

"Use whatever gift you have received to serve others" -1 Peter 4:10

NURSERY

- Mar 31 (Easter)** Patti Koop, Shari Benthem, Karen Oeverman, Madelyn Oeverman
April 7 Jan Rivera, Kasey McQuestion, Dana Baas, Alan Thomas
April 14 Becky Wemple, Diane Eisenga, Steph VanHouten, Gracyn Swiler
April 21 Ruth Kulhawick, Nicole Schultz, Maggie Southwick, Elijah Rees

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

- Mar 31 (Easter)** No Children's Church: Spring Break / Easter
April 7 Teacher: Megan Pluger; Helpers: Nicole Schultz, Harper Tossey
April 14 Teacher: Kasey McQuestion; Helpers: Hillary Dracht, Emerson Tossey
April 21 Teacher: Jodi DeHate; Helpers: Nicole Koetje, Steph VanHouten

SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT

- Mar 31 (Easter)** Matt Thompson, Kaylie Benthem, Tami Eisenga
April 7 Kyle Meyering, Jonathan Ouwinga, Tami Eisenga
April 14 Cary Sikkema, Deb Eisenga, Jodi DeHate
April 21 Matt Thompson, Dan Ouwinga, Deborah Ouwinga

USHERS

- March:** Kevin Huttenga, Todd Oeverman, Isaac Baas, Henry Baas
April: Kasey Rees, Matt Thompson, Dale Fredin, Ben Thompson

