

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

NURSERY

- May 14** Bev Taylor, Jackie Schmid, Megan Plugger, Evan Wemple
May 21 Julie Dorman, Melissa Oeverman, Cindy Vennema, Leah Thompson
May 28 Patti Koop, Bev Kamphouse, Karen Oeverman, Karsyn Meyering
June 4 Shari Benthem, Kasey McQuestion, Dana Baas, Harper Tossey

CHILDREN’S CHURCH

- May 14** Teacher: Jodi DeHate; Helpers: Hillary Dracht, Addean Oeverman
May 21 Teacher: Sara Bruno; Helpers: Amy VanPolen, Karsyn Meyering
May 28 Teacher: Kasey McQuestion; Helpers: Lindsay Beerens, Kendyn Meyering
June 4 ***Summer Break***

SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT

- May 14** Cary Sikkema, Kaylie Benthem, Tami Eisenga
May 21 Matt Thomson, Deb Eisenga, Deborah Ouwinga
May 28 Cary Sikkema, Jonathan Ouwinga, Kendra Jenema
June 4 Kyle Meyering, Roger Hagerman, Tami Eisenga

2ND OFFERINGS

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| May: | June: |
| 7th – Booster Club | 4th – Booster Club |
| 14th – Johnson/Hoekwater families | 11th – Benevolence Fund |
| 21st – Josh & Mandy Shaarda | 18th – Building Fund |
| 28th – Middle School Youth Room | 25th – Middle School Youth Room |

USHERS

- June:** Roger Hagerman, Ryan McQuestion, Greg Hesselink, Kevin Huttenga
July: Butch Karsten, Aaron Koetje, Bob Lee, Adam Swiler

****If you are unable to serve on your scheduled date, please find a 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 14, 2023

The People of God Gather:

Prelude: *Amazing Grace* (piano/organ duet)
 Welcome / Lighting the Christ Candle
 God's Greeting
 Greet One Another

To Praise God:

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone) (vs 1-4)
Blessed Assurance (vs 1-4)
 Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God:

Announcements
 Congregational Prayer

To Proclaim God's Word:

Children's Message: Pastor Ashley
 Song of Preparation: *Just As I Am (vs 1-4)*
 Scripture: **Matthew 1: 18-25**

Sermon Questions: **Who is Jesus' Real Mother? How is it possible for Jesus to be his own Father? Who Were Mary's Parents?**

Prayer of Response

To Partake in the Lord's Supper:

The Apostles' Creed
 Communion *please remain seated as the elements are passed
 Bread: *There Is A Redeemer (vs 1-3)*
 Juice: *In Christ Alone (vs 1-4)*
 Song of Response/Offertory: *Special Music: I'd Rather Have Jesus*
 Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: Families of Julie Johnson & James Hoekwater

To Go in God's Name:

God's blessing
 Closing Song: *The Family of God (vs 1)*
 Postlude

Our **Nursery** is available downstairs for children ages 0 - 3 years old.
Children's Church is available downstairs for children ages 3 - Kindergarten following the children's message.

HIGHLAND COUNCIL

Officers for 2023:

(All have a 231 area code unless otherwise noted)

President	Jon Dracht
Vice President	Don Eisenga
Clerk	Alan Baas
Sec. of Deacons	Kyle Meyering
Vice Treas.	Kasey Rees

Pastor Mark Bonnes
Pastor Ashley Bonnes
 *personal contact info is not posted online. Please call the church office.

Districts for 2023:

Elders	District	Deacons
Den Kamphouse	#1, A-C	David Wing
Alan Baas	#2, D-E	Kyle Meyering
Jon Dracht	#3, F-L	Devon Dracht
Paul Shaarda	#4, M-O	Kasey Rees
Don Eisenga	#5, P-T	Scott Oeverman
Don Ellens	#6, U-Z	Anne Thomas

<p align="center"><u>Church Office</u> (231) 825-2171 office@highlandcrc.org Office Hours: Mon - Thurs: 8:30 am-2:00 pm Fri-Sun: Closed **All bulletin announcements must be turned in no later than noon on Thursdays**</p>	<p align="center"><u>Ministry Team Leaders</u> Care & Fellowship Team (Cindy Vennema) Education Team (Megan Pluger) Facilities Team (Greg Hesselink) Outreach Team (Jodi DeHate) Prayer Team (Sandy Rice) Service Team (Carrie Thompson) Worship Team (DaNay Tossey)</p>
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ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED:

Thank you to everyone for their willingness to provide food and help for funeral luncheons. Your generosity is always greatly appreciated by the families we serve. Please remember to check the shelf above the coat racks near the kitchen for any dishes that may be yours.

Attention Parents of 2023 Graduates!!! We want to celebrate all of our 2023 graduates (high school, college, trade school, etc.) Please send in a picture of your graduate along with the name of their school and future plans / degree earned. This can be emailed to office@highlandcrc.org or placed on the desk in the church office. Our goal is to include these with our annual Highlighter and with the morning PowerPoint slides on June 11.

Vogel Center CRC will be hosting an Ascension Day service on Thursday, May 18, 2023 at 7:00 pm. Join us in worshipping our ascended King!

Abide: A multi-church gathering for a time of worship, prayer, testimony, and resting in the presence of God. Saturday, May 20th at 1:00 pm. Hosted by Lake City CRC.

