

**URSERY:**

<b>Mar 7</b>	Amy Eisenga, Kasey McQuestion, Shari Benthem, Jayden Benthem, Anne Thomas, Charlotte Thomas
<b>Mar 14</b>	Emerson Tossey, Karen Oeverman, Franklin Baas Becky Wemple, Diane Eisenga, Megan Benthem
<b>Mar 21</b>	Melissa Oeverman, Emma Oeverman, Ruth Kulhawick Christina Dodde, Caitlin Dodde, Nicole Schultz
<b>Mar 28</b>	Linda Ellens, Maggie Southwick, Donna Veddler Leah Thompson, Esther Bode, Diane Nemeth

**LITTLE LAMBS; CHILDREN IN WORSHIP:**

<b>Mar 7</b>	LL Teacher: Maggie Southwick; Helper: Sam VanHouten CIW Teacher: Sara Bruno; Helper: Addean Oeverman
<b>Mar 14</b>	LL Teacher: Jodi DeHate; Helper: Steph VanHouten CIW Teacher: Lindsay Beerens; Helper: Amanda Lee
<b>Mar 21</b>	CC Teacher: Anne Thomas; Helpers: Isaac Baas, Harper Tossey and Kassie Sikkema
<b>Mar 28</b>	CC Teacher: Al Thomas; Helpers: Hillary Dracht, Kendyn Meyering

**SOUND SYSTEM, VIDEO, POWERPOINT:**

<b>Mar 7</b>	Kyle Meyering; Deb Eisenga; Jodi DeHate
<b>Mar 14</b>	Matt Thompson; Jonathan Ouwinga; Deb Eisenga
<b>Mar 21</b>	Matt Thompson; Dan Ouwinga; Tami Eisenga
<b>Mar 28</b>	Cary Sikkema, Jonathan Ouwinga, Sue Cook

**OFFERINGS:**

<b>MARCH</b>	<b>7:</b> Booster Club	<b>APRIL</b>	<b>4:</b> Booster Club
	<b>14:</b> New Building		<b>11:</b> New Building
	<b>21:</b> Centershot		<b>18:</b> Oasis Family Resource Center
	<b>28:</b> Existing Building		<b>25:</b> GEMS

**USHERS:**

**February:** Al Thomas, Kevin Huttenga, Kerwin Huttenga, Zack DeRuitter

**March:** Jun Brinks, Mike VanPolen, Bob Lee, Scott Oeverman

**\*\*If you are unable to serve on your scheduled date, please find your own replacement. Questions, please call the church office (231) 825-2171. Thank you!**



**HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH**

**March 7, 2021**

***Vision Statement:***

***In our endeavor to seek Christ's will and follow His calling,  
we desire to strengthen our church through  
growth in prayer,  
growth in vibrant worship,  
growth in committed outreach,  
and growth in thriving fellowship.***

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Email: [office@highlandcrc.org](mailto:office@highlandcrc.org)  
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Sunday Worship: 9:30 AM  
Sunday School: 10:50 AM

**MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE – 9:30 AM**  
**Highland Christian Reformed Church**  
**March 7, 2021**

*Please welcome Rev. Neil Jasperse as he leads our worship this morning.*

Prelude

Welcome & Lenten Reading

*“Were You There” vs 1-3*

Spiritual Offering

*“Refiner’s Fire”*

*“Sanctuary”*

Congregational Prayer

Children’s Message

*“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us” –vs 1-3*

Sermon Title: ***“The Achievement of the Cross: Salvation of Sinners”***

Text: **Romans 5:1-2; 9-11**

*“Nothing But the Blood” –all 4*

Blessing

*“God the Father of Your People”*

Postlude

**Today’s Offerings: 1st: General Fund 2nd: Booster Club**

\*Tithe & Offering boxes are next to the information table in the fellowship hall.

**Copies of Today’s Service:**

- **Live Videos** of our service will begin streaming at 9:20 am each Sunday on our Facebook page (public). A link to our Facebook page is available alongside our weekly online bulletins.
- **Video recordings on USB** are available for sign-out at the sound booth each Sunday. Please call Sara in the church office if you need a **DVD** made of a service. These can be made available upon request by Monday afternoon.

**2021 COUNCIL**

Exec. Board: *			Church Office(231) 825-2171
Elders	District	Deacons	
Bob Vennema -*Clerk	#1, A-C	Gary Hesselink	
Dale Fredin *Pres.	#2, D-E	Greg Tossey *Sec. of Deac.	
Ken Meyering	#3, F-L	Tom Ouwinga *V.T.	
Ken Roede *V.P.	#4, M-O	Dan Villwock	
Jerry Koop	#5, P-T	Doug Mitchell	
Bryan Eisenga	#6, V-Z	Adam Swiler	

**UPCOMING GUEST PASTORS:**

March	April
7 Rev. Neil Jasperse	2 Rev. Steve Boven <i>(Good Friday)</i>
14 Rev. James Martin	4 Rev. Steve Boven <i>(Easter)</i>
21 Rev. James Martin	11 Rev. Steve Boven
28 Rev. James Martin	

**PASTORAL CARE:**

If you have any pastoral care questions or prayer requests, please contact your district elder or the church office.

February		2nd Offering	
7th	3,542.97	Highland Booster Club	585.00
14th	4,977.00	New Building Fund	3,165.00
21st	6,418.00	Benevolence	607.00
28th	7,245.00	George & Sarah DeVuyst	476.00
Budget needed weekly	5,765.14	CRC Loan Fund - Beginning Bal.	187,213.38
Times 5 weeks	<u>51,886.25</u>	Principal Paid to Date	6,654.25
Received to date	49,557.97	CRC Loan Fund - Ending Bal.	180,559.13
Balance	(2,328.28)		
		Interest paid to date	1,386.87

**CHURCH OFFICE:**

(231) 825-2171 office@highlandcrc.org

**Office Hours: Mon-Thurs 8:30 am – 2:00 pm**

(Bulletin content must be turned in by noon on Thursdays)

**(Virtual) Popcorn and Parents Night at NMCS - Thursday, March 18** -If your child is currently in Young 5s and you are thinking about enrolling them in Kindergarten at Northern Michigan Christian School next year, plan to meet with us on Thursday, March 18. Important information about Kindergarten will be shared by Kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Bette Dick; and Mr. Curell and Mr. Booher will be on hand to answer any questions you have about NMCS, Financial Aid, etc.

**NMCS Kindergarten Orientation -Thursday, March 25, 8:00AM—11:30AM.** Any student who will be a kindergartener next fall is invited to attend NMCS Kindergarten Orientation. Students will spend time in the classroom with the teacher and participate in fun activities planned for the morning. Mr. Curell and Mr. Booher will be available to answer your questions about programming at the school and options to fund Christian Education.

**NMCS Early Childhood Open House** - At Northern Michigan Christian School our mission and vision are based on the belief that each child is created in God's image and as such has inestimable worth. As image bearers of God, children must develop spiritually as well as mentally, physically, emotionally and socially. Our Early Childhood Development Program curriculum presents a Christ-centered worldview. At NMCS we offer a half-day Preschool program for children 3-4 years old. We also offer a Young Fives full-day program (2 or 3 days per week) for children 4-5 years old. You are invited to attend our annual **OPEN HOUSE on Thursday, March 25 from 8am-6pm.** NMCS is located at 128 S. Martin Street, McBain, MI.

**McBain Elementary School's Kindergarten Registration for the 2021/2022 school year!** McBain elementary has an all-day, every day Kindergarten program. If you have a child who will be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2021 and wants to attend McBain Elementary School this fall, please call the school office at (231) 825-2021 as soon as possible to start the process, or send an email to Mrs. Hill at [marybeth.hill@mcbain.org](mailto:marybeth.hill@mcbain.org). The Kindergarten Registration Clinic will be held later this year, but we need to do pre-registration now! Those that are pre-registered will then receive a packet with forms and more details.

## PRAYER CORNER

Dear Heavenly Father, please be with Gracyn Swiler, Ken VanPolen, Dick Bruno, Carol Niver, Steve Sluiter, Marilyn Ouwinga, BJ & Sue Cook and Dale Wing. Bless each of them in ways only you can do. Give them the healing and the patience they need.

**Dick Bruno** is scheduled for back surgery on March 10th in Grand Rapids. Prayers for safe travel, the surgery itself and the recovery after would be greatly appreciated.

**Marian Ouwinga** is scheduled for surgery at Cadillac Munson Hospital on Tuesday, March 9 for an ulcerated internal hemorrhoid. She has requested prayers for a successful surgery and that the pain can be controlled.

### Daily Prayer Focus:

*"Now the Bereans were of more noble character than the Thessalonians, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true." –Acts 17:11*

Lord Jesus, I am living in such a chaotic, confusing time. Things I thought were wrong are called right and what I once thought right is names wrong. So no what? I want to be faithful. I desire truth. Where can I find it? How can I know it? Words spoken by people I respect contradict each other. You alone are truth. Make me like the Bereans receiving your servants' message eagerly and then examining your Word every day to see if what I

(\*Content for the Daily Prayer Focus is contributed by the Highland Prayer Team)

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**George & Sarah de Vuyst & Family**  
Serving in Ukraine  
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Website: <http://www.devuysts.com>

### \*CURRENTLY SERVING IN OUR MILITARY:

**Tyler\* Bode**  
(Staff Sargent, U.S. Air Force)  
Davis Monthan Airforce Base,  
Tucson, AZ

**Caleb\* Dodde**  
(Private, U.S. Army Reservist)

### **OUR CHURCH WEEK: MARCH 7-13**

<b>SUN</b> 03/07	9:15 AM	A time of prayer in the prayer room
	9:30 AM	Morning Worship Service
	10:50 AM	Sunday School & Catechism
	4:30 PM	Fellowship Bible Study –Week 3
<b>TUES</b> 03/09	5:45 PM	MOPS
<b>WED</b> 03/10	9:30 AM	Ladies Bible Study
	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b><i>Annual Day of Prayer Service</i></b>

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**This morning** we welcome Rev. Neil Jasperse. He is a Specialized Transitional Minister of the Christian Reformed Church and is currently serving at New Life Church in New Lenox, Illinois. Please welcome Pastor Neil and his wife,

**Fellowship Bible Study** - will meet tonight at 4:30 in the Fellowship Hall. If information for tonight's study is not in your mailbox this morning and you are interested in joining us, please see Sandy after this morning's service. Each of you is welcome to join us for a time of discussion, fellowship, and supper.

**Thank you-** We really appreciate everything Highland has done for our family during Gracyn's hospital stay. Thank you for the cards, phone calls, gifts, meals, and the unbelievable project in our basement. You are an amazing church family! Thank you so much! ~Adam, Laura, Gracyn, and Easton Swiler.

**Annual Day of Prayer:** The CRC Synod has designated the second Wednesday in March (March 10, 2021) as the Annual Day of Prayer. All CRC congregations are requested to take this opportunity to ask for God's blessing upon the world, our nations and communities, crops and industry, and the church worldwide. Please join us for our Annual Day of Prayer Service, this Wednesday, March 10th at 6:30 pm. "Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus" -1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

**Spiritual Gifts Surveys:** THANK YOU to the 76 people who have taken the Spiritual Gifts Inventory. Unfortunately, that means only 29% of our church family have completed it. PLEASE take the 10 minutes needed to complete the survey this week! We need these results to plan for the future of Highland CRC. You

can visit the church website at <http://www.highlandcrc.org/> to take the survey or obtain a copy from the Fellowship Hall. Surveys can be turned into the office in the orange box. Thank you! -The Executive Ministry Team

**Highland Helping Hands** will be organizing a collection of specific items over the coming months to help out local organizations like the Marion Food Pantry and Marion schools. Items can be placed in or near the baskets provided in the east wing of the fellowship hall. For the month of March we will be collecting paper products (paper towels, Kleenex, toilet paper, paper plates, etc.).

**Praying for our Community** - The Pastors in and around the greater McBain area would like to invite everyone in our part of Southern Missaukee County to pray for our community, neighbors and churches. Every evening at 7pm, a scripture reading and prayer time will be broadcast live over the Facebook page of "McBain Area Pastors." Please find, like and follow the page, then join us in praying that the Father's name be glorified, his Kingdom will come, and his will done in our families, churches and neighborhoods, even as it is done in heaven. -God bless!

**TODAY- Ladies Snowshoeing Event:** Highland CRC and Rehoboth Reformed Church are teaming up for another night of winter fun. All ages and abilities welcome! Bring your own snowshoes and meet us at the CRC trails (next to the maintenance building) at 2:00 pm. There are different loops you can take. Depending on the size of our group, we can all stay together or separate into groups. This is pending us still having enough snow. Please check out this event on our Facebook page before you head out. We'll post there if it's cancelled.

**Feeding America Food Truck** will be at the Marion VFW Hall (520 E. Marin Street, Marion) on Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. Registration will begin at 10:00 AM with food distribution to follow. The drive-through procedure will still be in place so please have your vehicle ready to receive the food. The truck will be there until all in line are served or there is no more food left to be distributed.

**Sex Trafficking Awareness Meeting-** Monday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> from 7:00 -8:30 pm at Rehoboth Reformed Church. Trooper Brian Koboldt of the Michigan State Police and Community Services Officer Deborah Williams, RN/MA & Chairperson of "The Human Trafficking" Group will present information that shares the very real dangers and possibilities of human sex trafficking, to help create parental and relational awareness, and pro-active prevention. Time will also be given for any questions people might have for them.