

NURSERY:

April 3	Jodi DeHate, Tami Eisenga, Jodi Meyering, Karsyn Meyering
April 10 Palm Sunday	Mikayla Powers, Lindsay Beerens, DaNay Tossey, Harper Tossey
April 15 Good Friday	April Villwock, Patti Koop Madelyn Benthem, Alan Thomas
April 17 Easter	Bev Taylor, Jackie Schmid Brenda Ouwinga, Megan Pluger

LITTLE LAMBS / CHILDREN IN WORSHIP:

April 3	LL Teacher: Amy VanPolen; Helper: Alan Thomas CIW Teacher: Maggie Southwick; Helper: Emmerson Tossey
April 10 Palm Sunday	LL Teacher: Cindy Vennema; Helper: Jordyn Richardson CIW Teacher: Lizelle Bazuin; Helper: JD Bazuin
April 17 Easter	LL Teacher: Kasey McQuestion; Helper: Leah Thompson CIW Teacher: Hillary Dracht; Helper: Linda Wing

SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT:

April 3	Matt Thompson; Jonathan Ouwinga; Deb Eisenga
April 10 Palm Sunday	Kyle Meyering, Deb Eisenga, Tami Eisenga
April 15 Good Friday	Cary Sikkema, Jonathan Ouwinga, Tami Eisenga
April 17 Easter	Matt Thompson; Jonathan Ouwinga; Kendra Jenema

OFFERINGS:

APRIL
3rd: Booster Club
10th: New Building
17th: Life Resources
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!**



April 3, 2022

HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

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

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE – 9:30 AM
April 3, 2022

5th Sunday of Lent

The People of God Gather:

Call to worship from John 6:35
 Welcome
 God's greeting
 Greeting one another

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

Responsive Lenten reading- led by Jodi DeHate
 Bible Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:14-20

Prayer
 Extinguishing a candle
Worthy is Christ (vs 1-2)

To Praise God:

We Praise Thee O God (vs 1-3)
Joyful, Joyful (vs 1-3)
 Prayer of praise

To Pray and Serve God:

Announcements
 Congregational prayer

To Proclaim God's Word:

Children's message led by Dale Fredin
 Song of preparation: *Lord, We Hear Your Word with Gladness (vs 1 & 3)*

Bible reading: John 6:1-15

Message: Encounters with Jesus- The Boy with Bread

Prayer of response
 Song of response / Offertory: *Break Now the Bread of Life (vs 1-3)*
 Offering: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: Booster Club
 (Please remain seated during the song of response and offering)

To Go in God's Name:

God's blessing:
 Closing song: *We Are So Blessed*
 Postlude

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 npjasperse@gmail.com or in person.

CHURCH OFFICE

(231) 825-2171
 office@highlandcrc.org
Office Hours April 4-9:
 Mon.: Closed
 Tues.-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:

Cookie Schedules for Sunday Morning Fellowship have been placed in mailboxes. If you signed up and didn't receive a schedule, please let Cindy Vennema know so one can be provided.

Profession of Faith Class: A profession of faith class will be offered on Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm, beginning right after Easter. The three sessions are scheduled for April 20 and 27 and May 4. For anyone interested, it is not too late to contact Pastor Neil about attending.

Stamp Ministry: Thank you very much for the stamps you sent to the Stamp Ministry. The income from their sale goes to support preparation, publication and distribution of a Spanish language curriculum for Sunday Schools. More than 50 lesson series have been published and are being used in churches of 40 different denominations in Spanish speaking countries in Latin America, Spain and even the USA. In July of 2018, the Alliance Stamp Ministry, with God's help, reached ONE MILLION DOLLARS!!! We are now working on our second million!!! This brings us to a grand total of \$1,121,300.00 since the inception of the Stamp Ministry back in 1972. TO GOD BE THE GLORY for allowing us to reach this total!!! Thank you so much for your support of this unique ministry.

Thank you for your service in trimming stamps. Dealers are willing to buy our Stamps that have 1/4 inch to 1/3 inch of paper around the stamp. If the stamp has a border less than that they can still be sold but at a lower price. For an example of a 1/4 trim around a stamp please see our stamp collection box on the information table of the fellowship hall.