“S.P.U.R.S. - Learning the Rodeo Way!” –Hughston’s Cow Camp Rodeo and Friends proudly present “Special People Understanding Rodeo Skills” This event is for disabled persons of all ages! Saturday, May 20, 2023 from 12:30-3:00 pm, rain or shine! A light lunch including hotdogs will be provided at 12:30 followed by the events of your choosing: Horseback Riding, Petting Zoo, Mock Steer Roping, Mighty Bronc Ride and Wagon Rides. Participants must be accompanied by an attendant. Due to the generosity of our sponsors, this is a **FREE** event! This event will be held at Hughston’s Cow Camp located 1 mile north of the blinking light in McBain. Follow the signs. For additional information, call (231) 846-1857.

The **AMEN Chorus** will be presenting a program on **Sunday, May 21 at 3:00** at the United Methodist Church in Cadillac. We invite you to attend this afternoon of worship and praise as we sing about the life of Jesus. A free will offering will be collected.

PRAYER CONNECTION:

- ✚ We lift up in prayer those that need healing and the strength needed for each day: **BJ Cook, Ken VanPolen Sr., Bonnie Veddler, Amanda Lee, Jean Vennema, Dick Bruno, Carol Niver & Shandell (Veddler) Banks**
- ✚ **Kevin Huttenga** would appreciate prayers for surgery on his colon this coming Tuesday, May 16.
- ✚ **Update on BJ Cook:** The procedures so far went well and as expected. The next step will be to move from the hospital to Jamie’s house which may happen next week. Please continue to pray that God would give BJ & Sue just what they need each day.
- ✚ **Weekly Prayer Emphasis:** On January 1, we began 2023 with a prayer service where we collected prayers from the congregation. The Prayer Team has turned those wonderful prayers and prayer concerns into a calendar of prayers for 2023. Every week we will emphasize one of those prayer concerns:
 - **This Sunday**, we pray for those with chronic health conditions.
 - **In the week ahead & next Sunday**, we pray for those struggling with sobriety.
- ✚ We pray for those in service of God and Country:
 - **Missionaries:** George & Sarah De Vuyst & Josh & Mandy Shaarda
 - **Active Military:** SFC, Seth Nowland and SS, Tyler Bode

Praying for Synod 2023

40 Days of Prayer for Synod 2023 - All members of the CRCNA are invited to join others across North America in 40 days of prayer. Each day, readers will receive a Bible text, a prayer, and some suggested questions for reflection or conversation. All of the prayers are intended to reflect the theme of Synod 2023: Longing to be Like Christ, which is based on Philippians 2:1-11, summarized by verse 5: “In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus.” The 40 days of prayer will begin on April 30 and will conclude when Synod 2023 begins on June 8.

Prayer Opportunities During Synod: During synod, an emphasis on prayer will continue with focused times of prayer by delegates and morning prayers with those who are interested. For those who’d like to pray but aren’t at synod, there’ll be opportunities to sign up for half hour prayer time slots each day with a provided prayer guide. There’ll also be an opportunity for prayer each day via Facebook.

Visit <https://www.crcna.org/synod/prayer> to access links for additional information, articles from the Banner and the CRC Network and to sign up for daily/weekly prayer lists, and other prayer opportunities.

**HIGHLAND COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS
MAY 8, 2023**

- **Repairing the Pews:** Several pews were starting to show signs of wear. They have since been reupholstered.
- **Middle School Youth Room** - work continues on the middle school youth room. The kitchenette is in the process of being finished. The flooring and painting are almost done. Furniture should be arriving soon. Thank you to the many volunteers who have helped build this room downstairs!
- **Spring Clean-up** – The Council and facilities team is looking for a large group of volunteers to help power-wash the church exterior beginning Friday, June 2. Additional opportunities will be posted at a later date.

TREASURER’S REPORT

April General Fund		2nd Offerings	
2nd	4,553.00	Booster Club	897.00
9th	7,349.00	Church Building Fund	887.00
16th	7,330.00	George & Sarah DeVuyst	1,214.00
23rd	7,129.00	Basement Project	2,395.00
30th	<u>6,456.70</u>	Gems	1,014.00
Total April Offerings	32,817.70		
Budget needed weekly	6,184.04		
Times 18 weeks	111,312.75		
Received to date	<u>108,650.16</u>		
Balance	(2,662.59)		

OUR CHURCH WEEK: MAY 14-20

SUN 5/14	9:15 AM	Prayer
	9:30 AM	Morning Worship Service & Communion
	-----	No Sunday School/Catechism
	-----	No Fellowship Bible Study; Resume in the fall
WED 5/17	9:30 AM	Ladies Bible Study (w/ Hilda) –Last Meeting
	7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting
THUR 5/18	7:00 PM	Ladies Bible Study (w/ Linda) in the YB

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Today:

- This morning, we also have the privilege of celebrating the **Lord’s Supper**.
- **Happy Mother’s Day** to all the moms, grandmas and special mother-figures in our lives, both here today and in our hearts forever.
- In observance of Mother’s day, there will be **NO Sunday School or Catechism** this morning.
- **The Sunday Evening Fellowship Bible Study** is now done for the season. They will resume meeting in the fall.

This Week:

- **The Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Study (w/ Hilda)** will wrapping up their study of the Ten Commandments this week with Lesson 12.
- **The Thursday Evening Ladies Bible Study (w/ Linda)** will be meeting again this Thursday at 7:00 pm in the youth building for their study on the book of Philippians.

Next week Sunday, we look forward to having our High School students lead the morning worship service.

Sunday School End-of-Year Party! Please join us for the end of the year celebration for Sunday school on Sunday, May 21 during regular Sunday school time. There will be crafts, games and ice cream for the kids. We hope the students can join us!

Save the Date / Volunteers Needed: The exterior of our Church building needs to be power-washed. If you are willing and able to help with this project please sign-up at the information table of the fellowship hall.