

NURSERY:

July 24	Dana Baas, Becky Wemple, Diane Eisenga, Emerson Tossey
July 31	Megan Benthem, Ruth Kulhawick, Linda Ellens, Franklin Baas
Aug 7	Maggie Southwick, Karianne Smith, Donna Veddler, Kendyn Meyering
Aug 14	Esther Bode, Diane Nemeth Barb Dore, Evan Wemple

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:

June/July/Aug	***Summer Break*** If you are interested in helping with Children's Church this fall, please contact Megan Pluger.
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SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT:

July 24	Cary Sikkema, Dan Ouwinga, Deb Eisenga
July 31	Matt Thompson, Roger Hagerman, Sue Cook
Aug 7	Kyle Meyering, Jonathan Ouwinga, Tami Eisenga
Aug 14	Cary Sikkema, Roger Hagerman, Jodi DeHate

OFFERINGS:

July:

3rd –Booster Club
10th –New Building
17th –World Renew
24th –Existing Building Fund
31st –Feeding America

August:

7th –Booster Club
14th –New Building
21st –Josh & Mandy Shaarda
28th –George & Sarah de Vuyst

USHERS

July: Jim Ouwinga, Kevin Huttenga, Butch Karsten, Aaron Koetje

August: Joey Kulhawick, Bob Lee, Ryan McQuestion, Mike Pluger

****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!**



July 24, 2022

HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

Striving to be the heart and hands of Jesus

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.”*

CORE VALUES:

*Worship joyfully and reverently.
Treasure familiar neighbors and warmly welcome new relationships.
Nurture our covenant children and serve our community.
Earnestly pray and eagerly work.
Embrace diversity and emphasize unity.
Empower ministry staff and employ the ministry gifts of all.
Give generously and invest globally.*

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Rev. Neil Jasperse
Sunday Worship 9:30 AM
Sunday School 10:50 AM (Sept-May)

9034 23 Mile Rd; Marion
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HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
Morning Worship Service – 9:30 am
July 24, 2022

The People of God Gather:

Welcome
 Opening Song: *Clean Heart*
 God's Greeting
 Greeting one another

To Praise God

We Fall Down
Jesus Draw Me Ever Nearer
Build My Life
 Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God:

Announcements
 Commissioning the VBS Team
 Congregational prayer

To Proclaim God's Word:

Children's Message: Megan Plugger
 Song of Preparation: *O Come to the Altar*

Text: **Revelation 3:14-21**

Title: **A Knock at the Door**

Prayer of response
 Song of Response & Offertory: *Once And For All*
 1st Offering: General Fund; 2nd Offering: World Renew

To Go in God's Name:

God's blessing
 Closing Song: Yes I will

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 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 Plugger)
Facilities Team (Greg Hesselink)
Outreach Team (Jodi DeHate)
Prayer Team (Sandy Rice)
Service Team (Carrie Thompson)
Worship Team (DaNay Tossey)

Our nursery is available downstairs for children ages infant-3 years old

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED:

A Note from the Education Team: We still need your help in Highland's education areas! If you are able to serve in any of these roles, please contact Megan Pluger. Here are some of our current needs:

- -Children in Worship Leader/Organizer
- -Children in Worship Teachers
- -Middle School Catechism Teacher
- -Sunday school teachers

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 either Linda Wing or Anita Kvasnak. You can also visit <https://graceadventures.org/retreats/adult-retreats/womens-retreat> for additional information about this event.

Missionary Newsletters and Prayer Cards are available for those who would like one in the racks by the Missions bulletin Board in the East Wing.

Bible League Presents: The Power of the Word Conference for men and women is Friday, September 16 at Friendship CRC in Byron Center. