

NURSERY:

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
April 3	Jodi DeHate, Tami Eisenga, Jodi Meyering, Karsyn Meyering

LITTLE LAMBS / CHILDREN IN WORSHIP:

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
April 3	LL Teacher: Amy VanPolen; Helper: Alan Thomas CIW Teacher: Maggie Southwick; Helper: Emmerson Tossey

SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT:

March 13	Matt Thompson; Jonathan Ouwinga; Kendra Jenema
March 20	Cary Sikkema; Dan Ouwinga; Sue Cook
March 27	Kyle Meyering; Roger Hagerman; Tami Eisenga
April 3	Matt Thompson; Jonathan Ouwinga; Deb Eisenga

OFFERINGS:

MARCH	6th: Booster Club	APRIL	3rd: Booster Club
	13th: New Building Fund		10th: New Building
	20th: George & Sarah de Vuyst		17th: Life Resources
	27th: Feeding America		24th: Benevolence

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 13, 2022

HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

Stiving to be the heart and hands of Jesus

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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Email: office@highlandcrc.org
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Rev. Neil Jasperse
 Sunday Worship: 9:30 AM
 Sunday School 10:50 AM

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE – 9:30 AM

March 13, 2022

2nd Sunday of Lent

Please welcome Missionary Josh Shaarda as he leads our worship this morning.

The People of God Gather:

Prelude “O Glorious Love”
Call to worship
Welcome & God’s greeting
Greeting one another

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

Responsive Lenten Reading -led by Bev Taylor
1 Corinthians 1: 18-25
Prayer & Extinguishing a candle
“Worthy Is Christ” (vs 1-2)

To Praise God:

The Solid Rock (vs 1,2,4)
There is a Fountain (vs 1,3,4)
Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God

Announcements
Congregational prayer

To Proclaim God’s Word:

Children’s message: Josh Shaarda
“Nearer, Still Nearer” (vs 1,3,4)

Scripture: Exodus 12:1-42

Message: “Jesus, Our Source of Freedom”

Prayer of response

“For Freedom Christ Has Set Us Free” (all vs)

To Go in God’s Name:

God’s blessing:
“I Know Whom I Have Believed” (vs 1-3)
Postlude

- **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.

Today’s Tithes & Offerings:

1st: General Fund

2nd: New Building

(Offering boxes are available in the fellowship hall)

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:

*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 njjasperse@gmail.com or in person.

CHURCH OFFICE

(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*

MINISTRY TEAM LEADERS

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)

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED:

NMC’s 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.)

McBain Elementary’s Kindergarten Registration has begun! McBain Elementary has an all-day, every day Kindergarten program. If you child will be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2022 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. Our Kindergarten Registration Clinic will be held later this spring, but we need to do pre-registration now! Once the details have been finalized, those that are pre-registered will receive a packet with forms to complete & more details.

Community Hope is working with our area food pantries to put together a county-wide church cookbook that includes recipes from all our area churches and whose proceeds would go to purchase food for the food pantries. If you would like to contribute 2 or 3 of your favorite recipes, please send them to Sara in our church office or email them along with your name and “Highland CRC” directly to jen@communityhopemc.org. All submissions are due by **March 20**. Thank you!

Rehoboth Women's Ministry would like to invite all women to a Spring Brunch on April 2nd from 10:30-2:00. We are excited to have you join us for a time of food, fellowship, and encouragement from God’s word as we are challenged to Rise Up, Unafraid! There is a lot of anxiety in our world today, but Psalm 27:1 says, "The Lord is the stronghold of my life, of whom shall I be afraid?" Tickets for the whole event are \$15, or \$10 if you just want to come hear Shannon speak. For more details and to purchase your tickets online, go to www.rehoboth.church/events. Questions? Contact rachel@rehoboth.church.

Don't forget that the Men's Dinner is coming soon on Wednesday, March 23! Enjoy a New York Strip steak dinner and hear Dr. David Murray as he speaks on "Reset: Living a Grace-paced Life in a Burnout Culture". There will be a book table available for purchasing his books. Doors open at 6PM at the Old Mill Venue in Marion. Tickets (\$15) can be purchased/reserved at the Vogel Center Church office (231) 825-2053. The event is sponsored by the McBain Area Pastors.

SERMON OUTLINE

Sermon Message: “Jesus, Our Source of Freedom”
Scripture: Exodus 12

The Purpose of the Passover = _____.
(Exodus 6:6-7 & 12:31-42)

The Price for the Passover = _____.
(Exodus 12:21-23)

- The _____ had to die so you did not die.
- The Passover is a sign for God’s people. What did it point to? (Exodus 12:13)
- The blood of the lamb also protects us from _____.
(Exodus 12:22-23)

_____ need to decide how I will respond to this regarding my salvation. This is personal. (Exodus 12:3-4, 12:26)

I also need to decide how I will respond to this regarding _____.

