

NURSERY:

May 1	Kasey McQuestion, Emma Tossey Shari Benthem, Jayden Benthem
May 8	Karen Oeverman, Charlotte Thomas, Dana Baas, Becky Wemple
May 15	Diane Eisenga, Megan Benthem, Melissa Oeverman, Emma Oeverman
May 22	Ruth Kulhawick, Stephanie VanHouten, Karianne Smith, Karsyn Meyering

Thank you
to our many
volunteers for their
service each week
in helping to
promote the
kingdom of God!

LITTLE LAMBS / CHILDREN IN WORSHIP:

May 1	LL Teacher: Nicole Schultz; Helper: Addean Oeverman CIW Teacher: Anne Thomas; Helper: Karsyn Meyering
May 8	LL Teacher: Makayla Powers; Helper: Harper Tossey CIW Teacher: Sara Bruno; Helper: Karianne Smith
May 15	LL Teacher: Amy VanPolen; Helper: Alan Thomas CIW Teacher: Maggie Southwick; Helper: Emerson Tossey
May 22	LL Teacher: Kasey McQuestion, Helper: Leah Thompson CIW Teacher: Lizelle Bazuin; Helper: JD Bazuin

SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT:

May 1	Kyle Meyering; Dan Ouwinga; Deb Eisenga
May 8	Matt Thompson; Roger Hagerman; Jodi DeHate
May 15	Kyle Meyering; Jonathan Ouwinga; Kendra Jenema
May 22	Cary Sikkema; Dan Ouwinga; Sue Cook

OFFERINGS:

MAY	1st: Booster Club
	8th: New Building
	15th: Mississippi Mission Trip
	22nd: Benevolence
	29th: Missionaries Josh & Mandy Shaarda

USHERS

May: Aaron Pluger, Al Thomas, Tucker Tossey, Bob Vennema

June: Matt Thompson, Lars Fredin, Ken VanPolen, Jr, Gary Hesselink

****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!**



May 1, 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

HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
Morning Worship Service – 9:30 am
May 1, 2022

The People of God Gather:

Prelude
 Call to Worship from Psalm 100:1-3
 Welcome
 God's greeting
 Greeting one another

To Praise God
This is my Father's World (vs 1,3)
 Our World Belongs to God: Article 9
I Sing the Mighty Power of God (vs 1-2)
The Wonder of it All (vs 1-2)
 Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God:
 Announcements
 The Apostle's Creed (in unison)
 Congregational prayer

To Proclaim God's Word:
 Children's Message: Dale Fredin
Song of Preparation: Thy Word
Text: Malachi 3: 6-12; Luke 11:42
Title: Faith & Tithing
 Prayer of response
Song of Response & Offertory: Take My Life and Let it be (vs 1, 2, 4-6)
 1st Offering: General Fund; 2nd Offering: Booster Club

To Go in God's Name:
 God's blessing
Closing Song: Jesus Is Lord of All
 Postlude

- **Nursery** is available in the basement for children ages infant-3 years old.
- **Children's Church** is 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.

COUNCIL CORNER

Note: Personal phone #'s are not printed in our online bulletins

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 825-2171

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.

<p><u>CHURCH OFFICE</u> (231) 825-2171 office@highlandcrc.org Office Hours April 4-9: Mon.: Closed Tues-Thurs: 8:30 am – 2:00 pm Fri.-Sun.: Closed *All bulletin content is due by noon on Thursdays**</p>	<p><u>MINISTRY TEAM LEADERS</u> 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)</p>
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PRAYER CORNER

- ✚ Prayer Chain Update: Hillary Dracht requested prayers for her dad, **Dan Boonstra**, who was in ICU this past week for dangerously low sodium levels. Please pray for healing and patience as they work to regulate these levels.
- ✚ Please pray for Duane and Laurie VanPolen’s grandson, **Waylin** as he is still healing from a broken right arm. This past week, they noticed his other arm was swollen and causing a lot of discomfort. Another x-ray confirmed that his left arm is also broken (from same accident). Please pray for healing and patience as he has very limited use of both arms now while they heal and for his parents, Beth and Ethan as they help him through this frustrating time.
- ✚ Please pray for daily strength for **Carol Niver** as well as **Dick Bruno**.
- ✚ **The Healing Hearts Transforming Nations** events are about to begin in the United States. These events will be led by our missionary, George de Vuyst and are scheduled in California on April 24-28, Maryland on May 1-5 and then in Michigan, May 15-19. Please be in prayer for these events knowing that Satan is fighting to keep people in pain and conflict, but Jesus came to heal, restore, and reconcile.
- ✚ **THANK YOU** for the words of encouragement spoken, cards sent, and prayers offered for me as I recovered from foot surgery. ~Larry Visser

PRAYER FOCUS

1 Timothy 2:1 “I urge, then first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession, and thanksgiving be made for everyone, for kings, and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.”

