

<b><u>GREETERS:</u></b>	<u>North Door</u>	<u>South Door</u>
March 22	----- Church Closed -----	
March 29	----- Church Closed -----	
April 5	Mary Dracht	Dale & Bev Taylor
April 10 (Good Friday)	Matt & Carrie Thompson	Steve & Sue Meeuwenberg

<b><u>NURSERY:</u></b>	
March 22	----- Church Closed -----
March 29	----- Church Closed -----
April 5	Ruth Kulhawick, Maggie Southwick, Christina Dodde Caitlin Dodde, Nicole Schultz, Courtney Vanderhoef
April 10 (Good Friday)	Patti Koop, Lizelle Bazuin, Aubrynn Bazuin Shari Benthem, Bev Kamphouse, Amy Eisenga

**CHILDREN IN WORSHIP – LITTLE LAMBS:**

March 22	----- Church Closed -----
March 29	----- Church Closed -----
April 5	CIW: Teacher: Tiffany Ouwinga; Helpers: Tessa Ouwinga & Mary Rees LL: Teacher: Karianne/Zach Smith; Helper: Linda Ellens
April 10 (Good Friday)	No Children’s Church

**SOUND SYSTEM, VIDEO, POWERPOINT:**

March 22	----- Church Closed -----
March 29	----- Church Closed -----
April 5	Matt Thompson, Dan Ouwinga, Sue Cook
April 10 (Good Friday)	Cary Sikkema, Al Fox, Jodi DeHate

<b><u>MARCH OFFERING:</u></b>	1st: Booster Club	<b><u>APRIL OFFERING:</u></b>	5th: Booster Club
	8th: New Building		12th: New Building
	15th: Extreme		19th: Existing Building
	22nd: Benevolence		26th: GEMS
	29th: Existing Building		

**MARCH USHERS:** Den Kamphouse, Ryan McQuestion, Paul Shaarda, Phil VanAssche  
**APRIL USHERS:** Jerry Nemeth, Matt Thompson, Kyle Meyering, Ken VanPolen Jr.

**Thank you!**  
 ...to everyone  
 who serves  
 either up front  
 or behind the  
 scenes each  
 week in helping  
 to further the  
 kingdom of  
 God!



**HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH**

**March 22, 2020**

**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  
 Email: office@highlandcrc.org

Morning Worship: 9:30 AM  
 Sunday school for all ages: 10:50 AM  
 Website: www.highlandcrc.org

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE – 9:30 AM

Highland Christian Reformed Church

March 22, 2020

In compliance with recommendations from the CDC, our church buildings will be closed for services and church events until April 4<sup>th</sup> or

The following service will be available this Sunday on our website: [www.highlandcrc.org](http://www.highlandcrc.org) under the *Sermon Audio* tab:

Congregational Prayer

Scripture: Mark 1:40-45 (page 1553 in the pew Bibles)  
 Sermon Title: “Is Jesus Too Busy?”

1. Jesus is NEVER too busy
2. The Leper’s Courage
3. Jesus is Compassionate

Benediction

\*\*Offering: 1<sup>st</sup> General Fund; 2<sup>nd</sup> (see below)

MARCH - 2<sup>ND</sup> OFFERING:

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Booster Club

8<sup>th</sup>: New Building

15<sup>th</sup>: Extreme (church closed)

22<sup>nd</sup>: Benevolence (church closed)

29<sup>th</sup>: Existing Building (church closed)

Tithes and offerings can be mailed to either the church office or Shari Benthem or dropped off at the church office Monday-Thursday, 9 am-2pm.

2020 Council				
Exec. Board: *		Rev. Dr. Gregory J. Kett *		825-2171 Church Office
Elders			Deacons	
Bob Vennema	920-5032	District #1, A-C	Gary Hesselink	388-2661
Dale Fredin *Pres.	388-4457	District #2, D-E	Kyle Meyering *Sec. of Deac.	846-6075
Al Thomas *Clerk	878-6468	District #3, F-L	Tom Ouwinga *V.T.	878-0468
Ken Roede *V.P.	825-2795	District #4, M-O	Dan Villwock	846-1044
Larry Witt	884-6492	District #5, P-T	Larry Sikkema	920-5248
Chad Dodde	878-3164	District #6, V-Z	Ryan McQuestion	590-8012

**Have a Prayer Request?** If you have a prayer request you would like included in the congregational prayer, please contact your elder or Pastor Greg. You can also submit anonymous congregational prayer requests at any time by texting "HIGHLANDCRC627" to 22333. Once you're signed up, you'll be able to submit prayer requests at any time.

**Emergency Evacuation Plans:** Our Church Safety Team, with the help of Sara Bruno has posted Emergency evacuation floor plans near the doors in each room throughout the church. Our Safety Team also recently distributed a letter describing in detail our protocols in the event of an active shooter. Please take a moment when possible to familiarize yourself with these protocols and tools in case of an emergency.