- Complete commitment expected from those who followed Israel. Exodus 12:38, 12:43-49
- What does “remove the yeast” teach us? Exodus 12:14-20

Notes:

PRAYER REQUESTS

We lift up in prayer those that need healing: Please pray for Dick Bruno, Carol Niver & Larry Visser. Lord, give them the healing and the patience they need and bless each of them in ways only you can do.

Larry Visser had bunion surgery this past Friday in Traverse City. The road of recovery is expected to last about two months. Please pray for patience and healing.

Thank you, Highland family, for your prayers, cards, and words of encouragement during my recent surgery and ongoing recovery. ~Jean Ouwinga

Prayer Focus

Acts 17:11- "Now the Bereans were of more noble character than the Thessalonians, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true."

Lord Jesus, I am living in such a chaotic, confusing time. Things I thought were wrong are called right and what I once thought right is named wrong. I want to be faithful. I desire truth. You alone are Truth. Make me like the Bereans receiving your servant's message eagerly and then examining your Word every day to see if what I heard is true. Amen.

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 to pray!

MISSIONS	<p>Josh & Mandy Shaarda Family Serving in Uganda Email: jshaarda@crcnapartners.org Blog: http://shaarda.blogspot.com/</p>	<p>George & Sarah de Vuyst Family Serving in Ukraine Email: gdevuyst@crcna.org Website: http://www.devuysts.com</p>
MILITARY	<p>Tyler Bode (Staff Sargent, U.S. Air Force) Davis Monthan Airforce Base, Tucson, AZ</p>	

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED:

THANK YOU for so generously supporting Life Resources of Northern Michigan. With a few pennies not counted, you gave \$2,003 to help men and women of our surrounding counties choose life after seeing a live baby through their ultrasound, learn helpful parenting skills, and experience the difference Jesus Christ makes in our daily lives. ~Marilyn Visser for Life Resources

NMC's Early Childhood Open House- Thursday, April 7 from 8:00 am- 6 pm, you are invited to come visit Northern Michigan Christian School, meet the teacher, and explore the classroom. We offer a **half-day Preschool** program for children 3-4 years old. We also have a **Young Fives full-day program** (2 or 3 days/week) for children 4-5 years old. At Northern Michigan Christian School our mission and vision are based on the belief that each child is created in God's image and as such has inestimable worth. Our Early Childhood Development Program goals include:

- Living closer to Jesus
- Cooperating cheerfully with others
- Achieving a healthy self-image
- Functioning comfortably in a routine and structured environment
- Improving verbal and auditory skills
- Developing motor and perceptual skills
- Developing basic number & reading skills

NMC'S Kindergarten Orientation- Thursday, April 7, 8:30 am-11:30 am. Any student who will be a kindergartener next fall may attend our Kindergarten Orientation. Students will spend time in the classroom with the teacher and participate in fun activities planned that morning. Mr. Curell and Mr. Booher will be available to answer your questions about programs and options to fund Christian Education. *NOTE: KINDERGARTEN READINESS TESTING* is also available. Call for an appointment.

NMC's Popcorn with Parents Night- Thursday, April 7 at 7:00 pm. If you are thinking about enrolling your child in Kindergarten at NMCS next year, plan to come to this special event. Information will be shared by Kindergarten teacher Mrs. Bette Dick; Mr. Curell and Mr. Booher will present information about NMCS and Financial Aid; and a delightful program will be presented by our Preschool and Young 5 students. Don't miss this fun, informative evening!

OUR CHURCH WEEK: MARCH 13-19

SUN 03/13	9:15 AM 9:30 AM 10:50 AM 4:30 PM	A time of prayer in the prayer room Morning Worship Service Sunday School / Catechism Fellowship Bible Study & potluck – Lesson 1
TUES 03/15	7:00 PM	MOPS Steering Team Meeting in YB
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50th Anniversary Open House Luncheon: Next 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 Thursday, March 10. No gifts please!

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1. Learned that a Youth Leader Search Team has been formed, consisting of Tami Eisinga, Linda Ellens, Abby Meyering, Karen Oeverman, and Jonathan Ouwinga. A kick-off meeting for this search team is planned for **Sunday, March 20 at 11:00 am**
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3. Approved a motion to strongly recommend to future Highland councils that we live into our current path of including women in the role of deacon for at least five years before addressing women in council leadership further.
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 - a. Call and receive a pastor who fits well in the life and ministry of Highland Church.
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5. Reviewed four options from a Vision Task Force and adopted one as a Highland motto: ***"Striving to be the heart and hands of Jesus."***
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