

GREETERS:	<u>North</u>	<u>South</u>
April 26	----- Church Closed -----	
May 3	----- Pending -----	
May 10	----- Pending -----	
May 17	----- Pending -----	

NURSERY:	
April 26	----- Church Closed -----
May 3	----- Pending -----
May 10	----- Pending -----
May 17	----- Pending -----

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP – LITTLE LAMBS:	
April 26	----- Church Closed -----
May 3	----- Pending -----
May 10	----- Pending -----
May 17	----- Pending -----

SOUND SYSTEM, VIDEO, POWERPOINT:	
April 26	----- Church Closed -----
May 3	----- Pending -----
May 10	----- Pending -----
May 17	----- Pending -----

OFFERINGS:		
APRIL OFFERINGS	5th: Booster Club	3rd: Booster Club
	12th: New Building	10th: New Building
	19th: Existing Building	17th: Existing Building
	26th: GEMS	24th: GEMS
		31th: Benevolence

APRIL USHERS:	----- Church Closed -----
MAY USHERS:	----- Pending -----

Thank you!
 ...to everyone who serves either up front or behind the scenes each week in helping to further the kingdom of God!



HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

April 26, 2020

Vision Statement:
 In our endeavor to seek Christ's will and follow His calling, we desire to strengthen our church through growth in prayer, growth in vibrant worship, growth in committed outreach, and growth in thriving fellowship.

9034 23 Mile Rd. • Marion, MI 49665
 (231) 825-2171
 Email: office@highlandcrc.org

Morning Worship: 9:30 AM
 Sunday school for all ages: 10:50 AM
 Website: www.highlandcrc.org

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE – 9:30 AM
Highland Christian Reformed Church
 April 19, 2020

1. **Audio** files of our services are available on our website: www.highlandcrc.org under the *Sermon Audio* tab.
2. **Videos** of our services are available on our YouTube Channel “Highland CRC”.

Welcome

Congregational Prayer

Scripture: **Psalm 16**

Sermon Title: *“Gift of Life”*

- Profess Your Faith
- Commit to Yahweh
- Express Your Joy

Benediction

**Offering: 1st General Fund; 2nd Existing Building

APRIL OFFERING:

- 5th: Booster Club
- 12th: New Building
- 19th: Existing Building
- 26th: GEMS

**Tithes and offerings can be mailed to either the church office or Shari Benthem or dropped off at the church office.

2020 Council		
Exec. Board: *	Rev. Dr. Gregory J. Kett *	825-2171 Church Office
Elders		Deacons
Bob Vennema	District #1, A-C	Gary Hesselink
Dale Fredin *Pres.	District #2, D-E	Kyle Meyering *Sec. of Deac.
Al Thomas *Clerk	District #3, F-L	Tom Ouwinga *V.T.
Ken Roede *V.P.	District #4, M-O	Dan Villwock
Larry Witt	District #5, P-T	Larry Sikkema
Chad Dodde	District #6, V-Z	Ryan McQuestion
**Personal Contact information is not published online. If you need assistance contacting a council member, please call the church office at (231) 825-2171.		

Have a Prayer Request? If you have a prayer request you would like included in the congregational prayer, please contact your elder or Pastor Greg. You can also submit anonymous congregational prayer requests at any time by texting "HIGHLANDCRC627" to 22333. Once you're signed up, you'll be able to submit prayer requests at any time.

<p align="center">Pastoral Support: Pastor Greg Kett (231) 825-2171</p>	<p align="center"><u>Ministry Team Leaders:</u> Connection Coordinator (Amie Kett) Care & Share Team (Cindy Vennema) Prayer Team (Sandy Rice) Education Team (Mary Rees) Service Team (Julie Dorman) Worship Team (Jodi Meyering) Facilities Team (Rick Dorman) Safe Church Team (Linda Wing) Safety Team (James Bazuin)</p>
<p align="center">Youth Director: Justin Sluiter hrcstrongtower@gmail.com</p>	
<p align="center">Church Office: Sara Bruno (231) 825-2171 office@highlandcrc.org Normal Office hours: Please call the church office for additional information.</p>	

AREA FOOD DISTRIBUTION CONT.

Marion Food Bank is available to residents of the Marion area. Their pantry is open to walk-ins the 3rd Wednesday of each Month from 9:30 am to 11:30 am. Please call (231) 743-6092 for an appointment outside of this timeframe.

Feeding America Distribution Locations:

- **Osceola:** The Feeding America mobile food truck will be at the Marion Fair Grounds on May 9, 2020. Registration to begin at 10:30 am. You will enter at the South gate and exit on the North end. In order to comply with the Feeding America guidelines the following procedure will be in place: Once you enter the fair-grounds, you are to remain in your vehicle at all times. You will not be asked to touch or sign any paperwork. Someone will come to your vehicle to get your information. You are to open the window just far enough to talk to that person. After that you will proceed to the food area. **You must have your vehicle ready to receive the food, your trunk/hatch/or bed of your pickup available for the food to be put there. No one will be reaching into the interior of the vehicles.** You should also have some kind of box/tote or something to put the food into. After you receive your food you can exit at the north gate.

