

NURSERY:

May 8	Karen Oeverman, Charlotte Thomas, Dana Baas, Becky Wemple
May 15	Diane Eisenga, Megan Benthem, Melissa Oeverman, Emma Oeverman
May 22	Ruth Kulhawick, Stephanie VanHouten, Karianne Smith, Karsyn Meyering
May 29	Donna Veddler, Esther Bode, Diane Nemeth, Harper Tossey

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

LITTLE LAMBS / CHILDREN IN WORSHIP:

May 8	LL Teacher: Makayla Powers; Helper: Harper Tossey CIW Teacher: Sara Bruno; Helper: Karianne Smith
May 15	LL Teacher: Amy VanPolen; Helper: Alan Thomas CIW Teacher: Maggie Southwick; Helper: Emerson Tossey
May 22	LL Teacher: Kasey McQuestion, Helper: Leah Thompson CIW Teacher: Lizelle Bazuin; Helper: JD Bazuin
May 29	LL Teacher: Cindy Vennema; Helper: Jordyn Richardson CIW Teacher: Nicole Koetje; Helper: Linda Ellens

SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT:

May 8	Matt Thompson; Roger Hagerman; Jodi DeHate
May 15	Kyle Meyering; Jonathan Ouwinga; Kendra Jenema
May 22	Cary Sikkema; Dan Ouwinga; Sue Cook
May 29	Matt Thompson; Jonathan Ouwinga; Deb Eisenga

OFFERINGS:

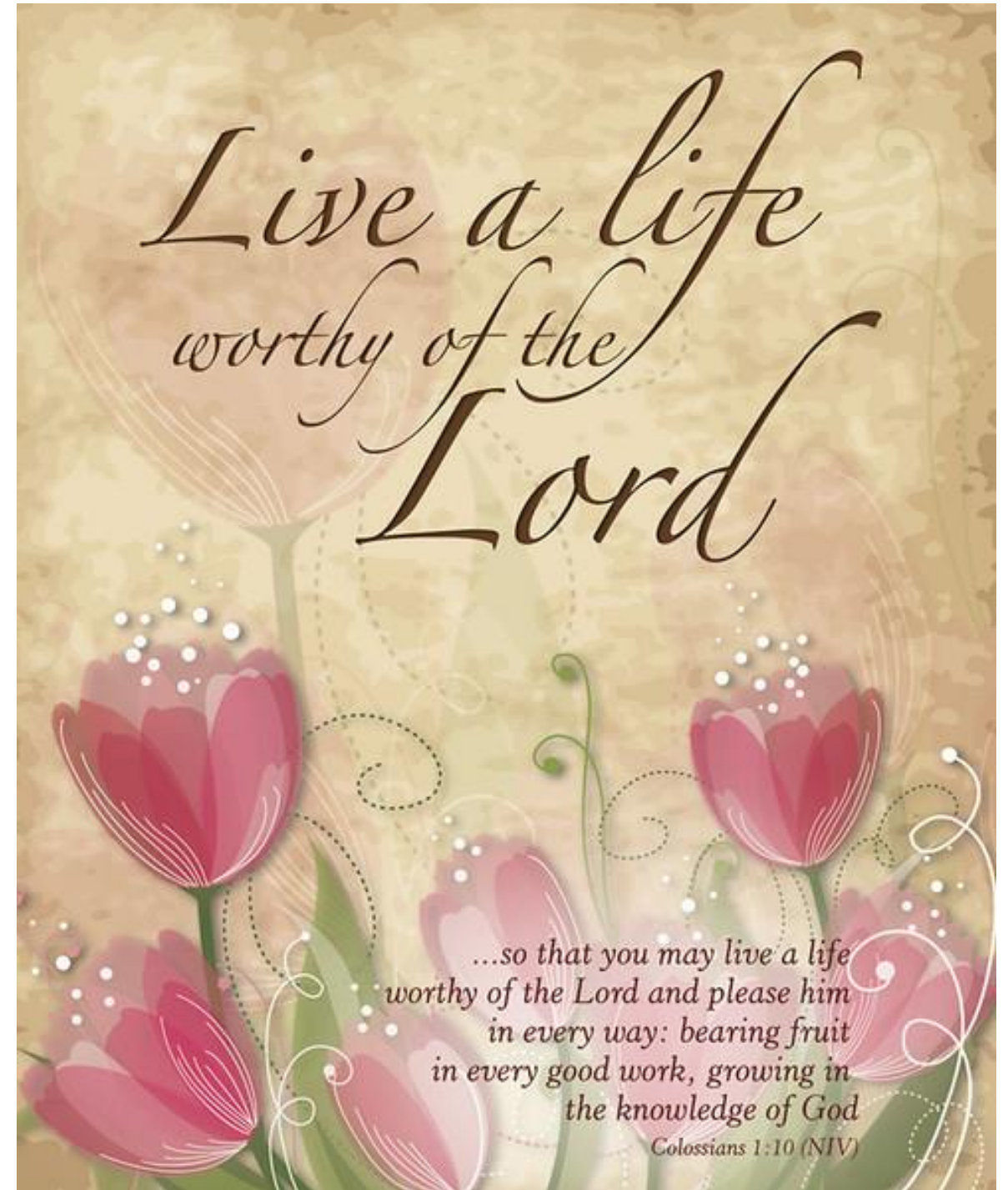
MAY	1st: Booster Club
	8th: New Building
	15th: Mississippi Mission Trip
	22nd: Benevolence
	29th: Missionaries Josh & Mandy Shaarda

