

NURSERY:

March 20	Maggie Southwick, Karianne Smith Dona Veddler, Esther Bode
March 27	Diane Nemeth, Leah Thompson, Mary Rees, Barb Dore
April 3	Jodi DeHate, Tami Eisenga, Jodi Meyering, Karsyn Meyering
April 10 Palm Sunday	Mikayla Powers, Lindsay Beerens, DaNay Tossey, Harper Tossey

LITTLE LAMBS / CHILDREN IN WORSHIP:

March 20	LL Teacher: Nicole Schultz; Helper: Addean Oeverman CIW Teacher: Jodi DeHate; Helper: Linda Wing
March 27	LL Teacher: Makayla Powers; Helper: Harper Tossey CIW Teacher: Hillary Dracht; Helper: Karianne Smith
April 3	LL Teacher: Amy VanPolen; Helper: Alan Thomas CIW Teacher: Maggie Southwick; Helper: Emmerson Tossey
April 10 Palm Sunday	LL Teacher: Cindy Vennema; Helper: Jordyn Richardson CIW Teacher: Lizelle Bazuin; Helper: JD Bazuin

SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT:

March 20	Cary Sikkema; Dan Ouwinga; Sue Cook
March 27	Kyle Meyering; Roger Hagerman; Jodi DeHate
April 3	Matt Thompson; Jonathan Ouwinga; Deb Eisenga
April 10 Palm Sunday	Kyle Meyering, Deb Eisenga, Tami Eisenga

OFFERINGS:

MARCH	6th: Booster Club	APRIL	3rd: Booster Club
	13th: New Building Fund		10th: New Building
	20th: George & Sarah de Vuyst		17th: Life Resources
	27th: Feeding America		24th: Benevolence

USHERS:

March: Bryce Eisenga, Mike Southwick, Marlin Venema, Isaac Baas

April: Adam Southwick, Kevin Eisenga, Don Ellens, Dale Fredin

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



March 20, 2022

HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

Striving to be the heart and hands of Jesus

Highland's Mission Statement:

Centered on Jesus Christ and his Word,

*Highland Church seeks to glorify God with joyful and reverent worship;
nurture our children and people of all ages through biblical teaching;
promote Spirit-filled fellowship through acceptance and respect, healing and love;
and share the good news of Jesus both individually and together.*

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Rev. Neil Jasperse
Sunday Worship: 9:30 AM
Sunday School 10:50 AM

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE – 9:30 AM

March 20, 2022

3rd Sunday of Lent

The People of God Gather:

Prelude
 Call to worship from Psalm 103: 2-4
 Welcome
 God's greeting
 Greeting one another

To Ponder the Suffering and Death of God's Son:

Responsive Lenten Reading -led by Margaret Westmaas
 Hebrews 2: 14-18
 Prayer & Extinguishing a candle
Worthy Is Christ (vs 1-2)

To Praise God:

Mighty to Save
Speak to the Mountain
Come As You Are
 Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God

Announcements
 Congregational prayer

To Proclaim God's Word:

Children's message -led by Marilyn Visser
Song of Preparation: Stand In Your Love
Scripture: Exodus 12:1-42
Message: "Jesus, Our Source of Freedom"
Song of Response & Offertory: God So Loved
Today's Offerings: 1st: General Fund 2nd: George & Sarah de Vuyst

To Go in God's Name:

God's blessing:
Agnus Dei (Alleluia Alleluia for the Lord God Almighty reigns)

COUNCIL CORNER

Officers for 2022:

Pastor	Neil Jasperse
President	Jon Dracht
Vice President	Jerry Koop, Jr.
Clerk	Ken Meyering
Secretary of Deacons	Greg Tossey
Vice Treasurer	Kasey Rees

Districts for 2022:

*all phone #'s have a (231) area code unless otherwise specified

Elders	District	Deacons
Den Kamphouse	#1, A-C	David Wing
Dale Fredin: Adjunct Elder	#2, D-E	Greg Tossey
Ken Meyering	#3, F-L	Devon Dracht
Paul Shaarda	#4, M-O	Kasey Rees
Jerry Koop, Jr.	#5, P-T	Doug Mitchell
Bryan Eisenga	#6, U-Z	Adam Swiler
Ken Roede: Adjunct Elder		Church Office

PASTORAL VISITS: If you would appreciate a pastoral visit for whatever reason, please contact Pastor Neil via Sara Bruno in the church office by calling (231) 825-2171 or directly by email at npjasperse@gmail.com or in person.