<p><b><i>Pastoral Support:</i></b>  <i>Pastor Greg Kett (231) 825-2171</i>  <b><i>Normal Office Hours:</i></b>  <i>Mon-Thurs: 8:15 AM – 12:00 PM &amp; 1:00 –2:00 PM</i>  <i>Or by appointment as needed. Call anytime.</i></p>	<p><b><i>Ministry Team Leaders:</i></b>  <b><i>Connection Coordinator</i></b> (Amie Kett)  <b><i>Care &amp; Share Team</i></b> (Cindy Vennema)  <b><i>Prayer Team</i></b> (Sandy Rice)  <b><i>Education Team</i></b> (Mary Rees)  <b><i>Service Team</i></b> (Julie Dorman)  <b><i>Worship Team</i></b> (Jodi Meyering)  <b><i>Facilities Team</i></b> (Rick Dorman)  <b><i>Safe Church Team</i></b> (Linda Wing)  <b><i>Safety Team</i></b> (James Bazuin)</p>
<p><b><i>Youth Director:</i></b>  <i>Justin Sluiter</i>  <i>hccrcstrongtower@gmail.com</i></p>	
<p><b><i>Church Office:</i></b>  <i>Sara Bruno (231) 825-2171</i>  <i>office@highlandcrc.org</i>  <b><i>Normal Office hours:</i></b>  <i>Mon-Thurs 8:30 AM - 2:00 PM</i>  <i>**Please have bulletin announcements to church by</i>  <i>Thursdays at 12 pm</i></p>	

## PRAYER CORNER

**NMCS ANNUAL ASSOCIATION MEETING (To be rescheduled to a later date)** At the NMCS Association meeting at 7:00 pm on Monday, March 16, the Board will update you as members on recent Board activities, present the 2020-2021 budget for approval, ask membership to elect board members, and recognize staff for their years of service. If you cannot attend you may submit an absentee ballot by 3pm on March 16. (NOTE: seal and sign an envelope for each person submitting an absentee ballot.)

**NMC's Early Childhood Open House (To be rescheduled to a later date).** NMCS offers a half day Preschool Program for children 3-4 years old. They also offer a Young Fives full-day program (2-3 days a week) for children 4-5 years old. You are invited to their annual Early Childhood Open House to learn more about our programs and allow your child to spend time in the classroom. NMCS is located at 128 S. Martin Street, McBain, MI. If you have questions, feel free to call the school office, 231-825-2492.

**The McBain Rural Agricultural School District** is proud to be opening to doors to a new Early Learning Center in August of 2020. Please assist us with determining needs of the community by taking our survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.comk/r/R8Y79T3>. In the coming weeks and months more information will be available on our website [www.mcbain.com](http://www.mcbain.com). We strive to give ALL area young children the opportunity for an early childhood education.

**McBain Elementary Kindergarten Round-Up** has begun! McBain Elementary has an all-day, every day Kindergarten program. If your child will be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2020 and wants to attend McBain Elementary School this fall, please call the school office at 231-825-2021 to start the process, or send an email to Mrs. Hill at [marybeth.hill@mcbain.org](mailto:marybeth.hill@mcbain.org). Kindergarten Registration Clinics will be held on Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup> and Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, but we need to do pre-registration now. Those that are pre-registered will then receive a packet of information with more details about the clinic, and how to schedule an appointment.

**Wycliffe Associates Bible Translations-** Around the world, national Bible translators through Wycliffe Associates, are using new translation strategies to quickly and accurately spread the Good News to their communities. Come to Fox Hill Event Center, **Tuesday, April 21, at 7:00 PM** to hear and see how you can help spread the gospel with Bible translation. Call Faith at 825-8196 or Harriet at 825-29177 for free dinner reservations.

Dear Heavenly Father, please be with Joe Medendorp, Mary Lou Karsten, Bob Vennema, Pearl Koetje, Steve Sluiter, Dick Bruno, Marilyn Ouwinga, Dawn Richardson, Mike Dodde and Sarah Dodde. Bless each of them in ways only you can do. Give them the healing and the patience they need.

### **Prayer Requests:**

Please keep the Swiler family in your prayers following the recent loss of Dan Swiler's mom Arlene this past week.

**Jerry Koop's dad** fell last week resulting in bleeding on his brain. He lost some speech and movement on the left side of his body. He is currently in the hospital in Florida. Please keep him in your prayers as they work to get him into a rehab facility.

**Dick Bruno** would appreciate prayers as he is in constant pain. Some of the hardware in his back has come loose. He is also awaiting surgery to have a few more nerves in his back cauterized.

### **Updates:**

**Joe Medendorp** is overjoyed to be home after his recent quintuple (5) bypass. Please pray for patience and healing during his recovery over the next 3 months.

**Pearl Koetje update:** Pearl is doing well. She is hoping to see the Doctor sometime in the next few weeks to determine a date for surgery.

**Mary Lou Karsten:** Is improving each day and appreciates the prayers for continued healing.

### **\*Daily Prayer Focus:**

Please pray this week for people doing mission work in our own communities. There are many places where Jesus' name and love are made known: Friends Ministry, the Gideons, prison ministries, Love INC, Life Resources, and Stehower Clinic. Ask God to bless them with insight and boldness to speak the truth of who Jesus is.