USHERS

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

June: Matt Thompson, Lars Fredin, Ken VanPolen, Jr, Gary Hesselink

****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!**



HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

Morning Worship Service – 9:30 am
May 8, 2022

The People of God Gather:

Prelude
Call to Worship from Psalm 145: 1-3
Welcome
God's greeting
Greeting one another

To Praise God

Revelation 4:11a
Here I Am To Worship (vs 1-2)
Philippians 3:8a
Knowing You (vs 1-2)
Psalm 4:6b-7
Shine On Us (vs 1 & 3)
Prayer of Praise

To Plead for God's Grace

Responsive Reading of the Law –from the gospels
Prayer of Confession
Words of Assurance
Song of Assurance: *Not What My Hands Have Done (vs 1-3)*

To Pray and Serve God:

Announcements
Congregational prayer

To Proclaim God's Word:

Children's Message: Pastor Neil –Baffle Box
Song of Preparation: Keep What You Have Believed (vs 1-2)
Text: Luke 10:30-35; 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a
Title: Love Is Not Self-Seeking
Prayer of response
Song of Response & Offertory: Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with You Love (vs 1-4)
1st Offering: General Fund; 2nd Offering: New Building Fund

To Go in God's Name:

God's blessing
Closing Song: *They'll Know We Are Christians (vs 1 & 3)*
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:

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
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:

Youth Director Position: We are 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 or (231) 825-2171 with any questions.

J.O.Y. (Just Older Youth) Group: We are planning an outing for Tuesday, May 10 to the 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 to 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 contact Cindy Vennema if you plan to attend!

Wexford/Missaukee RTL will again have a spring *"Focus on Life Banquet"* May 9 at 5:30 pm. at the Northland Community Church. Highland Church has purchased a number of seats for this event. Please contact Bonnie Veddler yet today if you wish to claim one of these reserved seats.

The AMEN Chorus will be having a concert Sunday, May 15 at 3:00 at Rehoboth Reformed Church in Lucas. Come out and enjoy an afternoon of inspirational music by this mens singing group as well as the Rehoboth Hand bell Choir. A free will offering will be accepted and distributed to various nonprofit groups in our area.

Attention Amazon Shoppers: Friendship Family Homes is now a recognized charity on Amazon Smile. If you shop Amazon Smile, you can select Friendship Family Home as your designated charity. FFH will in turn received a percentage of your purchase which will go toward the ongoing operation of the Home. If you have any questions, you can reach out to kstahl200@gmail.com Thanks for considering this opportunity!!

SERMON OUTLINE

Sermon Outline: Love is Not Self-seeking

Bible passage: Luke 10:30-35; I Corinthians 4-8a (5b)

Introduction: a case study from Freakonomics about real estate agents.

- 1) Self-interest is our default mode.
- 2) God calls us to a radically different vision: love that is not self-seeking.
 - a) There is a healthy concern for self-self, but sin twists us inward
 - b) God calls us to renew the original vision: Philippians 2:4
- 3) Inspiring examples of love that is not self-seeking.
 - a) Old Testament: Jonathan
 - b) New Testament: the Good Samaritan
 - c) Literature: The Gift of the Magi
- 4) What such love looks like for us.
- 5) Mothers embody love that is not self-seeking.
- 6) The benefits of love that is not self-seeking.
 - a) We reap what we sow: people appreciate us
 - b) Such love makes the world a better place
 - c) Such love pleases God.
- 7) The supreme example of Jesus.

Notes:

- **Nursery** is available in the basement for children ages infant-3 years old.
- **Children's Church** is 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 CORNER

✚ We lift up in prayer those that need healing: Please pray for **Dick Bruno, Carol Niver, Dan Boonstra** and **Waylin Benson**. Lord, give them the healing and the patience they need and bless each of them in ways only you can do.

✚ Please pray for **Tara Veddler** (Terry & Dona Veddler's daughter) who was in a bad car accident on April 10th on 70th Ave before 23 mile road. She has a fractured foot, hand, broken ribs and head trauma. She is scheduled to go to a specialist in Grand Rapids for evaluation and treatment as she is experiencing headaches, dizziness, confusion and memory loss. Prayers for a full recovery and patience dealing with her confusion and memory loss.

