

NURSERY:

March 6	Ruth Kulhawick, Diane Eisenga, Melissa Oeverman, Emma Oeverman
March 13	Sue Cook, Owen Wemple, Nicole Schultz, Linda Ellens
March 20	Maggie Southwick, Karianne Smith Dona Veddler, Esther Bode
March 27	Diane Nemeth, Leah Thompson, Mary Rees, Barb Dore

LITTLE LAMBS / CHILDREN IN WORSHIP:

March 6	LL Teacher: Kasey McQuestion; Helper: Leah Thompson CIW Teacher: Nicole Koetje; Helper: Linda Ellens
March 13	LL Teacher: Sara Bruno; Helper: Lindsay Beerens CIW Teacher: Anne Thomas; Helper: Karsyn Meyering
March 20	LL Teacher: Nicole Schultz; Helper: Addean Oeverman CIW Teacher: Hillary Dracht; Helper: Linda Wing
March 27	LL Teacher: Makayla Powers; Helper: Harper Tossey CIW Teacher: Jodi DeHate; Helper: Karianne Smith

SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT:

March 6	Kyle Meyering; Dan Ouwinga; Jodi DeHate
March 13	Matt Thompson; Jonathan Ouwinga; Kendra Jenema
March 20	Cary Sikkema; Dan Ouwinga; Sue Cook
March 27	Kyle Meyering; Roger Hagerman; Tami Eisenga

OFFERINGS:

MARCH
6th: Booster Club
13th: New Building Fund
20th: George & Sarah de Vuyst
27th: Feeding America

USHERS:

March: Bryce Eisenga, Mike Southwick, Marlin Venema, Isaac Baas

April: Adam Southwick, Kevin Eisenga, Don Ellens, Dale Fredin

****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!**



March 6, 2022

HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

Highland's 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.*

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Rev. Neil Jasperse
Sunday Worship: 9:30 AM
Sunday School 10:50 AM

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE – 9:30 AM
March 6, 2022
1st Sunday of Lent & Communion

The People of God Gather:

Prelude
 Call to worship from Psalm 118:24
 Welcome
 God's greeting
 Greeting one another

To Ponder the Suffering and Death of God's Son:

Responsive Lenten Reading (led by Marilyn Visser)
 Romans 6: 1-7
 Prayer & Extinguishing a candle
 "Worthy Is Christ" (vs 1-2)

To Praise God:

"The Old Rugged Cross" (vs 1-2)
 John 15:5
 "Without Him" (vs 1-2)
 Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God

Announcements
 Congregational prayer

To Proclaim God's Word:

Children's message: Jody Meyering
 Song of preparation: "Keep What You Have Believed" (vs 1-2)
Scripture: John 3: 1-8
Message: "Encounters with Jesus: -Nicodemus"
 Prayer of response
 Song of response: "Breathe on Me Breath of God"

To Partake in the Lord's Supper:

The preparation
 Song of Preparation: "Near the Cross" (vs 1-2)
 The celebration
 Bread- "How Great Thou Art" (vs 1, 3-4)
 Juice- "There Is a Redeemer" (vs 1-3)

To Go in God's Name:

God's blessing:
 "The Old Rugged Cross" (vs 3)

**Today's Tithes
& Offerings:**
1st: General Fund
2nd: Booster Club
 (Offering boxes are available in the fellowship hall)

Council 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:

*all phone #'s have a (231) area code unless otherwise specified

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

Next Council Meeting: March 7th - Elders 6:30, Deacons 7:00, Council 7:30.

<p align="center"><u>CHURCH OFFICE</u> (231) 825-2171 office@highlandcrc.org Normal Office Hours: Mon-Thurs: 8:30 am – 2:00 pm Fri-Sun: Closed *All bulletin content is due by noon on Thursdays**</p>	<p align="center"><u>MINISTRY TEAM LEADERS</u> Worship Team (DaNay Tossey) Care & Fellowship Team (Cindy Vennema) Education Team (Megan Pluger) Outreach Team (Jodi DeHate) Prayer Team (Sandy Rice) Service Team (Carrie Thompson) Facilities Team (Greg Hesselink)</p>
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ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

Strong Tower and Extreme will be meeting at Ted and Janelle Bazuin's pond today for an afternoon of skating and broomball (weather permitting). Kids do not need skates to attend, but they may bring them if they want. Please drop your kiddo off at the Bazuins' (*address not posted online*) around 4pm. We plan to let them play around for a while, then cook some hot dogs/s'mores on a fire. We will be wrapping up around 6pm. If your kid needs a ride, please let either Carrie Thompson or their small group leader know and we will arrange!