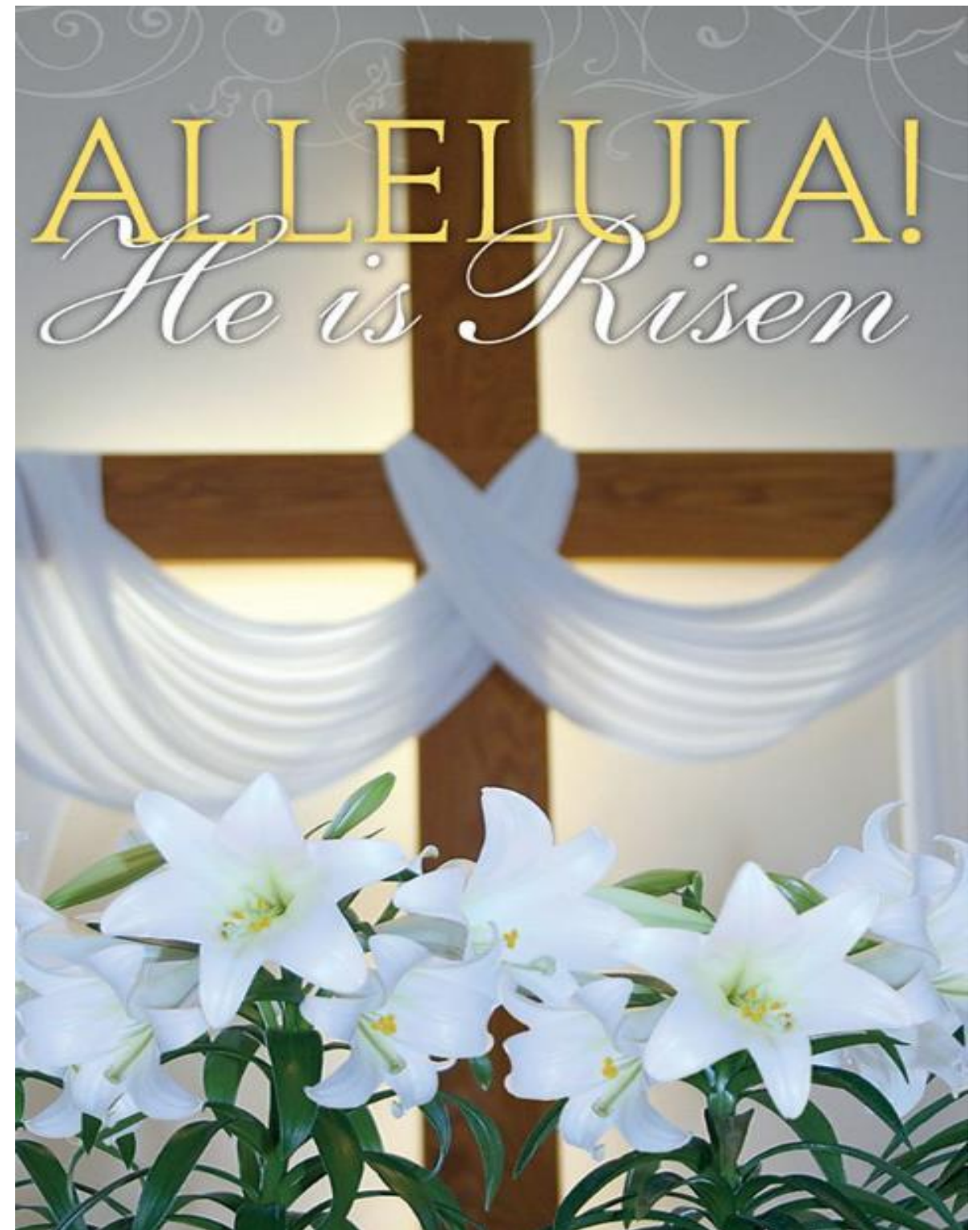
GREETERS – PLEASE ARRIVE BY 9:15 AM

- Mar 31 (Easter)** South: Steve & Sue Meeuwenberg; North: Paul & Carole Shaarda
April 7 South: Dale & Bev Taylor; North: Bonnie Veddler
April 14 South: Kevin & Jodi DeHate; North: Paul & Jan Rivera
April 21 South: Curt & Becky Wemple; North: Kyle & Abby Meyering

2ND OFFERINGS:

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| March: | April: | |
| 3 rd : Booster Club | 7 th : Booster Club | |
| 10 th : Matt & Emily Slack | 14 th : George & Sarah de Vuyst | |
| 17 th : Single M.O.M.M.S | 21 st : Existing Building Fund | |
| 24 th : Marion Backpack Program | 28 th : GEMS | |
| 31 st : Existing Building Fund | | |

Thank You
**to our many
volunteers for
serving at
Highland Church!**



HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

Morning Worship Service – 9:30 am

March 31, 2024

Easter Sunday - He Is Risen!!!

The People of God Gather:

Prelude: *Alive Medley* (special music)

Reading of Luke 24:1-12

Welcome & God's Greeting

Greet One Another

To Praise God

Worship Christ the Risen King (vs 1,2,5)

Alleluia, Alleluia Give Thanks (vs 1,2,5)

Christ the Lord is Risen Today (vs 1-3)

Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God

Announcements

Congregational Prayer

To Proclaim God's Word

Children's Message: Marilyn Visser

Song of Preparation: *Christ Arose (vs 1-3)*

Scripture: John 1:1-14

Message: In Him Was Life!

Prayer of Response

Song of Response/Offertory: *Resurrection Medley* (special music)

Today's Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: Existing Building Fund

To Go in God's Name

God's blessing

Closing Song: *Because He Lives / I Live*

Postlude

- **Nursery** is available downstairs for children ages 0 - 3 years old.
- **NEW Children's Bulletins** are available on the information table in the Fellowship Hall.
- **No Children's Church** March 24 or 31 due to Spring Break.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:

Monday, April 8

6:30 pm Elders

7:00 pm Deacons

7:30 pm Full Council

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:

Sunday, April 14, 2024 at 10:40 am

**Details in next Sunday's Bulletin

PREACHING SCHEDULE:

March 31 – Rev. Mark Bonnes

April 7 – Rev. Mark Bonnes

April 14 – Rev. Mark Bonnes

April 21 – Rev. Mark Bonnes

April 28 – Rev. Mark Bonnes

HIGHLAND COUNCIL:

Officers for 2024:

President	Don Eisenga	Pastor Mark Bonnes Pastor Ashley Bonnes *personal contact info is not posted online. Please call the church office.
Vice President	Bob Vennema	
Clerk	Alan Baas	
Sec. of Deacons	Kyle Meyering	
Vice Treas.	Curt Wemple	

Districts for 2024:

Elders	District	Deacons
Jerry Nemeth	#1, A-C	Carrie Thompson
Alan Baas	#2, D-E	Kyle Meyering
Bob Vennema	#3, F-L	Curt Wemple
Mark Eisenga	#4, M-O	Gary Hesselink
Don Eisenga	#5, P-T	Scott Oeverman
Don Ellens	#6, U-Z	Anne Thomas

Church Office

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Office Hours:

Mon-Thurs 8:30 am – 2:00 pm

Fri-Sun: Closed

**All Bulletin announcements must be submitted to the office by noon on Thursdays.

Ministry Team Leaders

Care & Fellowship Team - Cindy Vennema

Education Team - Megan Plugger

Facilities Team - Greg Hesselink

Outreach Team - Jodi DeHate

Prayer Team - Sandy Rice

Service Team - Carrie Thompson

Worship Team - DaNay Tossey

The Women's Philharmonic Chorus will begin practicing on Saturday, April 6 from 4:00 - 5:15 at Cadillac CRC to prepare for an afternoon program on Monday, May 6. If you enjoy singing and would like to be a part of a choir, we encourage you to join this wonderful group of women. Any questions can be directed to Angela Warner at kirkangelawarner@hotmail.com

