

NURSERY:

Aug 7	Maggie Southwick, Karianne Smith, Donna Veddler, Kendyn Meyering
Aug 14	Esther Bode, Diane Nemeth Barb Dore, Evan Wemple
Aug 21	Tami Eisenga, Jodi Meyering, Mikayla Powers, Emma Oeverman
Aug 28	Jackie Schmid, Deborah Ouwinga, Megan Plugger, Leah Thompson

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

LITTLE LAMBS / CHILDREN IN WORSHIP:

June/July/Aug	***Summer Break*** If you are interested in helping with Children’s Church this fall, please contact Lindsay Beerens.
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SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT:

Aug 7	Kyle Meyering, Jonathan Ouwinga, Tami Eisenga
Aug 14	Cary Sikkema, Roger Hagerman, Jodi DeHate
Aug 21	Matt Thompson, Dan Ouwinga, Kendra Jenema
Aug 28	Cary Sikkema, Deb Eisenga, Sue Cook

OFFERINGS:

August:	September:
7 th –Booster Club	4 th –Booster Club
14 th –New Building	11 th –New Building
21 st –Josh & Mandy Shaarda	18 th –Benevolence
28 th –George & Sarah de Vuyst	25 th –Marion Food Pantry

USHERS

August: Joey Kulhawick, Bob Lee, Ryan McQuestion, Mike Plugger
September: Ken Roede, Todd Schmid, Adam Swiler, Dale Taylor

****If you are unable to serve on your scheduled date, please find a replacement. Please call the church office (231) 825-2171 if you have any questions. Thank you!**



August 7, 2022

HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

Striving to be the heart and hands of Jesus

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.”*

CORE VALUES:

*Worship joyfully and reverently.
Treasure familiar neighbors and warmly welcome new relationships.
Nurture our covenant children and serve our community.
Earnestly pray and eagerly work.
Embrace diversity and emphasize unity.
Empower ministry staff and employ the ministry gifts of all.
Give generously and invest globally.*

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Rev. Neil Jasperse
Sunday Worship 9:30 AM
Sunday School 10:50 AM (Sept-May)

9034 23 Mile Rd; Marion
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HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
Morning Worship Service – 9:30 am
August 7, 2022

The People of God Gather:

Prelude:
 Call to Worship: Psalm 139: 1-4
 Welcome
 God's Greeting
 Greet One Another

To Praise God

From All That Dwell Below The Skies (vs 1-3)
 Psalm 106:1
Forever (vs 1-3)
 Psalm 16:11
Joyful, Joyful (vs 2-3)
 Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God:

Announcements
 Commissioning of Lindsay Zuiderveen as Highland's Youth Director
Take My Life And Let It Be –(vs 1, 3, 5, 6)
 Congregational prayer

To Proclaim God's Word:

Children's Message: Pastor Neil –The Baffle Box
 Song of Preparation: *Open My Eyes That I Might See (vs 1-3)*
Sermon Text: Romans 8: 28-30 (said in unison)
Sermon Title: The Golden Chain- Those God Foreknew
 Prayer of response
 Song of Response & Offertory: *He Knows My Name*
 1st Offering: General Fund; 2nd Offering: Booster Club

To Go in God's Name:

God's blessing
 Closing Song: *People of God*
 Postlude

COUNCIL CORNER:

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

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 by email at npjasperse@gmail.com or in person.

CHURCH OFFICE

(231) 825-2171
 office@highlandcrc.org

Office Hours:

Mon -Thurs: 8:30 am – 2:00 pm
 Fri-Sun: Closed

****All bulletin content is due by noon on Thursdays****

MINISTRY TEAM LEADERS

Care & Fellowship Team (Cindy Vennema)
Education Team (Megan Pluger)
Facilities Team (Greg Hesselink)
Outreach Team (Jodi DeHate)
Prayer Team (Sandy Rice)
Service Team (Carrie Thompson)
Worship Team (DaNay Tossey)

Our nursery is available downstairs for children ages infant-3 years old

PRAYER CORNER

Hebrews 4:16 – Let us approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

- ✚ **Prayers for Healing:** We lift up in prayer, Dick Bruno, Carol Niver and Bruce Vennema. We pray that they receive the healing, patience and daily strength that they need.
- ✚ Please pray for **Highland’s Youth Programs** that will be starting soon. Please pray that the roles for Sunday School Superintendents, teachers and helpers will soon be filled.
- ✚ **We want to pray for you!** If you have a prayer request that you would like added to the prayer corner of the bulletin or if you would like a message sent out on the Prayer Chain, please contact the church office (231) 825-2171 or one of the Shepherd Elders.

DAILY PRAYER FOCUS:

Job 8:21- “He will yet fill your mouth with laughter and your lips with shouts of joy.”

God, my days can be so hard. When I am sad, or lonely, disappointed, or in pain of any kinds, it is hard to imagine I will ever laugh again. However, I choose to look forward to the time when I will laugh. I am so ready to shout for joy!