God, I do not always agree with the decisions our nation’s political leaders make. However, I know that You have put them into those positions of authority. Please, draw our nation’s leaders to You. By your Holy Spirit, give them wisdom and courage to follow You even when it is difficult, unpopular, or may come at a cost.

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OUR ACIVE MILITARY

Tyler Bode
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OUR CHURCH WEEK: MAY 1-7

SUN 5/1	9:15 AM 9:30 AM 10:50 AM 11:00 AM 5:00 PM	A time of prayer in the prayer room Morning Worship Service Sunday School & Catechism Presentation Re: Synod Topics Fellowship Bible Study & Potluck –Lesson 7
MON 5/2	6:30 PM 7:00 PM 7:30 PM	Elders Deacons Council Meeting
TUES 5/3	6:00 PM	Spring Clean Up –Church Grounds
WED 5/4	9:30 AM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Ladies Bible Study –Lesson 13 Prayer Meeting Profession of Faith Class
THUS 5/5	All Day 7:00 PM	National Day of Prayer (see insert for details) 'Armor of God' Bible Study –in YB

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Today- In June, the Christian Reformed Synod, our highest assembly, will be considering a major committee report on human sexuality. The full report stretches over 100 pages. An executive summary, about a dozen pages long, is available by request from the church office. Pastor Neil has produced a brief two-page summary for everyone to be informed about the report. Today, after the morning worship service, Pastor Neil will review a report on human sexuality and provide time for questions. Our goal is to pray specifically for our Synod and its guidance to our churches in the years to come."

A Spring Clean Up has been scheduled for this Tuesday, May 3rd at 6:00 pm. We will be cleaning up the church grounds (exterior); B.Y.O.T. (Bring your own tools).

National Day of Prayer- Highland’s Prayer Team encourages you to pray for our country on Thursday, May 5, using the prayer printed on the bulletin insert. A list including items of local interest is available on the information and prayer resource table. Please pick one up to use as you pray on May 5.

Reminder: No Sunday school or Catechism on May 8 (Mother’s Day) and our last day of Sunday School and Catechism will be May 15.

Holy Communion- We have the privilege of celebrating the Lord’s Supper on May 15. If any of our shut-ins would like communion brought to their home, please contact the church office or one of our elders so this can be arranged.

The National Day of Prayer • May 5, 2022

The purpose of the National Day of Prayer is for Christians in America to pray together for our nation and its leaders. This year Highland's Prayer Ministry Team has put together some ideas for you to pray over.

We believe most people are aware of "big issues" that our country and federal government are dealing with, while it is often local governments and topics that are overlooked.

This year the PMT has put together a list of local schools, their board members, and some specific items for prayer. A list of local townships, board members, and items for consideration is also included. If no specific items are listed, feel free to contact one of your local officials for ideas.

We encourage you to take time on Thursday, May 5. Pray for the local governments that are of concern to you.

Other Local Events for National Day of Prayer:

The Annual Community-wide National Day of Prayer service will be held at Calvin CRC on May 5 at 7PM. Everyone is invited and encouraged to join us for a time of prayer.

National Day of Prayer -Focus on Ukraine; May 5 at 7:00 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church 350 Pearl Street; Cadillac, MI. The hymn, "This Is My Song" declares, in part, "So hear my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace for their land and for mine." This year, the Cadillac Area Ministerial Association's National Day of Prayer event will revolve around the tragic events taking place in Ukraine and Eastern Europe. We will lean on the power of prayer, asking God to intervene in the midst of heartache, grief, and death. A time of fellowship and refreshments will conclude our time together. Please join us.

A Prayer All of Us Must Pray

Our Father, we come to You today in the name of Jesus for mercy and grace. We thank you that when Jehoshaphat was told that a great army was coming against him that he "set his face to seek the Lord, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah" (2 Chronicles 20:3).

Teach us to seek Your face on behalf of our churches and our country. Help us to be agents of reconciliation and hope in a time of strife and conflict. Cause us to see our great need for repentance and wisdom. We know that behind the scenes of history cosmic battles are being fought between good and evil, God and Satan.

We acknowledge our dependence upon You, for like Jehoshaphat, we confess, "We are powerless against this great horde that is coming against us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on You" (verse 12).

We thank You that after Jehoshaphat and his people fasted and prayed, You gave him the assurance, "Do not be afraid and do not be dismayed at this great horde, for the battle is not yours but God's" (verse 15).

As they sang praises to You, You brought deliverance to Your people. Help us to face the future with optimism and joy, for we are Yours.

We pray that Your church, comprised of all races and backgrounds, may unite in singing Your praises and giving thanks to Your name. Teach us to love one another and to display the oneness for which our Savior prayed.

Today, let us not be overwhelmed by the sins of others but by our own sins, our own needs and failures. Let us not use prayer as a cop-out, but rather, may we speak with authority and confidence—and face our challengers with a listening ear. Let us listen, learn, and stand!

In Jesus' name, Amen.

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