

NURSERY:

May 29	Donna Veddler, Esther Bode, Diane Nemeth, Harper Tossey
June 5	Jodi DeHate, Barb Dore, Jodi Meyering, Owen Wemple
June 12	Mikayla Powers, Mary Rees, DaNay Tossey, Alan Thomas
June 19	Lindsay Beerens, Bev Taylor, Jackie Schmid, Aubrynn Bazuin

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

LITTLE LAMBS / CHILDREN IN WORSHIP:

May 29	LL Teacher: Cindy Vennema; Helper: Jordyn Richardson CIW Teacher: Jodi DeHate; Helper: Linda Ellens
June/July/Aug	Summer Break

SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT:

May 29	Matt Thompson; Jonathan Ouwinga; Sue Cook
June 5	Kyle Meyering; Roger Hagerman; Tami Eisenga
June 12	Cary Sikkema; Dan Ouwinga; Jodi DeHate
June 19	Matt Thompson; Deb Eisenga; Kendra Jenema

OFFERINGS:

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

JUNE
5th: Booster Club
12th: New Building Fund
19th: Friends Ministry
26th: Eric Hoeksema

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!**



May 29, 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
May 29, 2022

The People of God Gather:

Prelude

Acts 1: 7-11 –The Account of Jesus’ Ascension into Heaven
Crown Him With Many Crowns (vs 1, 3)

Welcome

God’s greeting

Greeting one another

To Praise God

The Apostle’s Creed –Second section (In Unison)

Lord I Lift Your Name On High

Our World Belongs to God #27

All Hail King Jesus

Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God:

Announcements

Congregational prayer

To Proclaim God’s Word:

Children’s Message: Sara Bruno

Song of Preparation: We Are Called To Be God’s People (vs 1-2)

Text: Ephesians 2:6-7

Title: Jesus’ Ascension: Reversing Our Descent

Prayer of response

Song of Response & Offertory: *Alleluia, Sing to Jesus (vs 1-3)*

1st Offering: General Fund; 2nd Offering: Josh & Mandy Shaarda

To Go in God’s Name:

God’s blessing

Closing Song: *Grace Alone (vs 1-2)*

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 825-2171

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.

CHURCH OFFICE

(231) 825-2171

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Office Hours:

Mon-Thurs: 8:30 am – 2:00 pm

Fri-Sun: Closed

****All bulletin content is due by noon on Thursdays****

MINISTRY TEAM LEADERS

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)

****Notice of Upcoming Holiday Schedule:**

The church office will be closed Monday, May 30th, in observance of Memorial Day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

Versiti Blood of Michigan will be here Wednesday, June 8 from 1:00-7:00 pm for our next Blood Drive. Appointments are preferred but walk-ins are welcome! For an appointment, please call 1 (866) 642-5663, or go to www.versiti.org/mi. You may also schedule through our site-coordinator, Sara by calling (231) 825-2171.

1st Annual Highland Fishing Tournament! Come join us on June 26th for some fun on the water. We will be having a fishing tournament for all ages and skill levels. It will be at Sunrise Lake starting at 2:00. Weigh-in will be at 6:00 with prizes and hotdogs afterwards. A sign-up sheet will be in the fellowship hall. We hope you can make it!

Renew / Refresh / Restore: The 2022 Women's Retreat is almost upon us. We will be engaging in the September 30-October 2 retreat with speaker, Shaunti Feldhahn. Please join us and other local women as we relax, connect and invest in our relationships with Jesus. This event will take place at Grace Adventures in Mears, MI. Cost in the past has fluctuated based on how many attend, which is roughly \$140-\$155 per person for the weekend. If you are interested in reserving your spot, Please contact Anita Kavasnak (**personal contact info not posted in our online bulletin*). You can also visit <https://graceadventures.org/retreats/adult-retreats/womens-retreat> for additional information about this event.

Save the date for the NMCS Comet Open: The Northern Michigan Christian School annual Golf Outing is back this year and we are excited to be celebrating our 32nd anniversary! Begin to form your team now, and join us for the fun on July 15 at 9:30 am at Missaukee Golf Course for a full day of golf, prizes and a lunch at the turn. Cost is \$240 for a 4-person scramble and includes a light lunch, prizes, green fees, cart and more. All proceeds will benefit Northern Michigan Christian School. If interested please visit our website to register at nmcs.us or visit Missaukee Golf Club. If you have any questions, please email Maddie Marks at mmarks@nmcs.us.

Cadillac CRC Restoration Team is sponsoring a virtual workshop "Earth-keeping: Exploring Christian Ecological Ethics" with Dr. Steven Bouma-Prediger on June 9 and June 16 from noon to 1 pm at Cadillac Christian Reformed Church, 1101 E. Division, Cadillac. The workshop includes: What motivates Christians to Care for Creation and What Ecological Virtues Can We Pursue? You can participate in one or both of the free sessions. Bring a sack lunch, beverages are provided. Invite your friends! Dr. Steven Bouma-Prediger is a professor of Reformed Theology at Hope College and speaks regularly on environmental issues. He is the author of "For the beauty of the earth". This workshop has been organized through the Au Sable Institute.