Save the Date! Wexford-Missaukee Right to Life will again have a spring *"Focus on Life Banquet"*. It will be Monday, May 9, 2022 at the Northland Community Church. Highland Church has purchased a number of seats at this event. More details are yet to come but please contact Bonnie Veddler if would like to attend.

The AMEN Chorus will begin rehearsals Saturday, April 9 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Rehoboth Reformed Church in Lucas. We will be rehearsing for 6 Saturdays with a program being held on Sunday, May 15 at 3:00. If you are a gentleman that would like to praise the Lord through song, we invite you to join us. Please bring \$10 to cover the cost of music and printing. If you have any questions, please contact director Angela Warner at kirkangelawarner@hotmail.com.

Easter Egg Hunt! Kids ages 10 and under are invited to come out for a community-wide Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 16, at 10am at the Falmouth Community Center! There will be tons of prizes and lots of free family fun! This event is sponsored by Prosper CRC.

SERMON OUTLINE

Title: Encounters with Jesus: The Boy with Bread

Text: John 6:1-13

Sermon Outline:

1. The boy
2. The needs of the crowd
3. The test
4. The multiplication: Jesus can use our small resources in a big way
5. The Biblical connections:
 - a. Fulfillment of Psalm 23
 - b. Foreshadowing the Lord's Supper

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

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.

- ✚ **Please pray for the Kvasnak family as Jason's father, Ken** is currently in the hospital on life support. Please pray for healing for Ken and comfort for this family.
- ✚ **Prayer request from Resonate Global Missions:** [Continue to pray for Ukraine](#). Pray for safety and protection for those who remain in Ukraine, those who are fleeing the country, and for those who are fighting. Pray for violence to cease and God's peace to reign. Pray for the people of Russia. The people of Russia do not necessarily reflect the actions of their leader and many have been protesting the war. They are also struggling with the ramifications of the economic sanctions. Ask God for protection and provision.

Prayer Focus

Jeremiah 29:11-13 ¹¹“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. ¹² Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. ¹³ You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.”

We Give Thanks for Our Search Team Members

“Lord we thank you for the members of our Pastoral & Youth Director Search Teams. Keep them from weariness and discouragement and lead them to the individuals you already are preparing to serve here at Highland.”

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

OUR CHURCH WEEK: APRIL 3-9

SUN 04/03	9:15 AM 9:30 AM ----- 5:00 PM	A time of prayer in the prayer room Morning Worship Service No Sunday School / Catechism (Spring Break) Fellowship Bible Study & Potluck in the Fellowship Hall – Lesson 4
WED 04/06	9:30 AM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Ladies Bible Study Family Night Dinner Centershot, GEMS & Prayer Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pastor Search Update: In our second round of searching, the pastor who came to the forefront eventually withdrew his name. Our search team met on March 24 to consider next steps. A few other names have appeared on our radar. Further, there is a new class graduating from Calvin Theological Seminary in two months. Highland has been blessed in the past with pastors right out of seminary. Please pray for wisdom and patience as our search continues.

Attention Students/Parents: No Sunday School or Catechism yet this week as we wrap up Spring Break.

Anniversary Celebration: Don & Marian Ouwinga will observe 65 years of marriage on April 5, 2022. The couple invite you to help them celebrate this wonderful occasion with an anniversary cake this morning after the worship service.

Thank you to each one who helped us celebrate our 50th Anniversary. We appreciate each one who came to the open house and sent cards. The love and friendships and prayers of our family and friends have sustained and encouraged us through the years and we are grateful to God for you. He is faithful! ~Love in Christ, Bob and Barb Lee

A new, video-driven Bible Study for ladies on ***The Armor of God*** by Priscilla Shirer will begin on Thursday, April 21 at 7:00 pm, and go for 7 weeks. Please contact Linda Wing if you are interested!

Palm Sunday Procession: Our worship team would like to invite all kids age 3-5th grade to help open our Palm Sunday service with a Palm Branch Procession. If your child would like to participate, please have them in the east wing by 9:25 am next Sunday.

Family Night Dinner will be this Wednesday, April 6 at 6:30 pm. Our goal is to serve tacos! If you would be willing to donate ground beef for this dinner, please contact Cindy Vennema. Centershot, GEMS and Prayer Meeting will begin at 7 pm.