The AMEN Chorus will begin rehearsals for their Spring Program on Saturday, April 6 from 5:30 - 7:30 at Cadillac CRC. These rehearsals will prepare us for our program on Sunday, May 12 at 3:00 at the United Methodist Church in Cadillac. If you would like to join this wonderful group of men in lifting our praise through song please join us! We ask that you bring \$10 to cover the cost of music. If you have any questions feel free to contact director Angela Warner at kirkangelawarner@hotmail.com

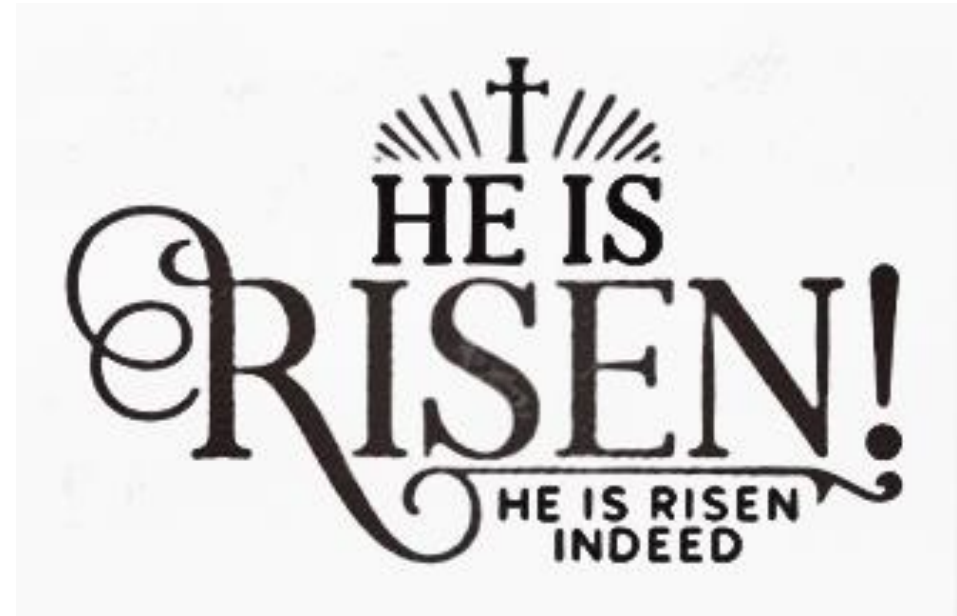
Community Hope's Love Your Neighbor 5K Run/Walk: Saturday, April 13, 2024 at Timer Wolf Lake (Young Life Camp). Proceeds benefit Community Hope Mentoring and food programs for children and youth. Register at RunSignUp.com or visit communityhopemc.org. For questions or more information, please contact Jennifer Pugh at jen@communityhopemc.org or Mekoe Peterson at mekoe@communityhopemc.org

2024 Secret Church Simulcast: Prosper CRC is once again hosting Secret Church. This simulcast, taught by David Platt, is Friday, April 19, beginning at 7pm. This year Secret Church is on the book of Ruth. Ruth has all the elements of a love story. Tragedy. Loss. Despair. Hope. Triumph. Loyalty. Romance. But it's more than just a love story. It's an epic story within a story. It's a story not just about Ruth, but about all of us and a world that's in need of redemption. This one-night event happens annually. Encouraged by our persecuted brothers' and sisters' example, we will meet for nearly 6 hours for intense study of God's Word and passionate prayer for the persecuted. Please join us! Contact Alexandra Dodde to order a workbook. (adodde@gmail.com; 231-349-2806). Cost for the book is \$10.

S.P.U.R.S. – Learning the Rodeo Way! Hughston's Cow Camp Rodeo and Friends proudly presents Special People Understanding Rodeo Skills. Saturday, May 4, 2024, 12:30-3:00 pm. For disabled persons of all ages, rain or shine! A light lunch including hot dogs, will be provided at 12:30 followed by the events of your choosing: Horseback Riding, Petting Zoo, Mock Steer Roping, Horse Painting, Mighty Bronc Riding, Pony & Cart, and Wagon Rides. Due to the generosity of our sponsors, ***this is a FREE event!*** All Participants must be accompanied by an attendant. Hughston's Cow Camp is located 1 mile north of the blinking light in McBain, then follow signs. For additional information call (231) 846-1857.

