

“Use whatever gift you have received to serve others” -1 Peter 4:10

NURSERY

April 9 -Easter Linda Ellens, Ruth Kulhawick, Nicole Schultz, Charlotte Thomas
April 16 Esther Bode, Karianne Smith, Stephanie VanHouten, Emma Tossey
April 23 Maggie Southwick, Donna Veddler, Diane Nemeth, Franklin Baas
April 30 Jodi Meyering, Mikayla Powers, Tami Eisenga, Charlotte Thomas

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

April 9 -Easter Teacher: Kasey McQuestion; Helpers: Amy VanPolen, Alan Thomas
April 16 Teacher: Jodi DeHate; Helpers: Lindsay Beerens, Addean Oeverman
April 23 Teacher: Megan Pluger; Helpers: Jordyn Richardson, Harper Tossey
April 30 Teacher: Cindy Vennema; Helpers: Nicole Schultz, Leah Thompson

SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT

April 9 -Easter Matt Thompson, Kaylie Benthem, Deborah Ouwinga
April 16 Kyle Meyering, Deb Eisenga, Sue Cook
April 23 Cary Sikkema, Dan Ouwinga, Kendra Jenema
April 30 Matt Thompson, Jon Ouwinga, Jodi DeHate

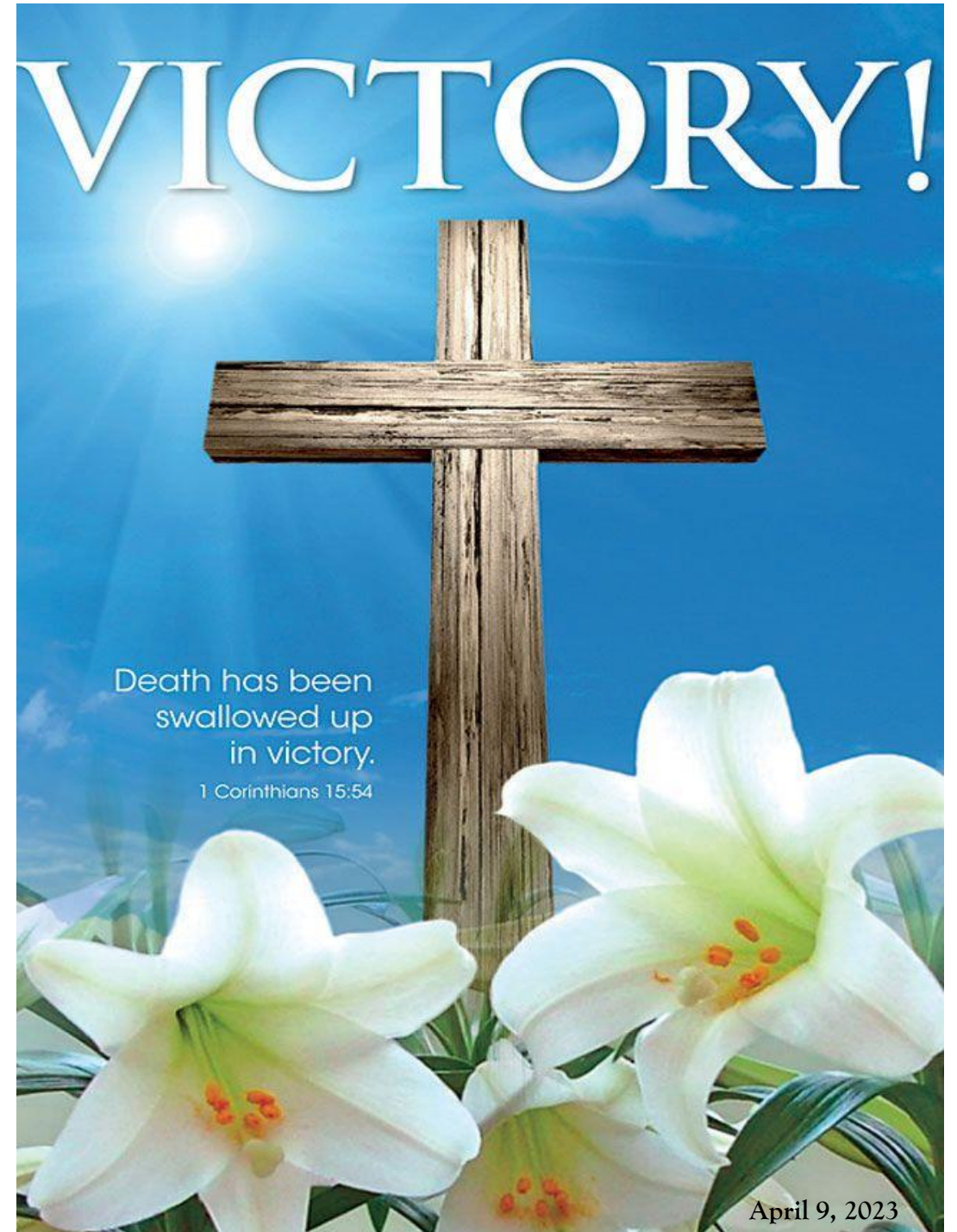
2ND OFFERINGS

April:	May:
2 nd – Booster Club	7 th – Booster Club
9 th – Existing Building Fund	14 th – Johnson/Hoekwater families
16 th – George and Sarah de Vuyst	21 st – Josh & Mandy Shaarda
23 rd – Middle School Youth Room	28 th – Middle School Youth Room
30 th – GEMS	

USHERS

April: Kasey Rees, Dale Fredin, Al Thomas, Lars Fredin
May: Matt Thompson, Bob Vennema, Ken VanPolen Jr, Gary Hesselink

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



HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
Morning Worship Service – 9:30 am
April 9, 2023
~Easter Sunday~

The People of God Gather:

Prelude: *Living Hope (choir)*
 Welcome / Lighting Christ Candle
 God's Greeting
 Greet One Another

To Praise God:

Christ Arose (vs 1,3)
Worship Christ, the Risen King (vs 1,4,5)
Christ the Lord is Risen Today (vs 1,2,4)
 Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God:

Announcements
 Congregational Prayer

To Proclaim God's Word:

Children's Message- Megan Pluger
 Song of Preparation: *Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks! (vs 1,2,5)*
 Sermon Title- **Life Where It Shouldn't Be**
 Scripture- **Mark 16:1-8**
 Prayer of Response
 Song of Response/Offertory: *Victory in Jesus (choir)*
 Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: Existing Building Fund

To Go in God's Name:

God's blessing
 Closing Song: *Because He Lives (vs 1)*
 Postlude

*Our **Nursery** is available downstairs for children ages 0 - 3 years old.
Children's Church is available downstairs for children ages 3-Kindergarten
 following the children's message.*

HIGHLAND COUNCIL

Officers for 2023:

(All have a 231 area code unless otherwise noted)

President	Jon Dracht
Vice President	Don Eisenga
Clerk	Alan Baas
Sec. of Deacons	Kyle Meyering
Vice Treas.	Kasey Rees

<p align="center">Pastor Mark Bonnes Pastor Ashley Bonnes *personal contact info is not posted online. Please call the church office.</p>

Districts for 2023:

Elders	District	Deacons
Den Kamphouse	#1, A-C	David Wing
Alan Baas	#2, D-E	Kyle Meyering
Jon Dracht	#3, F-L	Devon Dracht
Paul Shaarda	#4, M-O	Kasey Rees
Don Eisenga	#5, P-T	Scott Oeverman
Don Ellens	#6, U-Z	Anne Thomas

Next Council Meeting: Monday, May 8, 2023: 6:30 pm Elders, 7:00 pm Deacons, 7:30 pm Full Council.

