

**NURSERY:**

<b>May 16</b>	Nicole Schultz, Linda Ellens, Maggie Southwick Karianne Smith, Donna Veddler, Esther Bode
<b>May 23</b>	Kasey McQuestion, Diane Nemeth, Leah Thompson Barb Dore, Jodi Meyering, Karsyn Meyering
<b>May 30</b>	Mikayla Powers, Tami Eisenga, Mary Rees, Cindy Vennema, Patti Koop Harper Tossey
<b>June 6</b>	Becky Bode, Patti Koop, Lizelle Bazuin Aubrynn Bazuin, Julie Dorman, Clair Thompson

**LITTLE LAMBS; CHILDREN IN WORSHIP:**

<b>May 16</b>	LL Teacher: Nicole Koetje; Helper: Linda Ellens CIW Teacher: Amy VanPolen; Helper: Karsyn Meyering
<b>May 23</b>	LL Teacher: Anita Kvasnak; Helper: Emma Oeverman CIW Teacher: Sara Bruno; Helpers: Emerson Tossey
<b>May 30</b>	LL Teacher: Maggie Southwick; Helper: Sam VanHouten CIW Teacher: Nicole Schultz; Helper: Addean Oeverman
<b>June 6</b>	LL Teacher: Jodi DeHate; Helper: Steph VanHouten CIW Teacher: Anne Thomas; Helpers: Isaac Baas/Harper Tossey

**SOUND SYSTEM, VIDEO, POWERPOINT:**

<b>May 16</b>	Matt Thompson; Deb Eisenga; Tami Eisenga
<b>May 23</b>	Cary Sikkema, Roger Hagerman, Jodi DeHate
<b>May 30</b>	Matt Thompson; Jonathan Ouwinga; Deb Eisenga
<b>June 6</b>	Kyle Meyering; Dan Ouwinga; Sue Cook

**OFFERINGS:**

<b>MAY</b>	<b>2:</b> Booster Club	<b>JUNE</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup>:</b> Booster Club
	<b>9:</b> New Building		<b>13<sup>th</sup>:</b> New Building Fund
	<b>16:</b> Josh & Mandy Shaarda		<b>20<sup>th</sup>:</b> George & Sarah de Vuyst
	<b>23:</b> Existing Building		<b>27<sup>th</sup>:</b> McBain Area Backpack Program
	<b>30:</b> Benevolence		

**USHERS:**

**May:** Todd Schmid, Bob Vennema, James Bazuin, Steve Meeuwenberg

**June:** Kyle Meyering, Todd Oeverman, Gary Hesselink, Jim Ouwinga

**\*\*If you are unable to serve on your scheduled date, please find your own replacement.**

**Questions, please call the church office (231) 825-2171. Thank you!**



**HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH**

**May 16, 2021**

*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.*

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

**MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE – 9:30 AM**  
**Highland Christian Reformed Church**  
**May 16, 2021**

**The People of God Gather:**

Prelude: Children’s Bell Choir

The Account of Jesus’ Ascension- **Acts 1:7-11**

Article 27 of Our World Belongs to God (said in unison)

“*Majesty*”

Welcome

God’s greeting

To Praise God:

**Psalm 145: 3 & 8**

“*10,000 Reasons*”

Prayer of praise

To Pray and Serve God:

Announcements

Congregational prayer

Special Music: Chase Villwock & Amy Schroeder

To Proclaim God’s Word:

Children’s message

Song of preparation: “*Wonderful, Merciful Savior*”

Bible reading: **Luke 24:50-53; Ephesians 2:1-7**

Message: “*Where You Sit Matters*”

Prayer of response

Song of response: “*Rejoice the Lord is King*” –PH# 408 1-3

To Go in God’s Name:

God’s blessing

Parting song: “*My Friends May You Grow in Grace*”

Postlude

**Today’s Offerings:**  
**1st: General Fund**  
**2nd: Josh & Mandy Shaarda**  
 \*Tithe & Offering boxes are next to  
 the information table in the fellowship

2021 COUNCIL		
Exec. Board: *	Church Office(231) 825-2171	
ELDERS	DISTRICT	DEACONS
Bob Vennema -*Clerk	#1, A-C	Gary Hesselink
Dale Fredin *Pres.	#2, D-E	Greg Tossey *Sec. of Deac.
Ken Meyering	#3, F-L	Tom Ouwinga *V.T.
Ken Roede *V.P.	#4, M-O	Dan Villwock
Jerry Koop	#5, P-T	Doug Mitchell
Bryan Eisenga	#6, U-Z	Adam Swiler

APRIL		2ND OFFERING	
4th	4,337.00	Highland Booster Club	587.00
11th	3,298.00	New Building Fund	4,690.25
18th	7,902.00	Oasis	597.00
25th	5,194.00	Highland Gems	212.00
		Gems Girls Club	211.00
Budget needed weekly	5,765.14	CRC Loan Fund - Beginning Balance	187,213.38
Times 17 weeks	<u>98,007.35</u>	Principal Paid to Date	13,326.05
Received to date	86,998.97	CRC Loan Fund - Ending Balance	173,887.33
Balance	(11,008.38)		
		Interest paid to date	2,756.19

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>PASTORAL CARE</u></b></p> <p>If you have any pastoral care questions or prayer requests, please contact Pastor Neil via the church office (231) 825-2171, or your district Elder.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>CHURCH OFFICE</u></b></p> <p>(231) 825-2171 • office@highlandcrc.org          Hours: Monday-Thursday: 8:30 am – 2:00 pm; Friday-Saturday: Closed          (All bulletin content due by noon on Thursdays)</p>
<p><b><u>MINISTRY TEAM LEADERS</u></b></p>	
<p><b>Care &amp; Share Team</b> (Cindy Vennema)</p> <p><b>Education Team</b> (Mary Rees)</p> <p><b>Facilities Team</b> (Rick Dorman)</p> <p><b>Prayer Team</b> (Sandy Rice)</p>	<p><b>Safe Church Team</b> (Linda Wing)</p> <p><b>Safety Team</b> (James Bazuin)</p> <p><b>Service Team</b> (Julie Dorman)</p> <p><b>Worship Team</b> (Jodi Meyering)</p>

**ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED**

**Friendship Family Home in McBain** anticipates a need for additional employees in the near future. FFH is a caring, loving ministry to ladies with developmental delays. The work would consist of caring for and nurturing these lovely ladies in a Christian home atmosphere. If you think you may have a heart for this type of ministry, please contact us at 231-825-2042. Thank you!

