossey-Lacy Veddler, Laura Swiler

**April 30** DaNay Tossey, Tucker Tossey-Becky Wiinikainen, Tana VanPolen

**SOUND SYSTEM, VIDEO, POWERPOINT:**

**April 9** **9:30 AM:** Cary Sikkema, Dan Ouwinga, Kendra VanPolen  
**6:00 PM:** No Service

**April 14** **7:00 PM:** Matt Thompson, Cary Sikkema, Al Fox

**April 16** **9:30 AM:** Cary Sikkema, Roger Hagerman, Tami Eisenga  
**6:00 PM:** No Service

**April 23** **9:30 AM:** Matt Thompson, Dan Ouwinga, Julie VanHaitsma  
**6:00 PM:** No Service

**April 30** **9:30 AM:** Cary Sikkema, Deb Eisenga, Kendra VanPolen  
**6:00 PM:** No Service

**APRIL USHERS:** Jonathan Ouwinga, Dave VanHaitsma, Marlin Venema, Ed Dracht

**APRIL OFFERINGS:** 9<sup>th</sup> New Building, 16<sup>th</sup> J&M Shaarda, 23<sup>rd</sup> Home Miss. 30<sup>th</sup> F.M.

**MAY USHERS:** Greg Hesselink, Tim Bode, Jon Dracht, Don Ellens

***Note:*** *If you are unable to make it on your Sunday, please find your own replacement or call the office for assistance.*

# Palm Sunday

**MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE – 9:30 AM**  
**Highland Christian Reformed Church**  
**April 9, 2017**  
*Please welcome Pastor Dan Steen, this morning.*

Prelude

“Come as You Are”

Sixth Sunday of Lent Reading

“You Are My All in All”

Welcome and Invitation to Worship

“Jesus Draw Me Ever Nearer”

Congregational Prayer

Children’s Message

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Scripture: Luke 19: 28-44

Sermon: **Why Does Jesus Cry on Palm Sunday?**

Offerings: “Forgiven”

1st - General Fund; 2nd –New Building

Blessing

“Cornerstone”

Postlude

**Church morning program:** *Children are welcome to attend Children’s Church (Preschool and Kindergarten) and Little Lambs (3-4 yrs. non-pre-school) programs. They leave the sanctuary and go down the NORTH stairs to the basement. You may pick them up there*

*after the morning service.*

**Fellowship:** *Everyone is invited to refreshments and fellowship following the morning service in the Fellowship Hall.*

**There is NO Evening Service  
at Highland CRC tonight**

<u>2017 Council</u>				825-2171 Church
Exec. Board - *		Pastor – call your Elder		
<u>ELDERS</u>			<u>DEACONS</u>	
Bob Lee - Pres.*	743-6794	District #1, A-C	Denny Curtis	499-2431
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Gary Vana - Clerk*	942-4363	District #3, F-L	Paul Rivera - Sec.*	825-2911
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Scott VanPolen	825-8323	District #5, P-T	James Bazuin - V. Treas*	825-9722
Don Eisenga	825-2828	District #6, V-Z	Aaron Koetje	631-9809

**Ministry Team Leaders:**

- Outreach Team (Jodi DeHate)
- Care & Share Team (Bev Taylor)
- Prayer Team (Sandy Rice)
- Education Team (Laura Hesselink)
- Service Team (Julie Dorman)
- Worship Team (Hilda Cruz)
- Facilities Team (Rick Dorman)

**OFFICE HOURS: April 9-15**

*Tuesday-Friday 8:30-2:30*

*Monday-off*

*Bonnie Fox 231-878-6424*

**Pastoral Support**

*Pastor Rod Kamrath 231 839-0108*

## ***Congregational Prayers:***

Pearl Koetje slipped and fell this past week. Please pray for her recovery.

Loretta and Dan Swiler appreciate all of your prayers and kindnesses to them. Please continue to pray for them and their family.

Esther Bode appreciates the prayers on her behalf, as well as the cards and meals sent to her and her family. Please pray for her as she goes through her treatment.

Please keep Anna VanPolen in your prayers, as she continues to undergo treatment for cancer.

Please continue to keep Bev and Dale Taylor and Family, Paris Philo and Family, Greg Tossey, Landa VanPolen, Karen Oeverman, Bonnie Veddler, Carol Niver, Vicki Mosher, and Dave Westmaas in your prayers.