CHURCH OFFICE

(231) 825-2171
office@highlandcrc.org
Normal Office Hours:
 Mon-Thurs: 8:30 am – 2:00 pm
 Fri-Sun: Closed
All bulletin content is due by noon on Thursdays*

MINISTRY TEAM LEADERS

Worship Team (DaNay Tossey)
Care & Fellowship Team (Cindy Vennema)
Education Team (Megan Pluger)
Outreach Team (Jodi DeHate)
Prayer Team (Sandy Rice)
Service Team (Carrie Thompson)
Facilities Team (Greg Hesselink)

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED:

Bible Bee is a family discipleship opportunity with an emphasis on Bible study and Scripture memorization. As part of the National Bible Bee, we have hosted a local Bible Bee in Northern Michigan every summer since it began in 2009. We would love to have your family join the fun as we learn and grow together this summer. Registration is open now, with an early-registration-discount through March 31. Each participant, from preschool through eighteen years old, will receive an age appropriate Bible study. We will gather as a local group for encouragement, teaching, and games throughout the summer. Please visit www.BibleBee.org to register or contact Amy Vredevoogd at amyvred@gmail.com with any questions.

NMC’s Early Childhood Open House- Thursday, April 7 from 8:00 am- 6 pm, you are invited to come visit Northern Michigan Christian School, meet the teacher, and explore the classroom. We offer a **half-day Preschool** program for children 3-4 years old. We also have a **Young Fives full-day program** (2 or 3 days/week) for children 4-5 years old. 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. Our Early Childhood Development Program goals include:

- Living closer to Jesus
- Cooperating cheerfully with others
- Achieving a healthy self-image
- Improving verbal and auditory skills
- Developing motor and perceptual skills
- Developing basic number & reading skills
- Functioning comfortably in a routine and structured environment

NMC’S Kindergarten Orientation- Thursday, April 7, 8:30 am-11:30 am. Any student who will be a kindergartener next fall may attend our Kindergarten Orientation. Students will spend time in the classroom with the teacher and participate in fun activities planned that morning. Mr. Curell and Mr. Booher will be available to answer your questions about programs and options to fund Christian Education. *NOTE: KINDERGARTEN READINESS TESTING* is also available. Call for an appointment.

NMC’s Popcorn with Parents Night- Thursday, April 7 at 7:00 pm. If you are thinking about enrolling your child in Kindergarten at NMCS next year, plan to come to this special event. Information will be shared by Kindergarten teacher Mrs. Bette Dick; Mr. Curell and Mr. Booher will present information about NMCS and Financial Aid; and a delightful program will be presented by our Preschool and Young 5 students. Don’t miss this fun, informative evening!

McBain Elementary’s Kindergarten Registration has begun! McBain Elementary has an all-day, every day Kindergarten program. If your child will be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2022 and wants to attend McBain Elementary School this fall, please call the school office at (231) 825-2021 to start the process, or send an email to Mrs. Hill at marybeth.hill@mcbain.org. Our Kindergarten Registration Clinic will be held later this spring, but we need to do pre-registration now! Once the details have been finalized, those that are pre-registered will receive a packet with forms to complete & more details.

SERMON OUTLINE

Title: Encounters With Jesus- The Royal Official
Text: John 4:46-54

1. The royal official
2. The need
3. The journey to Jesus and the appeal
4. The pledge of healing Jesus makes
5. The royal official’s trust in Jesus’ word
6. The healing and believing in Jesus
7. The God who bends over backwards

Notes:

- **Nursery** is available in the basement for children ages infant-3 years old.
- **Children’s Church:** available for ages 3-Kindergarten downstairs following the children’s message. A parent must pick them up there after the service.
- **LIVE streaming** of our Sunday service is available on our Facebook page;
- **Recordings** are available on USB at the sound booth after the service or on DVD by request.