Synod has designated the 2nd Wednesday in March (March 9, 2022) as the Annual Day of Prayer. All CRC congregations (of North America) are requested to take this opportunity to ask for God's blessing upon the world, our nations and communities, crops and industry, and the church worldwide.

Position Opening: Lake City CRC is currently accepting applications for an Administrative Assistant. Please visit the church website, www.lakecitycrc.org/News to view the job description or contact the church office at office@lakecitycrc.org. Resumes may be submitted to: Jeremy Winkle at jwinkle@vandrie.com by Tuesday, March 8.

NMCS Annual Association Meeting- March 21 at 7:00 pm –Our Board will update you as members on recent Board activities, present the 2022-2023 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 3:00 pm on March 21. (NOTE: please seal and sign an envelope for each person submitting an absentee ballot.)

The McBain Area Pastors are hosting a Men's dinner on Wednesday, March 23. The event will be held at the Old Mill in Marion and will feature David Murray as our speaker. Dr. Murray is the author, most recently, of "Reset: Living a grace-paced life in a burnout culture." The doors will open at 6:00 and a New York strip dinner will be served at 6:30. There are 350 tickets available and they may be purchased for \$15 by calling the Vogel Center Church office at (231) 825-2053 or in person at the church office at 1789 E Stoney Corners Rd. McBain.

Ladies Night Out! -Wednesday, April 13, doors open at 6:00 pm with dinner at 6:30 pm at the Old Mill Venue in Marion. **Jolene DeHeer** will be speaking and the theme is "The Sovereignty of God". Mark your calendars and invite some friends. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at the Vogel Center CRC office, or contact Kim Winkel or Sandy Huttenga (*phone #'s not posted online*)

SERMON OUTLINE

Title: Encounters with Jesus- Nicodemus

Text: John 3:1-8

- 1) Nicodemus and his night-time visit to Jesus.
- 2) No one can see the kingdom of God without...: relevant, radical, puzzling.
- 3) Being born again: four implications
 - a) Salvation is entirely God's doing
 - b) An element of mystery
 - c) Insight into human behavior
 - d) Perspective for sharing the gospel.

Conclusion: some of the grandest words ever heard.

Notes:

- **Nursery** is available in the basement for children ages infant-3 years old.
- **Children's Church:** available for ages 3-Kindergarten downstairs following the children's message. A parent must pick them up there after the service.
- **LIVE streaming** of our Sunday service is available on our Facebook page;
- **Recordings** are available on USB at the sound booth after the service or on DVD by request.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Dick Bruno recently received steroid injections to help relieve pain in his abdominal muscles and they seem to be helping with that issue. He sees the back specialist in April and would appreciate prayers for relief of his back pain and the weakness in his legs. He is thankful for his wife and caregiver, Mary.

Mary Karsten would appreciate our continued prayers for patience as she continues to heal from broken ribs. Pray too for the protection of Mary and all others as they navigate the slick winter conditions.

Jean Ouwinga- Pray for patience & healing as she recovers from hip surgery.

Carol Niver and **Jean Kriebel** appreciate your continued prayers for the provision of their individual needs each day.

Prayer Focus

Psalm 131:2 "I have stilled and quieted my soul; like a weaned child with its mother."

Father God, help me, today, to take even a moment to be like that small child resting in its mother's arms. I desire to relax and rest securely in your presence.

Giving Your Time to God through Prayer:

Each day has 1440 minutes. If you have considered "giving up" something for Lent, consider giving up time. In your busiest day, can you find any extra time at all for God? He waits for you to come into His presence to experience His love. If you're looking for tools to get you started, check out the table near the library where our Prayer Team has set out copies of the "Yes, Jesus Loves Me!" booklets along with other resources. It's never too late!

