

**NURSERY:**

<b>April 24</b>	Cindy Vennema, Lizelle Bazuin, Aubrynn Bazuin, Bev Kamphouse
<b>May 1</b>	Kasey McQuestion, Emma Tossey Shari Benthem, Jayden Benthem
<b>May 8</b>	Karen Oeverman, Charlotte Thomas, Dana Baas, Becky Wemple
<b>May 15</b>	Diane Eisenga, Megan Benthem, Melissa Oeverman, Emma Oeverman

**Thank you**  
to our many  
volunteers for their  
service each week  
in helping to  
promote the  
kingdom of God!

**LITTLE LAMBS / CHILDREN IN WORSHIP:**

<b>April 24</b>	LL Teacher: Jodi DeHate; Helper: Lindsay Beerens CIW Teacher: Nicole Koetje; Helper: Linda Ellens
<b>May 1</b>	LL Teacher: Nicole Schultz; Helper: Addean Oeverman CIW Teacher: Anne Thomas; Helper: Karsyn Meyering
<b>May 8</b>	LL Teacher: Makayla Powers; Helper: Harper Tossey CIW Teacher: Sara Bruno; Helper: Karianne Smith
<b>May 15</b>	LL Teacher: Amy VanPolen; Helper: Alan Thomas CIW Teacher: Maggie Southwick; Helper: Emerson Tossey

**SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT:**

<b>April 24</b>	Cary Sikkema; Roger Hagerman; Sue Cook
<b>May 1</b>	Kyle Meyering; Dan Ouwinga; Deb Eisenga
<b>May 8</b>	Matt Thompson; Roger Hagerman; Jodi DeHate
<b>May 15</b>	Kyle Meyering; Jonathan Ouwinga; Kendra Jenema

**OFFERINGS:**

<b>APRIL</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup>:</b> Booster Club	<b>MAY</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup>:</b> Booster Club
	<b>10<sup>th</sup>:</b> New Building		<b>8<sup>th</sup>:</b> New Building
	<b>17<sup>th</sup>:</b> Life Resources		<b>15<sup>th</sup>:</b> Mississippi Mission Trip
	<b>24<sup>th</sup>:</b> GEMS		<b>22<sup>nd</sup>:</b> Benevolence
			<b>29<sup>th</sup>:</b> Missionaries Josh & Mandy Shaarda

**USHERS**

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

**May:** Aaron Pluger, Al Thomas, Tucker Tossey, Bob Vennema

**\*\*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 24, 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

**HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH**  
**Morning Worship Service – 9:30 am**  
**April 24, 2022**

**The People of God Gather:**

Prelude  
 Call to Worship  
 Welcome  
 God's greeting  
 Greeting one another

To Praise God:

*Come, Now Is The Time*  
*Raise A Hallelujah*  
 Prayer of Praise

To Provide the Sacrament of Baptism:

The Meaning of Baptism  
 The Vows of the parents; then the congregation  
 The Baptism of Edison Alan Pluger  
 The Prayer  
*Holy Water*

To Pray and Serve God:

Announcements  
 Congregational prayer

To Proclaim God's Word:

Children's Message: Jodi Meyering  
 Song of Preparation: *Jesus Draw Me*

**Text: Luke 24:13-35**

**Title: You Do Not Know?**

Prayer of response  
 Song of Response: *I Will Follow*  
 GEMS Video (Offerings will be collected at this time)  
 1<sup>st</sup> Offering: General Fund; 2<sup>nd</sup> Offering: GEMS

To Go in God's Name:

God's blessing:  
 Closing Song: *All The People Said Amen*  
 Postlude

**COUNCIL CORNER**

**Officers for 2022:**

<b>Pastor</b>	Neil Jasperse
<b>President</b>	Jon Dracht
<b>Vice President</b>	Jerry Koop, Jr.
<b>Clerk</b>	Ken Meyering
<b>Secretary of Deacons</b>	Greg Tossey
<b>Vice Treasurer</b>	Kasey Rees

**Districts for 2022:**

<b>Elders</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Deacons</b>
Den Kamphouse	<b>#1, A-C</b>	David Wing
Dale Fredin: Adjunct Elder	<b>#2, D-E</b>	Greg Tossey
Ken Meyering	<b>#3, F-L</b>	Devon Dracht
Paul Shaarda	<b>#4, M-O</b>	Kasey Rees
Jerry Koop, Jr.	<b>#5, P-T</b>	Doug Mitchell
Bryan Eisenga	<b>#6, U-Z</b>	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.

<p><b><u>CHURCH OFFICE</u></b>                  (231) 825-2171                  office@highlandcrc.org  <b>Office Hours April 4-9:</b>                  Mon.: Closed                  Tues-Thurs: 8:30 am – 2:00 pm                  Fri.-Sun.: Closed  <b>*All bulletin content is due by noon on Thursdays**</b></p>	<p><b><u>MINISTRY TEAM LEADERS</u></b>  <b>Worship Team</b> (DaNay Tossey)  <b>Care &amp; Fellowship Team</b> (Cindy Vennema)  <b>Education Team</b> (Megan Pluger)  <b>Outreach Team</b> (Jodi DeHate)  <b>Prayer Team</b> (Sandy Rice)  <b>Service Team</b> (Carrie Thompson)  <b>Facilities Team</b> (Greg Hesselink)</p>
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED:**

**Thank you** to the people of Highland church for all the cards and prayers during Mark’s recovery following hernia surgery. –Mark & Deb Eisenga

**J.O.Y. (Just Older Youth) Group:** We are planning an outing for May 10 to Brinks Family Creamery for a tour of their facility followed by lunch there as well. We will meet at Highland Church at 10:30 am and carpool or pick anyone up on the way with a planned arrival of 11:00 at the Creamery. They will have ice cream and baked goods available to purchase if you wish! Please sign-up at the information table in the fellowship hall.