PRAYER REQUESTS

We lift up in prayer those that need healing: Please pray for Dick Bruno, Carol Niver & Larry Visser. Lord, give them the healing and the patience they need and bless each of them in ways only you can do.

✚ **Prayer request from Resonate Global Missions:** [Continue to pray for Ukraine](#). Pray for safety and protection for those who remain in Ukraine, those who are fleeing the country, and for those who are fighting. Pray for violence to cease and God's peace to reign. Pray for the people of Russia. The people of Russia do not necessarily reflect the actions of their leader and many have been protesting the war. They are also struggling with the ramifications of the economic sanctions. Ask God for protection and provision.

Prayer Focus

Romans 8:28- "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."

Holy God, you are full of goodness, grace and mercy. We pray for our Brothers and Sisters in Ukraine. We join our hearts and prayers with theirs, asking that what is happening in Ukraine will, somehow, be for their good and your glory.

Giving Your Time to God through Prayer:

Each day has 1440 minutes. If you have considered "giving up" something for Lent, consider giving up time. In your busiest day, can you find any extra time at all for God? He waits for you to come into His presence to experience His love. If you're looking for tools to get you started, check out the table near the library where our Prayer Team has set out copies of the "Yes, Jesus Loves Me!" booklets along with other resources.
It's never too late to pray!

MISSIONS	Josh & Mandy Shaarda Family Serving in Uganda Email: jshaarda@crcnapartners.org Blog: http://shaarda.blogspot.com/	George & Sarah de Vuyst Family Serving in Ukraine Email: gdevuyst@crcna.org Website: http://www.devuysts.com
	Tyler Bode (Staff Sargent, U.S. Air Force) Davis Monthan Airforce Base, Tucson, AZ	
MILITARY		

OUR CHURCH WEEK: MARCH 20-26

SUN 03/20	9:15 AM	A time of prayer in the prayer room
	9:30 AM	Morning Worship Service
	10:50 AM	Sunday School / Catechism
	1-3:00 PM	Lee's 50 th Anniversary Open House
	4:30 PM	Fellowship Bible Study – Lesson 2 (Rice's House)
	6:00 PM	Xtreme & Strong Tower
TUES 03/22	7:00 PM	MOPS
WED 03/23	9:30 AM	Ladies Bible Study – Lesson 9
	7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Profession of Faith Class: Once again a brief class will be offered for anyone interested in making a personal and public profession of their faith in Jesus. The class will involve three sessions which will cover four main areas: reviewing the basics of the Christian faith with the Heidelberg Catechism; reflecting on individual stories of coming to faith in Jesus; steps in the profession of faith process; and the privileges and responsibilities of full membership in the church. Please contact Pastor Neil if you are interested in participating. Class sessions will be arranged around participants' schedules.

TODAY: 50th Anniversary Open House Luncheon: Next Sunday, March 20 from 1-3 pm we will be celebrating Bob and Barb Lee's 50th wedding anniversary. Please rsvp to Linda Wing by Thursday, March 10. No gifts please!

The AMEN Chorus will begin rehearsals Saturday, April 9 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Rehoboth Reformed Church in Lucas. We will be rehearsing for 6 Saturdays with a program being held on Sunday, May 15 at 3:00. If you are a gentleman that would like to praise the Lord through song, we invite you to join us. Please bring \$10 to cover the cost of music and printing. You can contact director Angela Warner at kirkangelawarner@hotmail.com if you have any questions.

NMC's Annual Association Meeting- March 21 at 7:00 pm –Our Board will update you as members on recent Board activities, present the 2022-2023 budget for approval, ask membership to elect board members, and recognize staff for their years of service. If you cannot attend you may submit an absentee ballot by 3:00 pm on March 21. (NOTE: please seal and sign an envelope for each person submitting an absentee ballot.)

Fellowship Bible Study will be meeting at Lynn and Sandy Rice's home this evening at 4:30 pm for Lesson 2 of their study on Nehemiah and a potluck supper. Study books are on still available if you wish to join.