- *****Volunteers are greatly needed to help distribute the food to each vehicle. If you are willing to help, please contact Carrie Thompson.** Volunteers are needed for Saturday, May 9 at 10:00 am and Monday, May 18 at 2:00 pm

- **Missaukee:** The Prosper CRC pick-up site has been changed to Thursdays from 4-6pm, NOT Fridays. This allows us to have fewer people in contact with one another and lessen the risk of spreading COVID 19. The other two sites, Lake City's Good Neighbor Pantry and Rehoboth Reformed Church will continue to distribute food on Fridays from 4-6 pm. We are getting food from Feeding America and anticipate continuing to provide it as long as food and funds are available and the need persists. We ask that your church families hold the Food Distribution project, and all the people involved, in your prayers for partnership, provision and protection. Financial donations to the Food Distribution project for Missaukee County can be sent to Community Hope at P.O. Box 265, Lake City MI.

PRAYER CORNER

Dear Heavenly Father, please be with Joe Medendorp, Mary Lou Karsten, Pearl Koetje, Steve Sluiter, Dick Bruno, Marilyn Ouwinga, Dawn Richardson, Mike Dodde and Sarah Dodde. Bless each of them in ways only you can do. Give them the healing and the patience they need.

Prayer Requests:

Dick Bruno would appreciate prayers as he is in constant pain. Some of the hardware in his back has come loose. He is also awaiting surgery to have a few more nerves in his back cauterized.

Mary Lou Karsten: Is improving each day and appreciates the prayers for continued healing.

Daily Prayer Focus:

Continued prayers for the first responders: ER personnel, dispatchers, pastors/family/friends. Ask God to bless them with calm and clarity, and show them how to be like Jesus to those in pain.

OUR MISSIONARIES:

George & Sarah de Vuyst & Family
Serving in Ukraine
Email: gdevuyst@crcna.org
Website: <http://www.devuysts.com/>

Josh & Mandy Shaarda & Family
Serving in Uganda
Email: jshaarda@crcnapartners.org
Blog: <http://shaarda.blogspot.com/>

***CURRENTLY SERVING IN OUR MILITARY:**

Mike* & Dawn (Dodde) Winkle
(Master Sargent, Air Force)
Spokane, WA

Tyler* Bode (Senior Airman, Air Force)
Davis Monthan Airforce Base,
Tucson, AZ

Caleb* Dodde (Private, Army Reservist)

OUR CHURCH WEEK: APRIL 26-MAY 2

APRIL 26TH

Audio of this week's sermon will be available on our website: www.highlandcrc.org. If you do not have access to a digital copy of the sermon and would like a paper copy, please contact the church office and a transcript will be made available.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All services and church activities at Highland CRC have been cancelled through the end of April. Updates for re-opening will be announced through our Bright Arrow phone system and on our Facebook page. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we strive to protect the health of our congregation.

Email Addresses: We announced earlier this week through the Bright Arrow phone tree that we are asking for everyone's email address. We will soon be utilizing mass-emails for all non-urgent notifications. If you do not have access to email, please contact the church office right away to be added to a short list of those still needing phone calls for all notifications. This will NOT affect the prayer chain or notifications deemed urgent (service/event cancellations). If you need assistance resetting your password, please contact Sara Bruno or Shari Benthem.

Online Giving: We now have the ability to give our tithes and offerings online via our website www.highlandcrc.org. You can use debit, credit or your bank account and does not require a login. All donations are secure but if you prefer, you may still mail your tithes and offerings to either Shari or the church office.

Food Drive for the Marion Food Bank-- We are still collecting non-perishable foods and hygiene products for the Marion Food Bank. Donations can be dropped off at the church office Monday – Thursday, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm. Any questions, please contact the church office. Let's be the heart and hands of Jesus to each other and to our neighbors. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please make checks out to the Marion Food Bank and mail to: PO Box 271; Marion, MI 49665

Pastor Church Resources from the CRC Denomination has released their final report and it is now available on our website. We have posted it under the Bulletin Archives. You will need to login just as you would to view the directory. If you need assistance resetting your password please contact the church office. If you would prefer a printed copy, please contact Sara in the church office and one can be mailed to you. The council has requested that we limit this report to 1 per household and that you limit this information be kept within our congregation. Please address all questions to either Pastor Greg or one of the elders.

From Faith Formation Ministries -At-Home Faith Formation Tip - From Psalm 65:8: "The whole earth is filled with awe at your wonders; where morning dawns, where evening fades, you call forth songs of joy." Make this passage your morning and evening prayer this week. During the day, look for God's "wonders" and point them out to the people you share life with. (Tip from Faith Formation Ministries; crcna.org/FaithFormation)

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

McBain Elementary Kindergarten Round-Up has begun! McBain Elementary has an all-day, every day Kindergarten program. If your child will be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2020 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. Kindergarten Registration Clinics will be held on Friday, April 17th and Friday, April 24th, but we need to do pre-registration now. Those that are pre-registered will then receive a packet of information with more details about the clinic, and how to schedule an appointment.

Psalm 46:1-3 NIV

[1] ... God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. [2] Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, [3] though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.