OUR MISSIONARIES

Josh & Mandy Shaarda & Family
Serving in Uganda
Email: jshaarda@crncpartners.org
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George & Sarah de Vuyst & Family
Serving in Ukraine & the U.S.
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OUR ACIVE MILITARY

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

****Missionary Newsletters and Prayer Cards** are available for those who would like one in the racks by the Missions bulletin Board in the East Wing.

SERMON OUTLINE

Title: The Golden Chain- Those God Foreknew
Text: Romans 8:28-30

Introduction:

- A golden necklace chain
- God’s golden chain of our salvation
- The example of the Apostle Paul

1. Our knowledge is limited
 - a. There are many things we would like to know beforehand
 - b. In God’s mercy we don’t know the future
2. God is all-knowing
 - a. Many Bible passages bring out this attribute of God
 - b. Contrast to the Roman gods
 - c. This attribute should drive us to our knees in wonder
3. Those God Foreknew
 - a. Other Bible passages bring out God’s foreknowledge
 - b. Biblical knowing often refers to an intimate relationship of love
 - c. The parallel of an expectant mother’s love
 - d. Personal experience
4. The golden chain of salvation begins with God’s love
 - a. The context exclusively focuses on God’s redeemed people
 - b. The witness of Deuteronomy 7 and Ephesians 2.
5. Conclusion: the ultimate love story.

OUR CHURCH WEEK: AUGUST 7-13

SUN 8/7	9:15 AM	A time of prayer in the prayer room
	9:30 AM	Morning Worship Service & Commissioning of Lindsay Zuiderveen as Youth Director
	10:50 AM	Special Congregational Meeting –Bonnes vote
WED 8/10	1:00-6:30 PM	Versiti Blood Drive in the Fellowship Hall
	7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting
SAT 8/13	11:30-5:00 PM	Church Use

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Today we have the honor of introducing and commissioning Lindsay Zuiderveen as the new Youth Director for Highland Church. Her vibrant commitment to Jesus, her heart for youth, and her leadership experience is an answer to prayer and a welcome addition to our staff.

Lindsay and her husband Dan, along with their four boys, Wyatt, Eli, Silas and Jesse are from the McBain/Vogel Center area and are members of Lucas Christian Reformed Church. Lindsay also works in the lunch program at McBain Elementary.

Her role officially began on August 1. Please pray for a smooth transition and a wonderful year ahead of learning, growing, fellowship and activities.

Special Congregational Meeting will be held this morning following our worship hour. We will discuss and vote on calling Pastors Mark and Ashley to serve at Highland Church. As we established previously in the search process, a 75% affirmative vote will be needed to extend a call. Please make every effort to be present and offer a voice and vote for this important decision.

A letter from the council is available in your mailboxes, in the office and near the sanctuary entrances if you did not already receive one via email earlier in the week. This letter clarifies the roles and financial package for Pastor Mark and Pastor Ashley, should the congregation decide to call them to serve at Highland.

A Note from the Education Team: We still need your help in Highland's education areas! If you are able to serve in any of these roles, please contact Megan Pluger. Here are some of our current needs:

- -Sunday School Superintendents
- -Sunday School teachers
- -Children in Worship Teachers

Vogel Center CRC is blessed to celebrate our 150th Anniversary this summer. We invite you to join us for the following events as we celebrate the history, not only of our church, but also of our community in the greater McBain area. Outdoor events will be weather permitting.

- Sunday, August 14, 6 pm: Outdoor Hymn Sing and Quartet concert.
- Wednesday, August 17, 3-8 pm: Teen night with kayaking, pizza, and outdoor games
- Thursday, August 18, 6:30 pm: History night with special guests Steven Koster and Ken Spoelma
- Friday, August 19, 7 pm: Old Fashioned ballgame by the township hall in Falmouth. (Slow pitch, co-ed. Bring your glove or lawn chair.)
- Saturday, August 20, 10 am – 3 pm: Parade, Car & Tractor show, Games and Free Food in Vogel Center

HIGHLAND COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS - AUGUST 1, 2022

1. Heard a treasurer's report that July's general ministry giving was below budget. For the year we have now fallen \$34,000 behind budget. However, expenses have also been below budget so far.
2. Heard a report of another blessed Vacation Bible School program. Attendance of kids over the four days was 66, 73, 73, and 70 for an average of about 70.
3. Set salary and benefits for Pastors Mark and Ashley should the congregation decide to call them to serve with us.

TREASURER'S REPORT - JULY

July Offerings		2nd Offerings	
3rd	4,086.00	Booster Club	641.00
10th	3,371.00	New Building Fund	11,240.00
17th	5,414.00	World Renew	1,050.00
24th	6,411.00	Church Building Fund	733.00
31st	4,733.91	Feeding America	709.00
Total July Offerings	24,015.91		
Budget needed weekly	6,208.44	CRC Loan Fund – Begin. Balance	77,739.09
Times 31 weeks	192,461.71	Principal Paid to Date	44,152.17
Received to date	158,247.85	CRC Loan Fund - Ending Balance	33,586.92
Balance	(34,213.86)		
		Interest paid to date	1,738.07