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

OUR CHURCH WEEK: MARCH 6-12

SUN 03/06	9:15 AM 9:30 AM 10:50 AM 6:00 PM	A time of prayer in the prayer room Morning Worship Service & Communion Sunday School / Catechism Xtreme & Strong Tower
MON 03/07	6:45 PM 7:00 PM 7:30 PM	Elders Deacons Full Council
TUES 03/08	5:45 PM	MOPS
WED 03/09	9:30 AM 7:00 PM 7:0 PM	Ladies Bible Study – Lesson 7 Prayer Meeting Praise Team Practice

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

This morning we will celebrate the Lord's Supper. If you have professed your faith in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, we invite you to join in this celebration.

A Congregational Meeting was held last Sunday at which time we voted on whether or not to open the role of deacon to women. With a 61.2% majority, the decision to open to role of deacon to women was approved.

Profession of Faith Class: Once again a brief class will be offered for anyone interested in making a personal and public profession of their faith in Jesus. The class will involve three sessions which will cover four main areas: reviewing the basics of the Christian faith with the Heidelberg Catechism; reflecting on individual stories of coming to faith in Jesus; steps in the profession of faith process; and the privileges and responsibilities of full membership in the church. Please contact Pastor Neil if you are interested in participating. Class sessions will be arranged around participants' schedules.

Fellowship Bible Study will resume next Sunday, March 13. The evening will begin in the Fellowship Hall with Bible study from 4:30-5:30 pm and end with a potluck supper. The topic for this series is "Nehemiah". If you are interested in joining us, please contact Sandy Rice We will be **very** glad to have you with us!

50th Anniversary Open House Luncheon: Sunday March 20 from 1-3 pm we will be celebrating Bob and Barb Lee's 50th wedding anniversary. Please rsvp to Linda Wing by Monday March 10. No gifts please!

Pray for Ukraine

The following content was taken from Resonate Missionaries George & Sarah de Vuyst's monthly Newsletter "*Kyiv Connections*"

Special Prayer Requests:

- Pray for many personal friends, ministry partners, and acquaintances that are fleeing for safety as their towns and cities are under attack. Our kids are struggling to watch their home country and city come under attack.
- Pray for an extremely dangerous situation for one contact and family. (We are vague because of the highly sensitive situation, but God knows!)
- Pray for those providing for refugees, including the church in Mukachevo where we served from 1998-2013.
- Pray for Western leaders to give maximum support to Ukraine.
- Pray for Putin to end the aggression and for his forces to leave Ukrainian territory.

George was asked by the CRC Worship Ministries to share a prayer for Ukraine. Please join us in praying for peace.

"Heavenly Father, we come to you with heavy hearts as we see war in Ukraine. We pray that you would be merciful on the people of Ukraine and Russia and end this war. Grant wisdom to world leaders to effectively stop evil. Allow for the truth to be known, for lies to be shown for what they are, and for evil-doers to be thwarted.

Lord, we pray for those who have lost loved ones, homes, and livelihoods. Comfort and provide for the needs of those who have been displaced and seek refuge. Lord, we ask for mercy and we seek justice. We pray that you would be at work in both. (over)

We pray for the day when all wars will cease and when your peaceful reign will come fully. But in the meantime, we pray that you would use us to facilitate the coming of your kingdom here and now. Help us to take action to bring peace, to care for the victims of war, and to work for justice. Help us to live according to the principles of your Kingdom today, and to remain faithful until your Kingdom comes fully at your return. Grant courage to your church in Russia, in Ukraine, and here to speak truth to power and to prophetically proclaim the truths of your Kingdom as well as the day of grace that still remains for those who repent.

Lord, we pray for Vladimir Putin. We pray that you would change his heart and work your miracle of salvation in his life. If he continues in his wicked ways, we pray that you would restrain his evil and have mercy on those who suffer because of it.

In all these things, we trust you, because you are our loving Father. We ask that you would keep us faithful by the power of your Spirit and that you would be with your church in Ukraine – that in times of war it would faithfully follow you and represent you before the nations. Heal the wounds, we pray, both physical and the wounds of the heart. Reconcile the nations with you and with each other by the power of the cross of our reigning Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.

Amen.

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