**Michigan Right To Life** invites you to their "*Scramble for Life*" Golf Outing at the Missaukee Golf Club on Saturday June 26th, 2021 at 10:00 am (Shotgun Start). For more info and registration visit [wexfordmissaukee.org](http://wexfordmissaukee.org) or check us out on Facebook.

**MESSAGE OUTLINE**

**Title:** *"Where You Sit Matters"*

**Scripture passage:** Luke 24:50-53; Ephesians 2:1-7

1. The 1970 World Series
  - a. The mother of James and John knew that (Matthew 20:20-21)
  - b. Jesus is seated at God's right hand- a position of authority
2. God seated us with him in the heavenly realms
  - a. A spiritual reality
  - b. Resurrection, ascension, session: us!
  - c. Not a future tense; a past tense
3. What does it mean exactly?
  - a. We are close to God
  - b. We receive God's favor
  - c. We share God's mission

**Conclusion:** one day we'll enjoy it body and soul

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**Children's Church:** Children are welcome to attend Little Lambs (3-4 yrs. / non-preschool) and Children in Worship (preschool and kindergarten) programs. Children will be dismissed to their classes following the children's message. Please pick them up downstairs after the service via the North stairs.

**Copies of Today's Service:**

- **LIVE streaming** of our Sunday service is available on our Facebook page (public).
- **Video recordings on USB** are available for sign-out at the sound booth each Sunday. DVD's can be made available upon request by Monday afternoon.

**PRAYER CORNER**

Dear Heavenly Father, please be with Ken VanPolen, Dick Bruno, Carol Niver, Steve Sluiter, Marilyn Ouwinga, Marian Ouwinga, BJ & Sue Cook. Bless each of them in ways only you can do. Give them the healing and the patience they need.

- **A Note of Thanks and Update from Ken VanPolen:** “I thank my Lord and Savior, family and friends for the outpouring of love, your visits and the many cards that I received after my surgery and throughout my treatments. I am so very grateful for the home care, transportation to treatments and for all the meals brought in during this time. I deeply appreciate your continued prayers as my most recent Pet-scan has revealed 2 new growths. Biopsy showed that it is cancer. I will be starting immunotherapy treatments on May 17<sup>th</sup>. My doctor feels this is the best course of treatment at this time. I am so grateful for all of your thoughts and prayers. ~Ken VanPolen
- **Update on Samantha & Brenda VanHouten:** Samantha has been discharged from the hospital and is improving each day. Brenda is still on a ventilator in Traverse City but stable. Please continue to pray for healing.

**DAILY PRAYER FOCUS**

*Psalm 139:7 “Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?”*

Heavenly Father, Knowing your eyes are even on me is both a wonderful comfort and unsettling at the same time. It reminds me that no sin of mine can be done in secret. You are always there. Yet I wouldn’t want it any other way. I never want to be anywhere you are not. Thank you for being with me at all times in all places. If I don’t want you with me- I shouldn’t be there either.

\*Content for the Daily Prayer Focus is provided by the Highland Prayer Team

**MILITARY**

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

**MISSIONS**

**Josh & Mandy Shaarda & Family**  
Serving in Uganda  
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**George & Sarah de Vuyst & Family**  
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**OUR CHURCH WEEK: MAY 16-22**

<b>SUN 05/16</b>	9:15 AM	A time of prayer in the prayer room
	9:30 AM	Morning Worship Service
	10:50 AM	Sunday School Year-End Party!
	10:50 AM	MS & HS Catechism –Regular meeting
<b>TUES 05/18</b>	7:00 PM	MOPS Steering
<b>WED 05/19</b>	9:30 AM	Ladies Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting
<b>THURS 05/20</b>	7:30 PM	JUMP

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**New Members (Profession of Faith) Class:** will be meeting May 16 (Today), May 23 and June 6 at 10:50 am in the Pastor’s Study (meeting location subject to change pending attendance numbers). Please contact Past Neil or an elder for more details.

**TODAY will be the Sunday School Year-End Party!** This year it will take place during our normal Sunday school time from 10:50-11:54 am. Please send kids to the sanctuary once the bell rings.

**It’s Not Too Late!!! Baby Bottles for Life Resources** (full or empty) may still be turned in to the church office. If you wish to write a check, please make payable to Life Resources of Northern Michigan. Thank you for your continued support!

**Our Church Library** (located in the East wing) is a wonderful resource that we are happy to provide. We would like to remind everyone to sign out any books that you borrow and to please be considerate of others that wish to enjoy these books by returning them as soon as possible. We do have a few that are unaccounted for. If you know of their whereabouts please sign them out on the clipboard provided or return them as soon as possible. Thank you!

**Highland Helping Hands** will be organizing a collection of specific items over the coming months to help out local organizations like the Marion Food Pantry and Marion schools. Items can be place on the Helping Hands table in the east wing. **For the month of May** we are collecting diapers of all sizes. If donating partial packages, please label the diaper size on the outer bag. Thank you!