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MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE – 9:30 AM
Highland Christian Reformed Church

April 5th, 2020

Palm Sunday

The following service will be available this Sunday:

1. **Audio** on our website: www.highlandcrc.org under the *Sermon Audio* tab.
2. **Video** will be posted on YouTube. Please visit our Facebook page for the link.

Welcome

Congregational Prayer

Scripture: Mark 11: 12-25

Sermon Title: “EZ Chair Blues”

1. Jesus curses a fig tree
2. Jesus clears the temple
3. Jesus teaches his disciples

Benediction

**Offering: 1st General Fund; 2nd Booster Club

APRIL OFFERING:

5th: Booster Club

12th: New Building

19th: Existing Building

26th: GEMS

**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.

In compliance with recommendations from the CDC, our church buildings will be closed for services and church. Please note that updates will be posted through our Bright Arrow phone system and on our Facebook page.

2020 Council		
Exec. Board: *	Rev. Dr. Gregory J. Kett *	825-2171
Church Office		
Elders		Deacons
Bob Vennema	District #1, A-C	Gary Hesselink
Dale Fredin *Pres.	District #2, D-E	Kyle Meyering *Sec. of Deac.
Al Thomas *Clerk	District #3, F-L	Tom Ouwinga *V.T.
Ken Roede *V.P.	District #4, M-O	Dan Villwock
Larry Witt	District #5, P-T	Larry Sikkema
Chad Dodde	District #6, V-Z	Ryan McQuestion
**Personal Contact information is not published online. If you need assistance contacting a council member, please call the church office at (231) 825-2171.		

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.

<p>Pastoral Support: Pastor Greg Kett (231) 825-2171</p>	<p><u>Ministry Team Leaders:</u> Connection Coordinator (Amie Kett) Care & Share Team (Cindy Vennema) Prayer Team (Sandy Rice) Education Team (Mary Rees) Service Team (Julie Dorman) Worship Team (Jodi Meyering) Facilities Team (Rick Dorman) Safe Church Team (Linda Wing) Safety Team (James Bazuin)</p>
<p>Youth Director: Justin Sluiter hrcstrongtower@gmail.com</p>	
<p>Church Office: Sara Bruno (231) 825-2171 office@highlandcrc.org Normal Office hours: Please call the church office for additional information.</p>	

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS CONTINUED:

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. Kindergarten Registration Clinics will be held on Friday, April 17th and Friday, April 24th, 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.

PRAYER CORNER

Dear Heavenly Father, please be with Joe Medendorp, Mary Lou Karsten, 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:

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.

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

Daily Prayer Focus:

This week as we approach Good Friday, pray that we, as God's people, will honestly acknowledge the sin in our own lives, seek God's forgiveness, and that genuine repentance will characterize our response to sin. Christ died that we might be forgiven.

OUR MISSIONARIES:

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

Josh & Mandy Shaarda & Family
Serving in Uganda
Email: jshaarda@crcnapartners.org
Blog: <http://shaarda.blogspot.com/>

***CURRENTLY SERVING IN OUR MILITARY:**

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

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

Caleb* Dodde (Private, Army Reservist)

AREA FOOD DISTRIBUTION INFORMATION:

OUR CHURCH WEEK: APRIL 5-11

SUNDAY APRIL 5TH	Audio of this week's sermon will be available on our website: www.highlandcrc.org . 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.
WEDNESDAY APRIL 8TH 2PM-7PM	Versiti Blood Drive: Please call 1-866-Mi-Blood or log on to www.Versiti.org/Michigan to schedule your appointment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All Church activities at Highland CRC have been cancelled. Updates for re-opening will be announced through our Bright Arrow phone system and on our Facebook page. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we strive to protect the health of our congregation.

Food Drive for the Marion Food Bank-- We are still collecting non-perishable foods and hygiene products for the Marion Food Bank. 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: 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 May 3rd (previously April 19th). 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.

Missaukee: The Prosper CRC pick-up site has been changed to Thursdays from 4-6pm, NOT Fridays. This allows us to have fewer people in contact with one another and lessen the risk of spreading COVID 19. The other two sites, Lake City's Good Neighbor Pantry and Rehoboth Reformed Church will continue to distribute food on Fridays from 4-6 pm. Last week's food distribution went well with 240 families being served. We are getting food from Feeding America and anticipate continuing to provide it as long as food and funds are available and the need persists. We ask that your church families hold the Food Distribution project, and all the people involved, in your prayers for partnership, provision and protection. Financial donations to the Food Distribution project for Missaukee County can be sent to Community Hope at P.O. Box 265, Lake City MI.

Marion Food Bank is available to residents of the Marion area. Please call (231) 743-6092 for an appointment. The pantry is open to walk-ins the 3rd Wednesday of each Month from 9:30 am to 11:30 am.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS:

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.

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 their 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.com/r/R8Y79T3>. In the coming weeks and months more information will be available on our website www.mcbain.com. We strive to give ALL area young children the opportunity for an early childhood education.