

NURSERY:

April 25	Emerson Tossey, Karen Oeverman, Franklin Baas Becky Wemple, Diane Eisenga, Megan Benthem
May 2	DaNay Tossey, Harper Tossey, Cindy Vennema Patti Koop, Lizelle Bazuin, Aubrynn Bazuin
May 9	Melissa Oeverman, Emma Oeverman, Brandy VanPolen Ruth Kulhawick, Christina Dodde, Caitlin Dodde
May 16	Nicole Schultz, Linda Ellens, Maggie Southwick Karianne Smith, Donna Veddler, Esther Bode

LITTLE LAMBS; CHILDREN IN WORSHIP:

April 25	LL Teacher: Jodi DeHate; Helper: Steph VanHouten CIW Teacher: Lindsay Beerens; Helper: Amanda Lee
May 2	CC Teacher: Anne Thomas; Helpers: Isaac Baas, Harper Tossey & Kassie Sikkema
May 9	CC Teachers: Hillary Dracht & Al Thomas; Helper: Kendyn Meyering
May 16	LL Teacher: Nicole Koetje; Helper: Linda Ellens CIW Teacher: Amy VanPolen; Helper: Karsyn Meyering

SOUND SYSTEM, VIDEO, POWERPOINT:

April 25	Cary Sikkema; Roger Hagerman; Jodi DeHate
May 2	Kyle Meyering; Jonathan Ouwinga; Deb Eisenga
May 9	Matt Thompson; Dan Ouwinga; Sue Cook
May 16	Matt Thompson; Deb Eisenga; Tami Eisenga

OFFERINGS:

APRIL	4: Booster Club 11: New Building 18: Oasis Family Resource Center 25: GEMS	MAY	2: Booster Club 9: New Building 16: Josh & Mandy Shaarda 23: Existing Building 30: Benevolence
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USHERS:

April: Dale Veddler, Aaron Koetje, Butch Karsten, Ken VanPolen, Jr.

May: Todd Schmid, Bob Vennema, James Bazuin, Steve Meeuwenberg

****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

April 25, 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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Rev. Neil Jasperse
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Sunday Worship: 9:30 AM
Sunday School: 10:50 AM
Wednesday Prayer Meeting: 7:00 PM

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE – 9:30 AM
Highland Christian Reformed Church
April 25, 2021

Prelude
Welcome & Greeting
“Blessed Be Your Name”
“Build My Life”
Testimonial
Congregational Prayer
GEMS Video
Children’s Message
“Our God”
Sermon Text: **Genesis 3:1-13; 21-24**
Sermon Title: “**Grace is for Sinners**”
Song of Response: “*Your Grace is Enough*”
Blessing
“*Stand in Your Love*”
Postlude

Today’s Offerings: 1st: General Fund 2nd: GEMS
*Tithe & Offering boxes are next to the information table in the fellowship hall.

Children’s Church: Children are welcome to attend Children in Worship (preschool and kindergarten) and Little Lambs (3-4 yrs. Non-preschool) programs. After the children’s message, they will exit sanctuary and go down the NORTH stairs to the basement. You must pick them up there after the morning service.

- Copies of Today’s Service:**
- **Live Videos** of our service will begin streaming at 9:20 am each Sunday on our Facebook page (public).
 - **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

PASTORAL CARE:
If you have any pastoral care questions or prayer requests, please contact the church office to your district Elder.

March		2nd Offering	
7th	3,934.00	Highland Booster Club	702.00
14th	5,513.00	New Building Fund	2,625.00
21st	3,809.00	Highland Centershot	634.00
28th	3,454.00	Church Building Fund	273.00
Budget needed weekly	5,765.14	CRC Loan Fund - Beginning Balance	187,213.38
Times 13 weeks	<u>74,946.80</u>	Principal Paid to Date	9,973.45
Received to date	66,267.97	CRC Loan Fund - Ending Balance	177,239.93
Balance	(8,678.83)		
		Interest paid to date	2,088.23

CHURCH OFFICE:
(231) 825-2171 • office@highlandcrc.org
Hours: Monday-Thursday: 8:30 am – 2:00 pm; Friday-Saturday: Closed
(Bulletin content must be turned in by noon on Thursdays)

MINISTRY TEAM LEADERS:

Care & Share Team (Cindy Vennema)	Safe Church Team (Linda Wing)
Education Team (Mary Rees)	Safety Team (James Bazuin)
Facilities Team (Rick Dorman)	Service Team (Julie Dorman)
Prayer Team (Sandy Rice)	Worship Team (Jodi Meyering)

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. 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.

HELP WANTED: VOLUNTEER MENTOR / PROOFREADER -Bible League International has an opportunity for a Volunteer Mentor to coach Bible League Communication Specialists who know English as their second language (ESL). The ESL Mentor will proofread testimonies and prayer requests written by Communication Specialists searching for spelling and grammar mistakes, explaining needed changes. If you are interested, contact Deanna 866-825-4636 DVanSwol@bibleleague.org.

