#### **NURSERY:**

July 18	DaNay Tossey, Harper Tossey, Cindy Vennema, Becky Body, Jayden Bode, Patti Koop
July 25	Lizelle Bazuin, Aubrynn Bazuin, Bev Kamphouse, Amy Eisenga, Kasey McQuestion, Becky Wemple
August 1	Diane Eisenga, Megan Benthem, Kendyn Meyering, Melissa Oeverman, Emma Oeverman, Brandy VanPolen
August 8	Ruth Kulhawick, Sue Cook, Christina Dodde Caitlin Dodde, Nicole Schultz, Sheri Fiet

## **LITTLE LAMBS / CHILDREN IN WORSHIP:**

June 20-August 29: Summer Break!

# **SOUND SYSTEM, VIDEO, POWERPOINT:**

July 18	Matt Thompson; Roger Hagerman; Jodi DeHate
July 25	Cary Sikkema, Dan Ouwinga, Sue Cook
August 1	Kyle Meyering, Jonathan Ouwinga, Deb Eisenga
August 8	Matt Thompson; Deb Eisenga; Tami Eisenga

# **OFFERINGS:**

4: Booster Club
11: New Building Fund
18: Benevolence
25: MOPS

1: Booster Club
8: New Building
15: Strong Tower
22: Josh & Mandy Shaarda

**USHERS:** 

July: Larry Visser, Kevin DeHate, Alan Baas, Aaron Pluger

August: Jason Benthem, Jonathan Ouwinga, Joey Kulhawick, Marlin Venema

29: Extreme

\*\*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!



July 18, 2021

#### HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

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.

9034 23 Mile Rd. • Marion, MI 49665 (231) 825-2171

Rev. Neil Jasperse

Sunday Worship: 9:30 AM

Email: office@highlandcrc.org Website: www.highlandcrc.org

# **MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE - 9:30 AM**

# Highland Christian Reformed Church July 18, 2021

# The People of God Gather:

Prelude

Call to worship -Psalm 100: 4-5

Welcome

God's greeting

Greeting one Another

#### To Praise God:

"Shout to the Lord"

"Forever" –vs 1-3

Prayer of praise

# To Pray and Serve God:

Announcements

Congregational prayer

Offertory; 1st: General Fund; 2nd: Benevolence

#### To Proclaim God's Word:

Children's message: Pastor Neil and the "Baffle Box"

Song of preparation: "Christian Hearts in Love United" –vs 1 & 3

**Scripture:** Mark 3:1-6, Galatians 5:22-23 **Sermon:** "The Fruit of the Spirit: Goodness"

Prayer of response

Song of response: "God is So Good"

## To Go in God's Name:

God's blessing:

Parting song: "My Friends May You Grow in Grace" (1x)

Postlude

Nursery is available in the basement for children ages infant-3 years old.

LIVE streaming of our Sunday service is available on our Facebook page

Video recordings are available on USB at the sound booth after the service or on DVD by request the following Monday afternoon from the office.

2021 COUNCIL				
*Pastor Neil Jasperse				
Exec. Board *		Church (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		

## HIGHLAND COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS July 12, 2021

- 1. Heard a treasurer's report that budget giving over the past three months has been solid, reducing the budgeted giving deficit from over \$8,000 to just over \$5,000. Gifts to pay off the 2014 building loan have reduced the balance to under \$170,000.
- 2. Heard from the Human Resources Team that no applications for the Youth Director position were received. The council concluded that the best option for the coming year is to return to the previous model of church couples/individuals leading the program.
- 3. Reflected on an assessment by Pastor Neil on lessons from the prior pastorate. The first main lesson noted was the need for experienced elders when receiving a new pastor. The other main lesson was the importance of good communication- both about the pastor's responsibilities and expectations, as well as when handling any concerns that arise.
- 4. Provided guidance to the Pastor Search Team about certain areas of our church profile, which prospective pastors will access to become better acquainted with Highland Church.
- Executive Ministry team reported that team leaders are in place for five of our seven main teams: Education- Megan Pluger; Care & Fellowship- Cindy Vennema; Outreach- Jodi DeHate; Service- Carrie Thompson; and Prayer-Sandy Rice. Worship and Facilities still need team leaders.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED**

**Versiti Blood of Michigan** will be here August 11 from 1-7 for our next blood drive. If you have not already scheduled your donation, please visit Versiti.org/MI or call (866) 642-5663. You may also schedule through Sara in the church office by calling (231) 825-2171.

**Thank you** to the many volunteers that have already signed up to take care of our beautiful outdoor flowers. We still need volunteers for September. If you would be willing to serve in this way, please see the sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall.

Northern Michigan Christian School is seeking qualified applicants for a part-time maintenance position. Duties include but are not limited to; mowing\grounds maintenance, carpet and floor cleaning, general custodial work and minor repairs. The schedule is flexible with some weeknights mandatory. Candidates must comply with NMCS moral and ethical standards. Interested parties may contact Scott Curell at scurell@nmcs.us or 231-825-2492.