✚ **The Healing Hearts Transforming Nations** events are about to begin in the United States. These events will be led by our missionary, George de Vuyst and are scheduled in California on April 24-28, Maryland on May 1-5 and then in Michigan, May 15-19. Please be in prayer for these events knowing that Satan is fighting to keep people in pain and conflict, but Jesus came to heal, restore, and reconcile.

PRAYER FOCUS

1 Timothy 5:17 "The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor,"

Heavenly Father, we thank you for each member of our church council. Remind us to regularly life them before your throne and to speak words of encouragement and support to them. Holy Spirit, be present when they meet. Help them discern your will. –Amen

*Content for the Daily Prayer Focus is contributed by the HCRC Prayer Team

OUR MISSIONARIES

Josh & Mandy Shaarda & Family

Serving in Uganda
Email: jshaarda@crnapartners.org
Blog: <http://shaarda.blogspot.com>

George & Sarah de Vuyst & Family

Serving in Ukraine
Email: gdevuyst@crcna.org
Website: <http://www.devuysts.com>

OUR ACIVE MILITARY

Tyler Bode

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

OUR CHURCH WEEK: MAY 8-14

SUN 5/8	9:15 AM	A time of prayer in the prayer room
	9:30 AM	Morning Worship Service
	-----	No Sunday School & Catechism
	5:00 PM	Fellowship Bible Study & Potluck –Lesson 8
TUES 5/10	5:45 PM	MOPS –Year end meeting
	10:30 AM	J.O.Y. Group –Meet at Highland for carpool
WED 5/11	7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting
THUS 5/12	7:00 PM	NMC Spring Concert
	7:00 PM	"Armor of God" Ladies Bible Study –in YB

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Today we honor mothers! God affirmed the institution of marriage from the beginning, along with a loving home to raise children. Mothers, along with fathers, are called to care for their children day in and day out. Mothers are a sparkling example of love that is not self-seeking, but focused on others. We give thanks to God for the gift of our mothers!

Today: There will be no Sunday school/Catechism today in observance of Mother's Day. Next Sunday, will be our last week of Sunday School/Catechism.

The "Armor of God" Ladies Bible Study will meet this Thursday, at 7:00 pm in the Youth Building for Lesson 4.

Northern Michigan Christian School will be holding their Spring Concert at Highland Church on Thursday, May 12 at 7:00 pm. Please join us to celebrate the musical talents of our middle school and high school bands and choirs.

Next Sunday, May 15th:

- We have the privilege of celebrating **the Lord's Supper** together. If any of our shut-ins would like communion brought to their home, please contact the church office or one of our elders so this can be arranged.
- **Middle School and High School students** will be meeting in the sanctuary at 6:00 pm for Youth Sunday Practice.
- **Fellowship Bible Study** will be meeting at 5:00 in the Youth Building that week due to Youth Sunday Practice.

HIGHLAND COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS • MAY 2 MEETING

1. Heard concerns about reception with our online worship services; will check on plans to address this.
2. Heard with thankfulness that April giving was on par with our budget, however there was a concern that we are behind nearly \$20,000 during the first quarter of the year.
3. Heard that the Pastor Search Team currently has one prospect on their radar; beyond that a few 2022 seminary graduates will be reviewed.
4. Rejoiced in three young people who plan to make a public profession of faith in Jesus: Mya Eisenga, Emma Oeverman, and Addean Oeverman.
5. Approved appointing a three-person team to head up a debt retirement drive in August.
6. Approved a policy that would allow a pastor to gain some equity while living in our parsonage.

We are continuing our search for a lead pastor and now also searching for a youth director. Please cover these two positions in prayer and those serving on our search teams:

- Our search for a pastor began about ten months ago. For the seven members of the search team, please pray for fortitude, discernment, and enthusiasm for their important role. Please ask God to provide us with a good pastor who will love us and point us to Jesus and his kingdom work among us.
- Our youth director position is part-time. It may be a challenge to find someone from outside of our church to come and serve with us. Please pray that God will provide the leader for our youth ministry- perhaps in some surprising way.

TREASURER’S REPORTS: MARCH & APRIL 2022:

March Offerings		2nd Offerings	
6th	5,151.00	Booster Club	820.00
13th	5,650.00	New Building Fund	2,922.00
20th	4,639.00	George & Sarah DeVuyst	1,004.00
27th	<u>2,244.90</u>	Feeding America	345.00
Monthly Total	17,684.90		
Budget needed weekly	6,208.44	CRC Loan Fund - Beginning Balance	77,739.09
Times 13 weeks	80,709.75	Principal Paid to Date	<u>18,356.90</u>
Received to date	<u>61,768.89</u>	CRC Loan Fund - Ending Balance	59,382.19
Balance	(18,940.86)		
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