<p align="center"><u>Church Office</u> (231) 825-2171 office@highlandcrc.org Office Hours: Mon - Thurs: 8:30 am-2:00 pm Fri-Sun: Closed **All bulletin content is due at noon on Thursdays**</p>	<p align="center"><u>Ministry Team Leaders</u> Care & Fellowship Team (Cindy Vennema) Education Team (Megan Pluger) Facilities Team (Greg Hesselink) Outreach Team (Jodi DeHate) Prayer Team (Sandy Rice) Service Team (Carrie Thompson) Worship Team (DaNay Tossey)</p>
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ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED:

Upcoming Sermon Series: After Easter we will be doing a sermon series on questions about faith. The Middle School and High School Catechism classes submitted questions they have about the Bible, faith, and God. Each week we are going to be answering these questions from our youth. A schedule of these questions/topics has been added below and will also be included next week:

- April 16 – I wonder if it was easy or hard for God to let his Son die to save us from our sins.
- April 23 – Is Jesus Ripped? What did Jesus look like? How old was Jesus? Who was his best friend?
- April 30 – What is faith and how do you get it? How do I know I have it?
- May 14 – Who is Jesus' real Mother? How is it possible for Jesus to be his own Father? Who are Mary's Parents?
- May 21 (Ascension Sunday) – If Jesus still has his human nature when he ascended, how do we understand Christ's divine nature and human nature?
- May 28 (Pentecost) – I would like to hear more about spiritual warfare and how what we watch and listen to affects us.
- June 4 - How old is God? How was God Created?
- June 11 – Is Death a Friend or Enemy? How can we be comforted by it? What happens to others who don't follow Jesus?
- June 18 - I wonder what will happen in the End Times. When will Jesus return?

Mother's Day is right around the corner...May 14th! –REV Moms is hosting a Mother's Day card fundraiser. Each of these beautiful cards is embedded with wild flower seeds and for every card sold, plants 2 trees and supports moms in our community. Cards are located in the fellowship hall on the REV Moms table. Grab one for each of the moms in your life!

Save the Date: First Aid and CRP Class has been scheduled for the morning of Saturday, April 29. If you would like to participate in this class, [please confirm](#) with either Pastor Ashley or Sara in the church office if you plan to attend.

Bible Bee 2023 - Registration is now open for Bible Bee, a summer family discipleship program we have been blessed to host in our area since the program began in 2009. Many seeds have been planted and lives have been changed as families have studied and memorized God's Word together, and we're anticipating another fruitful summer. To learn more, visit www.BibleBee.org or contact Amy Vredevoogd at 231-920-1806.

THANK YOU

✚ We wish to thank all of you for your many prayers on our behalf. It is amazing how soon our lives changed, almost overnight. We are navigating the rehab and everything at home. We are so grateful for all the food brought in, the many phone calls, cards and visits. It is a beautiful reflection of God's people caring for their own. We are so thankful! (Update: It looks like Jean will come home on April 13 with a picc line and still no weight-bearing on her left leg. Continued prayers are requested.) ~Thank you, Marlin & Jean Venema and family

PRAYER CONNECTION:

✚ We lift up in prayer those that need healing, patience and the endurance needed for each day: **Ken VanPolen Sr., BJ Cook, Amanda Lee, Jean Vennema, Bonnie Veddler, Dick Bruno, Carol Niver, MaryJo Lee and Shandell (Veddler) Banks.**

✚ **WEEKLY PRAYER EMPHASIS:** On January 1 we began 2023 with a prayer service where we collected prayers from you all. The Prayer Team has turned those wonderful prayers and prayer concerns into a calendar of prayers for 2023. Every week we will emphasize one of those prayer concerns:

- **This Sunday**, we lift up prayers that we experience our salvation in Jesus with joy and delight and give thanks to God for this great gift.
- **In the week ahead & next Sunday**, we lift up prayers for God to lead His church.