SERMON OUTLINE

Title: Jesus' Ascension: Reversing our Descent
Text: Acts 1:9-11; Ephesians 2:6-7

1. In many ways, the last stretch of life is downhill.
 - a. Physically
 - b. Relationally
 - c. Mentally
 - d. Death
2. In a way, things went downhill at the end for Jesus.
3. In Jesus' resurrection and ascension, the downward trajectory is reversed. We can share in that upward trajectory- Ephesians 2:6.
4. The upward trajectory is power by four great truths and dynamics:
 - a. Jesus rules over all- Philippians 2:9-10
 - b. Jesus not only rules, he also intercedes for us- Romans 8:34
 - c. Jesus has sent his Spirit to give us power- Acts 1:8
 - d. Jesus will come again to usher in the next life- Acts 1:11.

Conclusion

- **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, Tera Veddler** and **Waylin Benson**. Lord, give them the healing and the patience they need and bless each of them in ways only you can do.

✚ Prayer & Praise: Praise God that after two years of waiting, **Josh & Mandy Shaarda and family** are scheduled to return to Uganda on July 5! Pray for them as change and transition take place once again. Leaving friends, family, and the “comforts” of Michigan will be difficult while at the same time there is joy filled anticipation at rejoining friends in Uganda and worshiping with them again as they take up the work God has for them there once again. Pray for them as the “wrap up” things here and prepare for difficult “good byes” once again.

Memorial Day Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father, on this day of remembrance for those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms we enjoy every day, we consider how they have followed in the footsteps of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Please hold our servicemen and women in your strong arms. Cover them with your sheltering grace and your presence as they stand in the gap for our protection. We also remember the families of our troops. We ask for your unique blessings to fill their homes, and we pray for your peace, provision, hope, and strength to fill their lives. May the members of our armed forces be supplied with the courage to face each day and may they trust in the Lord's mighty power to accomplish each task. Let our military brothers and sisters feel our love and support. Sovereign God and Lord of all nations, may we take time to reflect on the great blessings we share as a nation and as a people. Our blessings have come at a high cost to others. May we remember these sacrifices always with deep gratitude. We ask that you would grant wisdom to the leaders of our armed forces. Guide and direct them in their decisions. May they be led by your will and your heart as they pursue our nation's freedom. We continue to pray for peace in our world. Lord, let your kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Source: Fairchild, Mary. "Memorial Day Prayers." Learn Religions, Sep. 4, 2021, learnreligions.com/memorial-day-prayers-701355.

OUR MISSIONARIES

Josh & Mandy Shaarda & Family
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George & Sarah de Vuyst & Family
Serving in Ukraine & the U.S.
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OUR ACIVE MILITARY

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

OUR CHURCH WEEK: MAY 29 - JUNE 4

SUN 5/29	9:15 AM	A time of prayer in the prayer room
	9:30 AM	Morning Worship Service
	-----	No Fellowship Bible Study tonight
MON 5/30	Memorial Day (Church Offices Closed)	
TUES 5/31	7:00 PM	Youth Director Search Team Meeting
WED 6/1	7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting
THUR 6/2	7:00 PM	“Armor of God” Ladies Bible Study -Lesson 7 (last mtg.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Update on Pastor Search Team: On May 25 the search team held a video conference call with the only pastor currently on our radar to serve as Highland’s next lead pastor. He checked all the main boxes, such as solid preaching, nine years of experience in his current church, willing to serve in a country church, and comfortable with female deacons etc. A few more details will be checked. But it appears likely the search team will bring a recommendation to our council to invite him for a weekend visit.

Update on our Youth Director Search Team: No applications were received at our May 13 deadline. The search team plans to meet on May 31 to consider next steps.

No Fellowship Bible Study & Potluck this week. Next meeting will be June 5 for lesson 11 in the fellowship hall. .

The “Armor of God” Ladies Bible Study will meet this Thursday at 7:00 pm in the Youth Building for our final meeting with Lesson 7.

Attention Graduating Class of 2022! We want to honor all of our high school and college graduates! Please send a photo along with the graduate’s name, the name of the school, a brief description of future plans (high school grads) or type of degree earned (college grads) to the church office by June 8. These will be used in our morning announcement slides on June 12 and in our annual *Highlighter* publication.

Prayer Resource Materials- If you have borrowed books from the Prayer Resource Table, please return them to the library book-return box when you are finished with them. If you would like to contribute new material to the Prayer Resource Table, please contact a member of the Prayer Ministry Team.