#### NURSERY:

March 27	Diane Nemeth, Leah Thompson,	
	Mary Rees, Barb Dore	
April 3	Jodi DeHate, Tami Eisenga,	
Арії 5	Jodi Meyering, Karsyn Meyering	
April 10	Mikayla Powers, Lindsay Beerens,	
Palm Sunday	DaNay Tossey, Harper Tossey	
April 17	Bev Taylor, Jackie Schmid	
Easter	Brenda Ouwinga, Megan Pluger	

#### LITTLE LAMBS / CHILDREN IN WORSHIP:

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	LL Teacher: Cindy Vennema; Helper: Jordyn Richardson		
Palm Sunday	CIW Teacher: Lizelle Bazuin; Helper: JD Bazuin		
April 17	LL Teacher: Kasey McQuestion; Helper: Leah Thompson		
Easter	CIW Teacher: Hillary Dracht; Helper: Linda Wing		

#### SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT:

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		
April 17 Easter	Matt Thompson; Jonathan Ouwinga; Kendra Jenema		

#### **OFFERINGS:**

- 6<sup>th</sup>: Booster Club
- MARCH 13<sup>th</sup>: New Building Fund
- 20th: George & Sarah de Vuyst
- 27<sup>th</sup>: Feeding America
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Booster Club APRIL 10<sup>th</sup>: New Building 17<sup>th</sup>: Life Resources 24<sup>th</sup>: 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 27, 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 27, 2022

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

#### The People of God Gather:

Call to worship- from Psalm 118:24 Welcome: God's greeting Greeting one another

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

Responsive Lenten reading- Romans 8:1-5: led by Joann Richardson Prayer Extinguishing a candle *Worthy is Christ* 

#### To Praise God:

Holy Ground Psalm 30:4-5 Holy, Holy (2-4) Prayer of praise

To Pray and Serve God: Announcements Congregational prayer

## <u>To Proclaim God's Word:</u> Children's message: Baffle Box- Pastor Neil Song of preparation: *Open My Eyes that I May See* **Bible reading: John 5:1-15 Message: Encounters with Jesus- The Disabled Man** Prayer of response Song of response / Offertory: *He Touched Me* Offering: 1 General Fund 2 Feeding America (Please remain seated during the song of response and offering)

<u>To Go in God's Name:</u> God's blessing: Closing song: *Sent Forth By God's Blessing* Postlude

## **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:

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	
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#### **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.

**Rehoboth Women's Ministry** would like to invite all women to a Spring Brunch on April 2nd from 10:30-2:00. We are excited to have you join us for a time of food, fellowship, and a time of encouragement from speaker Shannon Popkin. Shannon is an author, speaker, and podcast host, who invites women to drink deeply of God's story and live like it's true. Tickets for the whole event are \$15, or \$10 if you just want to come hear Shannon speak. For more details and to purchase your tickets online, go to www.rehoboth.church/events. Questions? Contact rachel@rehoboth.church.

**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. If you have any questions, please contact director Angela Warner at kirkangelawarner@hotmail.com.

**Easter Egg Hunt!** Kids ages 10 and under are invited to come out for a communitywide Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 16, at 10am at the Falmouth Community Center! There will be tons of prizes and lots of free family fun! This event is sponsored by Prosper CRC.

**Classis Northern Michigan** seeks to encourage and support individuals who are planning to pursue full-time ministry in the CRC. The Classis has established a fund for those in need of financial aid at the graduate level. Applications and expectations for recipients may be obtained by contacting Andrea Shoaf at 231.826.4427 or andrea.shoaf@prospercrc.org. The application deadline is Saturday, April 30.

## SERMON OUTLINE

Title: Encounters with Jesus- the Disabled Man Text: John 5:1-15

#### Act I: Healing the Disabled Man

- 1. The disabled man
- 2. Jesus comes and asks a question
- 3. A cry from the heart
- 4. The healing

## Act II: The Sabbath

- 1. It is the Sabbath: legalism
- 2. The man had no idea who it was who healed him

## Act III: Concern for the Soul

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**

Jeremiah 29:11-13 <sup>11</sup> "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. <sup>12</sup> Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. <sup>13</sup> You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."

- Pray for our Pastor Search Team as they move forward in the search process. Please pray for the next Pastor of Highland. May that individual recognize God's direction when the timing is right. May the church hope in God and seek Him wholeheartedly with the realization that He is in control of the church's future
- Pray for our Youth Director Search Team. Ask God to guide them and lead them to the individual He already has in mind.

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	
MILITARY	<b>Tyler Bode</b> (Staff Sargent, U.S. Air Force) Davis Monthan Airforce Base, Tucson, AZ		

## OUR CHURCH WEEK: MARCH 27-APRIL 2

<b>SUN</b> 03/27	9:30 AM	A time of prayer in the prayer room Morning Worship Service No Sunday School / Catechism (Spring Break) Fellowship Bible Study in Fellowship Hall – <b>Lesson 3</b>
<b>WED</b> 03/30	9:30 AM	Ladies Bible Study Prayer Meeting

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Pastor Search Team Update:** Last Sunday, March 20, the Highland council approved a recommendation to invite the pastor in the forefront of our search to come for a weekend visit. However, that pastor has declined. Our search team met this past Thursday to consider next steps. Please pray for wisdom and patience for our entire congregation as our search continues.

Attention Students/Parents: Sunday School & Catechism will be on Spring Break today and next Sunday.

**Fellowship Bible Study** will be meeting this evening at **5:00 pm** (note the new time) in the fellowship hall for **Lesson 3** of their study on Nehemiah followed by a potluck supper. Study books are still available if you wish to join.

# **Don & Marian Ouwinga will observe 65 years of marriage on April 5, 2022**. They are thankful for being able to worship with Highland all their married life, and for the many friends they have enjoyed through the years. The blessing of their children, Dan and Brenda, Lori and Keith, and Paul, as well as eleven grandchildren and twenty two great grandchildren, bring joy and love that this special relationship reflects. The couple plan to celebrate this wonderful occasion with a family dinner and by sharing an Anniversary Cake with the Highland congregation on Sunday, April 3, 2022.

**Ground Beef Needed:** Our next Family Night Dinner will be Wednesday, April 6 at 6:30 pm. Our goal is to serve tacos! If you would be willing to donate ground beef for that event, please contact Cindy Vennema. Thank you!

**Profession of Faith Class:** A profession of faith class will be offered on Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm, beginning right after Easter. The three sessions are scheduled for April 20 and 27 and May 4. For anyone interested, it is not too late to contact Pastor Neil about attending.