PRAYER CONNECTIONS:

- ✚ **Brad & Abby Pluger** would appreciate your continued prayers during the upcoming transition of bringing Brad home and for their new baby due in the next couple weeks.
- ✚ **Our Missionaries:** Prayer Letters and Quarterly Updates are available on our Missions bulletin board:
 - **Josh & Mandy Shaarda & Family** (Serving in Uganda)
Email: jshaarda@crnapartners.org; Blog: <http://shaarda.blogspot.com>
 - **George & Sarah de Vuyst & Family** (Serving in Ukraine & the U.S.)
Email: gdevuyst@crcna.org; Website: <http://www.devuysts.com>
 - **Matthew & Emily Slack & Family** (Serving in Central Asia)
Email: mslack@crcna.org
- ✚ **Our Active Military:**
 - **SSgt, Tyler Bode** (US Airforce; currently stationed in Italy).
Please contact the church office for mailing information



OUR CHURCH WEEK: MARCH 31 – APRIL 6

SUN 3/31	9:15 AM	Prayer
	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	-----	NO Sunday School or Catechism (will resume April 7)
	12-3 PM	Youth Building Use
	-----	NO Fellowship Bible Study (will resume April 7)
TUES 4/2	9:30 AM	Ladies Bible Study –Lesson 2 (New Study: Esther)
WED 4/3	6:30 PM	Family Night Dinner
	7:00 PM	Centershot & GEMS
	7:00 PM	Screwtape Letters Bible Study (youth building)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study will be looking at Lesson 2 of their new study on “Esther” this Tuesday, April 2, beginning at 9:30 am

In Observance of Easter Sunday:

- **Sunday School & Catechism** are on break yet this week. Classes will resume next Sunday, April 7.
- **Fellowship Bible Study** will not be meeting this evening. Their study on Angels will resume with Lesson 7 on April 7.

Family Night Dinner this Wednesday, April 3, will be pizza! Centershot, GEMS and Screwtape Letters Bible Study will begin at 7:00 pm.

Screwtape Letters Bible Study will resume this Wednesday, April 3 at 7:00 pm in the youth building. Please read chapters 17, 18, and 20 (skipping Chapter 19).

- **Chapter 17:** On Gluttony - What does gluttony do to our perspective on food?
- **Chapter 18:** On Lust - Why does Screwtape like "being in love"?
- **Chapter 20:** On Falling in Love - What does it mean that Screwtape wants to direct our desires to something that doesn't exist?

J.O.Y. Group Spring Breakfast: Get up early and join us on Tuesday, April 9 at 9:00 a.m. for a delicious breakfast along with hot coffee and great conversation in the Highland fellowship hall. We look forward to seeing your wide awake and smiling faces! Please sign up at the information table if you plan to attend as this helps us plan our menu.

Keys for Kids Devotionals: There are extra copies of Keys for Kids Devotionals available on the information table. These are a great option for Elementary age kids. For a copy of their teen devotional, *Unlocked*, please contact Linda Wing or visit Keysforkids.org to subscribe.

Attention Junior High and High school Students: United Night of Worship is coming up on Sunday, April 28 from 6-8 pm. This is a bi-annual event for all area junior high and high school students and youth leaders. This event will be held at the Elenbaas Auditorium at McBain School.

Christmas Shoebox: Thank you again for all the ongoing support and donations you have given for our recent Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection for 2023—it was a great year! We would like to ask the congregation for ongoing support and donations for this year as well. Once again, we will be collecting these items on a monthly basis. For **March/April** we would like to start out with **SMALL TOYS**— Baby dolls, toy cars, soccer balls with pumps, toy animals, stress balls, bouncy balls, books, flashlights/batteries, jump rope etc. A tote labeled for the donations each month is in the Fellowship Hall. Please feel free to purchase any of these items at any time as we greatly appreciate all the support.

Youth Group Needs: In an effort to avoid last-minute planning and in order to nurture the student-led high school youth group format that began this year, the Education team is beginning our search for youth group leaders now. For next fall, we are in need of high school leaders and helpers. If you are willing to help out, please contact Megan Pluger (231-342-4830).

- **High-school:** Youth leaders will come alongside the student leadership team to guide them in planning youth group activities and lesson topics. HS youth leaders will also give the lesson and lead small group discussions. HS youth helpers will support the leaders each week and help lead small group discussions.
- **Middle School:** We also need middle school youth group helpers. Adam and Maggie Southwick will continue to lead the MS youth group. We are looking for others who will come alongside them to give support and help facilitate each week.

Spring Enrollment Season: Northern Michigan Christian School in McBain is NOW ENROLLING preschool through high school students for next school year (2024-2025). Schedule a tour today and learn more by calling (231) 825-2492 or by visiting our updated website at nmcs.us. Discover the NMCS difference today! Challenging minds, nurturing hearts, and developing gifts through our Christ-centered education initiatives. Through our biblical focus, we are able to teach truth, something hard to find in the public-school setting. Scholarships and discounts are available. Transportation to and from Cadillac, Evart, Marion, and Lake City is provided.

Abide: Wednesday, April 17, 6:30pm: A multi-church gathering for a time of worship, prayer, testimony, and resting in the presence of God. Hosted by Lake City CRC, 1657 S. Morey Rd., Lake City.