

**NURSERY:**

<b>July 25</b>	Lizelle Bazuin, Aubrynn Bazuin, Bev Kamphouse, Amy Eisenga, Kasey McQuestion, Becky Wemple
<b>August 1</b>	Diane Eisenga, Megan Benthem, Kendyn Meyering, Melissa Oeverman, Emma Oeverman, Brandy VanPolen
<b>August 8</b>	Ruth Kulhawick, Diane Nemeth, Christina Dodde, Caitlin Dodde, Nicole Schultz, Sheri Fiet
<b>August 15</b>	Linda Ellens, Maggie Southwick, Karianne Smith, Donna Veddler, Esther Bode, Leah Thompson

**LITTLE LAMBS / CHILDREN IN WORSHIP:**

**June 20-August 29:** Summer Break!

**SOUND SYSTEM, VIDEO, POWERPOINT:**

<b>July 25</b>	Cary Sikkema, Dan Ouwinga, Sue Cook
<b>August 1</b>	Kyle Meyering, Jonathan Ouwinga, Deb Eisenga
<b>August 8</b>	Matt Thompson; Deb Eisenga; Tami Eisenga
<b>August 15</b>	Matt Thompson, Roger Hagerman, Sue Cook

**OFFERINGS:**

<b>JULY</b>	<b>4:</b> Booster Club	<b>AUGUST</b>	<b>1:</b> Booster Club
	<b>11:</b> New Building Fund		<b>8:</b> New Building
	<b>18:</b> Benevolence		<b>15:</b> Strong Tower
	<b>25:</b> MOPS		<b>22:</b> Josh & Mandy Shaarda
			<b>29:</b> Extreme

**USHERS:**

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

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

**\*\*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 25, 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.***

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Rev. Neil Jasperse  
Sunday Worship: 9:30 AM

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

**The People of God Gather:**

Opening Song: *“Found in You”*  
 Call to Worship & Welcome  
 God’s Greeting  
 Greeting One Another

To Praise God:

*“Way-Maker”*  
*“Found in You”*  
 Prayer of praise

To Provide the Sacrament of Baptism

The Meaning of Baptism  
 The Vows -of the parents; then the congregation  
 The Baptism -of ***Brienna Mae Hesselink***  
 The Prayer  
 Song: *“Who You Say I Am”*

To Pray and Serve God:

Announcements  
 Congregational prayer  
 Offering: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: MOPS  
 Offertory Song: *“Reckless Love”*

To Proclaim God’s Word:

Children’s message: Al Thomas  
**Bible Reading** (*while standing*): Genesis 17: 1-14; Acts 2: 36-41  
**Message:** *“Welcome to the Family”*  
 Prayer of response  
*“Yes I Will”*

To Go in God’s Name:

God’s blessing:  
 Closing Song: *“Life Song”*

2021 COUNCIL				
Executive. Board: *			Church Office (231) 825-2171	
Elders		District	Deacons	
Bob Vennema *Clerk	920-5032	#1, A-C	Gary Hesselink	388-2661
Dale Fredin *Pres.	388-4457	#2, D-E	Greg Tossey *Sec. of Deac.	920-6615
Ken Meyering	920-7775	#3, F-L	Tom Ouwinga *V.T.	878-0468
Ken Roede *V.P.	825-2795	#4, M-O	Dan Villwock	846-1044
Jerry Koop	878-2388	#5, P-T	Doug Mitchell	429-7887
Bryan Eisenga	357-2268	#6, V-Z	Adam Swiler	878-2403

**Upcoming Council Meetings:**

August 2     6:30 PM     Elders  
 August 2     7:00 PM     Deacons  
 August 2     7:30 PM     Council

**Pastoral Visits:**

If you would appreciate a pastoral visit for whatever reason, please contact Pastor Neil- via Sara Bruno in the church office, by email at [njjasperse@gmail.com](mailto:njjasperse@gmail.com) or in person.

**Pastor Search Team Update:** We are delighted that Jonathan Eisenga has agreed to serve on our Pastor Search Team. He fills in the seventh and final spot, offering perspective from the younger generation. This team is currently filling out our church profile, which will be posted on the Christian Reformed website for pastors to access.

**CHURCH OFFICE**

(231) 825-2171 • [office@highlandcrc.org](mailto:office@highlandcrc.org)  
 Hours: Monday-Thursday: 8:30 am – 2:00 pm; Friday-Saturday: Closed  
**\*\*Note: The church office will be closed August 3 & 4**  
 (All bulletin content due by noon on Thursdays)

**MINISTRY TEAM LEADERS**

<b>Care &amp; Share Team</b> (Cindy Vennema)	<b>Safe Church Team</b> (Linda Wing)
<b>Education Team</b> (Megan Pluger)	<b>Safety Team</b> (James Bazuin)
<b>Facilities Team</b> _____	<b>Service Team</b> (Julie Dorman)
<b>Prayer Team</b> (Sandy Rice)	<b>Worship Team</b> (DaNay Tossey)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED**

**The Education Team** would like to thank Al and Dana Baas for their many years of service as the Sunday school superintendents and we look forward to seeing their gifts play out in our other areas of ministry. We are also excited to announce that Dan & April Villwock have stepped forward as our new Sunday School Superintendents! Plans for our upcoming Sunday school year will be announced in the coming weeks.