**“What you are is God’s gift to you, what you become is your gift to God.” Hans Urs von Balthasar, Prayer**

### **OUR CHURCH WEEK: April 9-15**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>9:15 AM</b>	Prayer Meeting in the Prayer Room
	<b>9:30 AM</b>	Morning Worship Service
	<b>6:00 PM</b>	Sunday Evening Bible Study Fellowship
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	Bible Study
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	Prayer Fellowship
	<b>7:00 PM</b>	Good Friday Drama Practice
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	Good Friday Service

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Sunday school:** There will be no Sunday school due to the pastoral candidate meeting.

**Catechism:** There will be no catechism due to the pastoral candidate meeting.

**Strong Tower tonight:** Please come, and bring a friend, for a great time.

**Tuesday AM Bible Study** will meet this Tuesday, April 11th at 9:30 am.

**On this special day,** the congregation is invited to share an Anniversary Cake in honor of Don and Marian Ouwinga’s 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary which was observed on

Wednesday, April 5, 2017. We thank God for these two wonderful people and their shining example of God's plan for marriage.

**There will be** a Good Friday Drama Practice on Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

**Life's short, eat dessert first?** Please feel free to sign up to make homemade cookies for the Family Night Dinner, being held on April 19<sup>th</sup>. The sign-up sheet is on the information table. Thanks.

**We would like to celebrate** the beginning of a new life together for Makayla Eisenga and Cory Powers by "showering" them with nonperishable food and paper products. Please place these items in the laundry basket near the north door leading into the sanctuary. Thank you.

**Do you like fast cars?** If so, plan to attend the annual Pinewood Derby right here at church on April 19<sup>th</sup> with weigh-in beginning at 5:45 and ending at 6:15 pm. The racing will begin at 6:30 pm sharp. Family Dinner will provide you with energy to cheer for your favorite car(s), and you're sure to feel the excitement in the air as the drivers get ready to race.

**Please join** Prosper CRC in a Maundy Thursday Communion Service on April 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. This service will include the Lord's Supper, some of the Stations of the Cross and a message from Isaiah 53. Nursery is provided.

**Dear Highland Family, Thank you** so much for your kind words, visits, cards, and food brought in after dad died. We rejoice that he is free from his struggles with his physical body, and although we miss him, we find great comfort in his faith and assurance of eternal life. Again, we appreciate so much the love we feel from our church family. Dale and Bev Taylor

**The Mississippi Mission Trip Reflection Service** will be held at Aetna CRC on April 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. Come and join in the excitement of the team participants as they share their experiences of serving others during Spring Break. The group had to repair one van and rent another when an engine failed. If you would like to assist with these

expenses, please send a check earmarked for this purpose to Cadillac CRC, Box 187, Cadillac, MI 49601

**Mark your calendar** to attend a **congregational meeting** on Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm to discuss calling a pastor to our church.

#### **Council Corner – April 3, 2017**

- NMC will hold their Spring Concert at our church May 18, 2017.
- Pastoral candidates will be preaching for the next two Sundays. A congregational meeting will be held April 17<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm to vote for a candidate.
- Jan Brinks' retirement letter was read and regrettably accepted.
- Classis report was given.
- It was voted to sponsor a table at the Right to Life dinner on April 25, 2017. If you are interested in attending, please call the office.

**Job Opening** Beginning July 1, 2017 church custodian position. Please send resume to Highland Church, Attention Human Resources, 9034 23 Mile Road, Marion, MI 49665

**The McBain Area Backpack Program** is in need of small, plastic jars of Peanut Butter and Jelly to be brought to Chemical Bank in McBain through April 17<sup>th</sup>, during regular lobby hours. Won't you please consider dropping off a jar or two?

**Praise Nine Practice** will be held at 7:00 pm on Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Wexford-Missaukee Right to Life** will be holding its annual "Focus on Life" dinner on Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the Timber Wolf Lodge. Tickets are \$20.00 each. High school students get in free this year, when accompanied by an adult.

**Hughston's Cow Camp** is sponsoring S.P.U.R.S. (Special People Understanding Rodeo Skills) on May 6, 2017 from 12:30-3:30 pm. This free event is for disabled people of all ages. A light lunch will be provided at 12:30, followed by events of your choosing. \*Participants must be accompanied by an attendant. Hughston Cow Camp is located 1 mile north of the blinking light in McBain. There will be signs to direct you. If you have any questions, please contact Brenda at 231 920-9391.

