

NURSERY:

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
May 23	Kasey McQuestion, Diane Nemeth, Leah Thompson Barb Dore, Jodi Meyering, Karsyn Meyering

LITTLE LAMBS; CHILDREN IN WORSHIP:

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
May 23	LL Teacher: Anita Kvasnak; Helper: Emma Oeverman CIW Teacher: Nicole Schultz; Helpers: Emerson Tossey

SOUND SYSTEM, VIDEO, POWERPOINT:

May 2	Kyle Meyering; Jonathan Ouwinga; Deb Eisenga
May 9	Matt Thompson; Dan Ouwinga; Sue Cook
May 16	Matt Thompson; Deb Eisenga; Tami Eisenga
May 23	Cary Sikkema, Roger Hagerman, Jodi DeHate

OFFERINGS:

- MAY**
- 2: Booster Club
 - 9: New Building
 - 16: Josh & Mandy Shaarda
 - 23: Existing Building
 - 30: Benevolence

USHERS:

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

June: Kyle Meyering, Todd Oeverman, Gary Hesselink, Jim Ouwinga

****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

May 2, 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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Sunday Worship: 9:30 AM
Sunday School: 10:50 AM

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE – 9:30 AM
Highland Christian Reformed Church
May 2, 2021

The People of God Gather:

Prelude
Call to Worship
Welcome
God's Greeting

Praise God:

"This Is Holy Ground" –vs 1 & 3
"This Is My Father's World" –vs 1-3
Prayer of Praise

Pray & Serve God:

Announcements
Congregational Prayer

Proclaim God's Word:

Children's Message
Song of Preparation: *"I Sing the Mighty Power of God" –vs 1-3*
Scripture Passage: **Matthew 20:1-15**
Message Title: **"God's Grace: Is It Fair?"**
Song of Response: *"How Vast the Benefits Divine" –vs 1-3*

Go in God's Name

God's Blessing
Paring Song: *"Take Time to be Holy" –vs 1-3*
Postlude

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 streaming** of our Sunday service is available 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.

Today's Offerings:

1st: General Fund

2nd: Booster Club

*Tithe & Offering boxes are next to the information table in the fellowship hall.

2021 COUNCIL CORNER

Exec. Board: *

Church Office (231) 825-2171

Elders

Bob Vennema -*Clerk
Dale Fredin *Pres.
Ken Meyering
Ken Roede *V.P.
Jerry Koop
Bryan Eisenga

District

#1, A-C
#2, D-E
#3, F-L
#4, M-O
#5, P-T
#6, V-Z

Deacons

Gary Hesselink
Greg Tossey *Sec. of Deac.
Tom Ouwinga *V.T.
Dan Villwock
Doug Mitchell
Adam Swiler

PASTORAL CARE

If you have any pastoral care questions or prayer requests, please contact Pastor Neil via the church office (231) 825-2171, or your district Elder.

CHURCH OFFICE

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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)

Education Team (Mary Rees)

Facilities Team (Rick Dorman)

Prayer Team (Sandy Rice)

Safe Church Team (Linda Wing)

Safety Team (James Bazuin)

Service Team (Julie Dorman)

Worship Team (Jodi Meyering)

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

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!

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.

MESSAGE OUTLINE

Title: "God's Grace- Is It Fair?"

Text: Matthew 20:1-15

Theme: While never unfair, God's grace goes beyond what is deserved; wise people gratefully receive God's grace without resenting grace given to others.

Introduction: The response of one son when the other was allowed to stay up: It's not fair!

1. God surprises us with undeserved favor (verses 8-9)
2. God's grace is uneven (verses 9-11)
3. God's uneven grace can bother us (verses 11-12)
4. God's grace is never unfair; it goes on beyond justice (verses 13-15)

Conclusion: Let's savor God's fairness/justice and cherish whatever grace we've been given.

OUR CHURCH WEEK: MAY 2-8

SUN 05/02	9:15 AM 9:30 AM 10:50 AM -----	A time of prayer in the prayer room Morning Worship Service Sunday School & Catechism No Fellowship Bible Study this week.
MON 05/03	7:00 PM 7:30 PM	Deacons Meeting Council Meeting
WED 05/05	9:30 AM 7:00 PM	Ladies Bible Study Prayer Meeting
THURS 05/06	7:00 PM	National Day of Prayer Service at <u>Calvin CRC</u>

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.
- **BJ Cook** had a bone-marrow transplant this past week. Please pray for good results and healing.
- We continue to pray for those that are battling the effects of COVID-19. Please pray that our friends and families will be healed and given renewed strength.

DAILY PRAYER FOCUS

John 11:33, 35 – “When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved...Jesus wept.”

Jesus, you are the resurrection and the life. Yet you experienced the heaviness of grief. Thank you for understanding mine. Thank you for sharing in my sorrow. Thank you for giving me hope so that I do not grieve as those who have no hope.

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

OUR MISSIONARIES

Josh & Mandy Shaarda & Family

Serving in Uganda

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George & Sarah de Vuyst & Family

Serving in Ukraine

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CURRENTLY SERVING IN OUR MILITARY

Tyler Bode

(Staff Sergeant, U.S. Air Force)

Davis Monthan Airforce Base,

Tucson, AZ

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Let's celebrate! Please join us for cake after this morning's worship service as we celebrate Jim and Bev's Ouwinga's 60th wedding anniversary. May they be blessed with many more wonderful years!

Important Sunday school / Catechism Dates:

- **May 9** -No Sunday school or Catechism (Mother's Day)
- **May 16** -Sunday School end-of-year party
-MS & HS Catechism will still meet as normal
- **May 23** -MS & HS Catechism will still meet as normal (last week)

New Members (Profession of Faith) Class: will be meeting May 16, May 23 and June 6 at 10:50 am in the Pastor's Study (meeting location subject to change pending attendance numbers). Please contact Past Neil or an elder for more details.

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.

A community-wide National Day of Prayer service will be held this Thursday, May 6th at 7:00 pm at the Calvin Christian Reformed Church. Let's join together with fellow believers across the nation in a time of prayer.

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 on the Helping Hands table in the east wing. **For the month of May** we will be collecting diapers of all sizes. If donating partial packages, please label the diaper size on the outer bag. Thank you!

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!