Shipshewana Fun Day Trip! Anyone who is planning on going on the trip should sign up this week. There are less than 10 seats left and we do not want you to miss the bus! TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH. Bus arrives at 8:15 AM and leaves promptly by 8:30 AM from the northwest corner of the Rehoboth church parking lot. The bus will return to church at approximately 9:30 PM. Both women and men are welcome! This trip is being organized by the RRC Women's Ministry. Minimum of \$57 due at sign-up. Cost of trip \$57 - \$111 depending on how many people go. Trip is being run at cost and if a balance is due it will be collected on departure. Included in this fee is the motor coach, motor coach driver's tip, mid-morning snack, waters, 4 hours of Shipshewana shopping at flea market and in the town, multiple motor coach drop off and pick up points, The Carriage House Thresher dinner, tip included and fellowship with those around you! Please bring money, sunscreen, a hat if desired, comfortable shoes and a large bag to carry all of your purchases. For questions contact Ruth Stahl at (231) 878-4961 or ruthlstahl@gmail.com OR Judy Meyering at (231) 878-9116 or judy.meyering@yahoo.com

#### **MESSAGE OUTLINE**

**Title: The Fruit of the Spirit- Goodness** 

**Text: Mark 3:1-6, Galatians 5:22-23** 

Introduction: Anne's reaction to Fred Wright's proposal to Diana

- 1. The fruit of the Spirit is goodness
  - a. A definition: being what you are supposed to be
  - b. The world may think a bit of bad is good or that goodness is boring
  - c. God's Word makes it clear: good is good for you and it can be dramatic
- 2. The goodness of God
  - a. Seen in Jesus healing the man with the shriveled hand; seen at the cross
  - b. Psalm 34:8 Taste and see that the Lord is good.
  - c. A brief response to the problem of evil.
- 3. A work of renovation in us.
  - a. Ephesians 2:10 For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.
  - b. Personal testimony

Conclusion: the question Anne posed to Diana

c. Personal application: a test of goodness

Notes:

## PRAYER CORNER

Heavenly Father, we lift up before you those that need healing. Please be with Ken VanPolen, Dick Bruno, Carol Niver, Steve Sluiter, Marilyn Ouwinga, BJ & Sue Cook, Corey DeZeeuw and Carol Southwick. Lord, give them the healing and the patience they need and bless each of them in ways only you can.

- ♣ Please pray that God will provide leadership for our Strong Tower ministry. Please pray for all those that lead our youth programs. May they be a witness for Christ as they shepherd our kids.
- ♣ Pray for our VBS program next week. Pray that this church will be flooded with kids both familiar and new and that they will see what it means to follow Jesus, the light of the world!
- Please pray for out Pastor Search Team as they look for the next pastor of our church. May they be led by the Holy Spirit throughout the process.

#### **DAILY PRAYER FOCUS**

Holy God, make my desire be to reveal the light of Jesus Christ who lives in me. May the choices I make reflect the holiness and love Your Son Jesus. Make me a person who longs for Your character. Please help me avoid decision based on holiness without love, grace or truth.

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

# **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**

# Tyler Bode

(Staff Sargent, U.S. Air Force)
Davis Monthan Airforce Base, Tucson, AZ

#### **OUR CHURCH WEEK: JULY 18-24**

<b>SUN</b> 07/18		A time of prayer in the prayer room Morning Worship Service
<b>MON</b> 07/19	7:00 PM	Worship Team Meeting
<b>WED</b> 07/21	7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting
THURS 07/22	7:00 PM	JUMP Practice
FRI/SAT 07/23-07/24	All Day	Church Use

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Grocery Shower** for Caleb Dodde and Kaitlyn Eastway who will be united in marriage, here on July 24, 2021. Please help us bless this couple with a basket of groceries and paper products. The basket will be in the fellowship hall July 11, 18 and 25. Thank you!

**VBS 2021:** We are so excited that VBS is back this summer! Kids age 4 – Middle School are invited to join us this year for a CAVE QUEST! July 26-28 from 6-8 PM. Dinner will be provided for volunteers and their families before VBS starts each evening. Nursery will be provided for the young children of volunteers. **We need your help!** We still need crew leaders (moms, dads, grandparents...) and nursey workers. <u>Please</u> check out the sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall. If you have any questions, please contact Anne Thomas.

**Letter to the Congregation:** A letter to the congregation from Pastor Neil was emailed to all who have given us their email address. A paper copy is also in each church mailbox.

Youth Director Position: Unfortunately, our recent youth director search brought no applications. After discussing various options, the council concluded that the best path forward is to resume the prior model of leaders from within the congregation. So we ask for everyone's prayers to God to raise up a few leaders for our Strong Tower youth group. The need is urgent! Strong Tower features gatherings every other Sunday evening, along with other fellowship events and service projects. We invite anyone open to helping to contact our church office or Megan Pluger, our new Education Team leader.