\*Material for the Daily Prayer Focus is contributed by the HCRC Prayer team.

(Prayer Corner Continued →)



## PRAYER CORNER CONTINUED:

### OUR MISSIONARIES:

George & Sarah de Vuyst & Family  
Serving in Ukraine  
Email: [gdevuyst@crcna.org](mailto:gdevuyst@crcna.org)  
Website: <http://www.devuysts.com>

Josh & Mandy Shaarda & Family  
Serving in Uganda  
Email: [jshaarda@crnapartners.org](mailto:jshaarda@crnapartners.org)  
Blog: <http://shaarda.blogspot.com/>

### \*CURRENTLY SERVING IN OUR MILITARY:

Mike\* & Dawn (Dodde) Winkle  
(Master Sergeant, Air Force)  
Spokane, WA

Tyler\* Bode (Senior Airman, Air Force)  
Davis Monthan Airforce Base,  
Tucson, AZ

Caleb\* Dodde (Private, Army Reservist)

### OUR CHURCH WEEK: MARCH 22-28

<b>SUNDAY MARCH 22<sup>ND</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Audio of the morning sermon will be available on our website: <a href="http://www.highlandcrc.org">www.highlandcrc.org</a>. If you do not have access to a digital copy of the sermon and would like a paper copy, please contact the church office and a transcript will be made available.</li><li>Tithes and offerings can be dropped off by the North entrance or mailed to church.</li></ul>
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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

All Church activities at Highland CRC have been cancelled through the end of March. Please note this is may be subject to an extension should the CDC recommend we remain closed for an extended period of time. Please check our website at [www.highlandcrc.org](http://www.highlandcrc.org) and Facebook for weekly updates. You can also call the church for updates. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we strive to protect the health of our congregation.

**Food Drive for the Marion Food Pantry** -- We are still collecting non-perishable foods and hygiene products for the Marion Food Pantry. Donations can be dropped off at the church office Monday – Thursday, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm. Any questions, please contact the church office. Let's be the heart and hands of Jesus to each other and to our neighbors.

**Save the Date for April 19<sup>th</sup>:** We want to celebrate! Kathy Vana has recently sustained her classical ordination exam, and she is now a Minister of the Word and Sacrament in the Christian Reformed Church! Her installation service will be here, at Highland Church, on April 19. Come and enjoy.

**Secret Church—Friday, April 24,** Simulcast held at Highland CRC, taught by David Platt. Secret Church is a worldwide event helping churches/small groups/individuals dive deep in an intense time of Bible study and prayer lasting 6+ hours. Highland will be hosting a simulcast of the event: a time of fellowship and worship from 6 PM to 7 PM and joining in on the event from 7 PM - 1 AM! This year's topic: **God, Government, and the Gospel**. If you are interested in attending, please contact Al Thomas or Justin Sluiter.

### CHURCH & LOCAL EVENT CANCELLATIONS:

The CDC has recommended that public gatherings involving 10+ people be cancelled in an effort to slow the spread of COVID-19. Please note gatherings of less than 10 people should still observe social distancing of at least 6 feet.

- **Family Night Activities**
- **Fellowship Bible Study**
- **Strong Tower Activities**
- **Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study**
- **“A Walk Through Holy Week” at Rehoboth Reformed Church**
- **AMEN Chorus** rehearsals
- **DR Mission Trip**
- **Mississippi Mission Trip**
- **Northern Michigan 3 on 3 basketball tournament**

### UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS:

**Men's Night: Join us at Vogel Center CRC on Monday, April 6th at 6p.m.** for our 3rd annual men's night. This year's speaker is Alan Seaborn (see below) from Winning At Home, a ministry in Zeeland, MI. Tickets are \$15 per seat and seating is limited so you will want to purchase your tickets soon (tickets needed for entry). Contact the church office at 231-825-2053 to arrange to purchase your tickets. Tickets must be purchased by Wednesday, April 1st so we can order the proper amount of food. Dinner begins at 6.

Alan Seaborn is committed to helping bring harmony to parent-child relationships. As a grown son of a family-focused speaking father, Alan is uniquely positioned to get the message out. By sharing stories from Scripture and the world around him, Alan shares about the things that are close to God's heart – our attitudes and the decisions we make – all viewed through the lens of a family relationship. Alan addresses issues like finding common ground, focusing on doing the little things right, and realizing the legacy that we're creating by the choices we're making in the here and now.

**NMC's T.R.I.P. ORIENTATION/ REFRESHER COURSE—APRIL 13, 2020** If you would like to begin earning tuition money through many purchases you already make, RSVP (231-825-2999, ext. 113) to attend the T.R.I.P. (tuition reduction incentive program) Orientation meeting. This is FREE money for your family or Booster Club from both local and 'chain' merchants, stores, restaurants and online businesses. Join us **Monday, April 13 at 7:00pm at Northern Michigan Christian School** to help you learn all the user-friendly ways to make the program work for you, including ordering online and using the MyScripWallet app. You need to attend an orientation to open a TRIP account.