Sermon Outline

Title: "Surprised By Grace"

Text: John 1:14-17

Introduction: the first Christmas on the prairie

1. Grace: undeserved favor
2. His grace
3. The fullness of his grace: the prodigal son (Luke 15)
4. One blessing after another: a personal story of grace
5. Ho-hum about grace

Conclusion

PRAYER CORNER

"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." -Isaiah 41:10

- Dear Heavenly Father, please be with Ken VanPolen, Dick Bruno, Carol Niver, Steve Sluiter, Marilyn Ouwinga, Marian Ouwinga, BJ & Sue Cook. Bless each of them in ways only you can do. Give them the healing and the patience they need.
- Our hearts and prayers go out for Dave & Linda Wing and their family in the loss of Dave's dad, Dale Wing on Friday, April 16. Dale had been battling various forms of cancer over the past 2 decades. Visitation and a private service were held in McBain this past week.
- We extend our condolences to Joe & Ruth Kulhawick and family in the passing of Joe's mom, Evelyn Kulhawick.

DAILY PRAYER FOCUS

2 Peter 3:8 – "But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day."

Father, I am impatient. Time seems to pass too slowly when I am waiting. I know your timing is perfect. I know my times are in your hands. Help me to wait more patiently. Calm me with peace while I wait.

*Content for the Daily Prayer Focus is provided by the Highland Prayer Team

OUR MISSIONARIES:

Josh & Mandy Shaarda & Family

Serving in Uganda

Email: jshaarda@crcnapartners.org

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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 Sergeant, U.S. Air Force)

Davis Monthan Airforce Base,

Tucson, AZ

OUR CHURCH WEEK: APRIL 25 – MAY 1

SUN 04/25	9:15 AM	A time of prayer in the prayer room
	9:30 AM	Morning Worship Service
	10:50 AM	Sunday School & Catechism
	-----	No Fellowship Bible Study this week.
MON 04/26	7:00 PM	Elders Meeting
TUES 04/27	5:45 PM	MOPS
WED 04/28	9:30 AM	Ladies Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to Ben and Caitlyn (Ouwinga) Jachim on the birth of their twin boys, Blake Benjamin (6 pounds, 6 ounces, 19 ¾” long) and Griffin Lukas (4 pounds, 13 ounces; 18 ¼” long). They were born Friday, April 9. All are now home and doing well.

Thank you- From the bottom of our hearts, Brenda and I are so very grateful for all your prayers and words of encouragement during my hospitalization and recovery at home. Not how we planned to spend Easter Sunday. Psalm 50:15 “Trust me in your times of trouble, and I will rescue you, and you will give me glory.” –Dan & Brenda Ouwinga

Baby Bottles for Life Resources need to be returned by **May 9th** (Mother’s Day). They can be placed in the decorated baby box next to the information table of the fellowship hall. If you wish to write a check, please make payable to Life Resources of Northern Michigan. Please return any unused bottles as well so these can be used for future campaigns.

Attention Strong Tower: Cedar Point will be June 13th and 14th! We will be joining Rehoboth’s youth group this year! Cost will be \$50 per student. That will cover transportation, hotel, park ticket, drink wristband, and Monday’s breakfast and lunch. Bring some extra cash for a possible dinner stop on the way home and anything else in the park you may want! **Please notify Taylor Koch by this Saturday, May 1st** if you plan to go. There is also sign-up sheet on the table in the fellowship hall.

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 April** we will be collecting personal hygiene products (bar soap, feminine hygiene products, hand soap, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, 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!

Covid Vaccine is now available in our community! The vaccine is free, regardless of insurance, and is available for anyone aged 16 and up. Go to the website of McBain Family Pharmacy (<https://www.mcbainfamilypharmacy.com/>) to sign up for a time slot to receive the vaccine or to learn more about volunteering.

George & Sarah de Vuyst (missionaries in the Ukraine) invite you to join them for the upcoming Glocal (Global + Local) Mission Summit from **Thursday, May 13** to **Saturday, May 15**. The Glocal Mission Summit is a free and interactive virtual conference designed to break you out of that ZOOM fatigue. It’s a gathering where you will:

- Engage in conversations around mission
- Collaborate with others to reimagine what mission and discipleship can look like in our new reality
- Network with lay leaders, students, scholars, pastors, and others who are exploring how churches can reignite a passion for mission
- Hear our ministry partner in Hungary, Szabina Sztojka’s story of healing and reconciliation.
- Learn more about the Healing Hearts, Transforming Nations ministry from George & Szabina
- Check out the details and register at www.resonateglobalmission.org/glocal .
- We hope you can join us!