OUR MISSIONARIES

George & Sarah de Vuyst & Family
Serving in Ukraine & the U.S.
Email: gdevuyst@crcna.org
Website: <http://www.devuysts.com>

Josh & Mandy Shaarda & Family
Serving in Uganda
Email: jshaarda@crcnapartners.org
Blog: <http://shaarda.blogspot.com>

OUR ACTIVE MILITARY

Seth Nowland
(Sergeant First Class; U.S. Army)
Camp Casey Army Base, South Korea
**Parents: Larry & Marilyn Nowland

Tyler Bode
(Staff Sergeant, U.S. Air Force)
Davis Monthan Airforce Base, Tucson, AZ
**Parents: Dale & Becky Bode

HIGHLAND COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS: APRIL 3, 2023

- The Council continues to work on reviewing and assembling our church policies and procedures. Upon completion, these will be organized into a manual for future reference.
- Youth Room Update: Carpet and cabinets/tops should be installed in the next couple weeks. Painting is almost completed. Finish carpenters are installing trim/doors. Project continues as money is still available.
- The council has decided the old stained glass windows (2 sets similar to the one behind the sound booth) don't present much value. They will be listed on Facebook Marketplace and in the bulletin for \$100 each. Pick up is the responsibility of the purchaser.
- Some of the sanctuary pews have begun to show wear that will require some reupholstery work. This will take place over the next couple months. We appreciate your patience and flexibility during this process.
- The Council has voted in favor of moving all council meetings, beginning May 8 and going forward to the second Monday of each month instead of the first Monday. This will allow for more adequate timeframes for end-of-month reporting and help to avoid holiday overlap.

TREASURER'S REPORT

March General Fund		2nd Offerings	
5th	7,710.00	Booster Club	1,015.00
12th	5,530.00	Project Canefire	537.00
19th	5,456.00	Church Building Fund	790.00
26th	<u>5,391.73</u>	Basement Project	3,435.00
Total March Offerings	24,087.73		
Budget needed weekly	6,184.04		
Times 13 weeks	80,392.54		
Received to date	<u>75,832.46</u>		
Balance	(4,560.08)		

OUR CHURCH WEEK: APRIL 9-15

SUN 4/9	9:15 AM	Prayer
	9:30 AM	Easter Morning Worship Service
	-----	No Sunday School, Catechism or Lenten Discuss. Group
	12-4:00 PM	YB Use
	-----	No Fellowship Bible Study
MON 4/10	7:00 PM	Lenten Discussion Group (final meeting)
TUES 4/11	5:45 PM	REV Moms
WED 4/12	9:30 AM	Ladies Bible Study (w/ Hilda) – Lesson 7
	1-6:30 PM	Versiti Blood Drive in the fellowship hall
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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

This Morning: In observance of Easter Sunday, there will be no Sunday School, Catechism or Lenten Discussion group this morning.

The Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Study (w/ Hilda) will be looking at lesson 7 of their study on the Ten Commandments.

Our final Lenten Discussion Group will be this Monday evening at 7:00 pm to cover the topic of "Lust" and to complete our series on the seven deadly sins.

Sunday Evening Fellowship Bible Study will begin a new study series, "Heroes of Faith". Lord willing, we will meet April 16, 23, 30 and May 1. It is a good time to join us if you have been interested in giving a Bible Study a try and if you enjoy fellowship around good food. Books are available at no cost to you. Join us Sunday evenings 4:30-6:30. Please contact Sandy Rice with questions or for a study book if you would like to join us.

Men's Retreat at Center Lake Bible Camp, April 21-23: This is an opportunity for every man who attends the retreat at CLBC to leave rested, challenged to grow in Christ and refreshed spiritually. There are brochures available on the information. For additional information, please contact Center Lake Bible Camp directly by calling (231) 829-3441 or visit their website <https://www.centerlake.org/mensretreat>.

In Honor of Those That Have Served: Our Role of Honor plaques in the fellowship hall are due for an update. If you or a loved one (past or present member) of Highland Church served in the U.S. Military and their name isn't already on the plaques, please notify the church office so they can be added. Thank you!