**Executive Ministry Team** is happy to announce that DaNay Tossey has accepted the position of Team leader for the Worship Team. We still need a Team Leader for the Facilities Team. If you feel called to serve in this area, please contact the Executive Ministry Team or the Church office.

**The Annual Highland Church Softball Game** will be next Sunday, August 1st at 3:00 pm at the Lucas ball fields. All ages are welcome! Bring your own equipment, lawn chair and a snack to share! Hotdogs and drinks will be provided. If you have any questions please contact Bob or Cindy Vennema.

**Save the Date: The Annual Highland ORV Ride** is scheduled for September 26<sup>th</sup>. Details will be posted closer to that event.

**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](http://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.

**MESSAGE OUTLINE**

**Title: Welcome to the Family**

**Text: Genesis 17:1-14, Acts 2:36-41**

Theme: There is a triple biblical basis for infant baptism: God’s leading role in our salvation, the scope of God’s covenant, and the precedent of circumcision.

Introduction:

Charles Haddon Spurgeon: “Infant baptism is a slaughter of the sacrament.”

1. Biblical perspective
  - No single Bible text proves infant baptism one way or the other
  - Infant baptism rests on broader biblical themes and principles
2. The doctrine of infant baptism rests on three main biblical foundations
  - In the drama of salvation God is the lead actor; baptism is a sign of God’s saving work, not of a human decision
  - Children of believers were included in God’s family/covenant from the start
  - Circumcision: the Old Testament sign of the covenant includes infants
3. Three practical implications of infant baptism.

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**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.

**PRAYER CORNER**

Heavenly Father, we lift up before you those that need healing. Please be with Ken VanPolen, Dick Bruno, Carol Niver, 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.

***Prayer requests submitted by Josh Shaarda (Missionary- Obulle, Uganda)***

- Prayers for a successful 2<sup>nd</sup> growing season. The 1<sup>st</sup> growing season was wiped out by 8 weeks of drought. Pray that God will provide for the needs of the people in Uganda.
- Prayers for the prison discipleship program in Uganda. This ministry continues to spread despite roadblocks from COVID and the current OC (officer in charge). Please pray that these inmates will continue to lift up the name of Christ and that the OC will have a change of heart and come to know Christ as well.

**DAILY PRAYER FOCUS**

*"Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them,'"*  
*Matthew 19:14*

Father God, we thank you for the privilege of having VBS at Highland again this year. We ask you, Holy Spirit, to bless each one who takes part in any way, whether adult, young person, or child. Protect them, body, mind, and spirit. Fill them with joy and peace as the name of Jesus is celebrated.

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

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	<b>Military</b> <b>Tyler Bode</b> (Staff Sargent, U.S. Air Force) Davis Monthan Airforce Base, Tucson, AZ	

**OUR CHURCH WEEK: JULY 25-31**

<b>SUN 07/25</b>	9:15 AM 9:30 AM	A time of prayer in the prayer room Morning Worship Service & Baptism
<b>MON 07/26</b>	5:30 PM 6-8 PM	Dinner for VBS Volunteers <b>VBS</b>
<b>TUES 07/27</b>	5:30 PM 6-8 PM	Dinner for VBS Volunteers <b>VBS</b>
<b>WED 07/28</b>	5:30 PM 6-8 PM 7:00 PM	Dinner for VBS Volunteers <b>VBS</b> Prayer Meeting
<b>THURS 07/29</b>	5:30 PM 6-8 PM	Dinner for VBS Volunteers <b>VBS</b> (Closing program at 7:45 PM)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Today** we will celebrate the infant baptism of Brienna Mae Hesselink, who is the youngest daughter of Gary and Kelly Hesselink.

**Congratulations to Caleb & Katie Dodde** who were united in marriage here yesterday. Please help us bless this couple with a basket of groceries. The basket will be in the fellowship hall July 11, 18 and 25. Thank you!

**THIS WEEK: 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 nurse workers. Please check out the sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall. If you have any questions, please contact Anne Thomas.

**VBS Meals:** Side dishes for the VBS meals this week would be appreciated! We are serving Monday through Thursday: BBQ on buns, deli sandwiches, pizza, and hot dogs/brats. If you have anything that you would like to contribute to these meals, please contact Bev Taylor (231-429-6397) today. She will be shopping for the meals tomorrow. Thank you.