**Wexford/Missaukee RTL** 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.

**Mother’s Day Worship Night at Highland!** You are invited to a night of contemporary worship at Highland on **Sunday, May 8th** led by JUMP with special guest Chan Wiinikainen! We are going to celebrate Mother's Day doing the things that Highland holds so dear to their heart- Worshipping God, gathering in fellowship and eating! Worship will start at 5:00 with a potluck supper to follow at 6:00. Please bring a dish or two to pass, the main dish and table service will be provided, and our hope is that guests from outside our church can come and enjoy a meal with us. Feel free to invite your family and friends!

**Youth Director:** Highland CRC is looking for a Middle School/High School youth director starting the first of August. It will consist of 15 hours/week but we are flexible. The pay will start at \$15/hour but could be more depending on experience and education. The youth director will operate under Highland’s Safe Church Policy and will carry the trust of the church in this ministry. Basic responsibilities would include-meeting with MS/HS students, recruit volunteer leaders, be available for students in time of crisis, be an encourager to students in their walk with Christ, attend extra-curricular school activities and maintain a healthy relationship with church leaders. Applications are due by May 13, 2022 to Highland CRC, 9034 23 Mile Rd., Marion, MI. 49665. Please contact Sara in the church office at [office@highlandcrc.org](mailto:office@highlandcrc.org) or (231) 825-2171 with any questions.

**SERMON OUTLINE**

**Text: Luke 24:13-35**

**Title: You Do Not Know?**

Introduction: Richard Scarry’s busy, busy books; Easter was a busy day

- 1) The walk: on the way to Emmaus
- 2) The question: what are you discussing?
- 3) The gentle rebuke: how foolish you are and slow of heart to believe
- 4) The explanation: what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself
- 5) The meal: he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and gave it to them
- 6) The recognition: their eyes were opened
- 7) Three layers of knowing
  - a) Knowing what happened
  - b) Knowing why these things happened
  - c) Knowing Jesus personally

**Notes:**

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**PRAYER REQUESTS**

- + Please pray for daily strength and healing for **Dick Bruno, & Carol Niver**.
- + We left up prayers of praise that **Hudson Koetje's** appendectomy went well and we pray for continued healing.
- + We extend our condolences to Ryan & Kacy Quist and family in the passing of Kacy's grandfather, **Don Larson** last Sunday, April 17, 2022.
- + Please pray for **Laurie Koning** as she battles cancer. Laurie is a former teacher at NMC and the wife of Rev. Ken Koning of Calvin CRC. Please pray for healing, comfort and peace.
- + Please pray for LeRue Johnson as she recovers from a blocked artery in her abdomen and stent placement.
- + Please pray for the **2022 CRCNA Synod** as they prepare to meet in June. We pray that the Holy Spirit will guide them in all matters laid before them.

***Daily Prayer Focus***

*"Differing weights and differing measures – the Lord detests them both." -Proverbs 20:10*

Holy God, I ask your Holy Spirit to direct our nation's business leaders – those with large businesses and those with small ones. Guide them to decisions that impact their employees, and our nation's economy as a whole, in positive ways.

\*\* **The Prayer Ministry Team** is asking for your feedback on the Lenten Prayer Booklet. Please talk to Sandy Rice or Amanda Lee. You may also place your written comments in Sandy or Amanda's church mailbox. Thank you.

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

**OUR CHURCH WEEK: APRIL 24-30**

<b>SUN 04/24</b>	9:15 AM	A time of prayer in the prayer room
	9:30 AM	Morning Worship Service
	10:50 AM	Sunday School & Catechism
	5:00 PM	Fellowship Bible Study & Potluck –Lesson 6
	6:00 PM	Xtreme & Strong Tower –End of Year Party
<b>TUES 04/26</b>	5:45 PM	MOPS
<b>WED 04/27</b>	9:30 AM	Ladies Bible Study –Lesson 12
	7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting
	7:00 PM	Profession of Faith Class
<b>THUS 04/28</b>	7:00 PM	'Armor of God' Bible Study –in YB

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**This morning** we will be celebrating the infant baptism of **Edison Alan Pluger**, son of Aaron and Megan Pluger.

**Sunday School and Catechism** will resume this morning beginning at 10:50 am. Please note the following schedule changes: there will be no Sunday School or Catechism on May 8 (Mother's Day) and our last day of Sunday School and Catechism will be May 15.

**The Fellowship Bible Study** will be meeting at 5:00 pm this evening in the home of Lynn and Sandy Rice followed by a potluck supper. This week is Lesson 6.

**Xtreme and Strong Tower** will meet at 6:00 tonight for their end of the year party!

**Pastor Neil and Ruth** will be attending the Specialized Transitional Ministry Conference in Grand Rapids this week Monday-Wednesday. Please contact the church office or your district elder if you have any needs or concerns.

**Ladies Bible Study** will be meeting this Wednesday at 9:30 am for Lesson 12 of their study on the Gospel of Mark

**Next Sunday** from 11:00-11:40, Pastor Neil will give a presentation of Synod's Report on Human Sexuality. In June, the Christian Reformed Synod, our highest assembly, will be considering a major committee report on human sexuality. The full report stretches over 100 pages. An executive summary about a dozen pages long is available on request from the church office. Pastor Neil has produced a brief, two-page summary for everyone to be informed about the report. Please check your mailbox for this summary. Then we can pray specifically for our Synod and its guidance to our churches in the years to come."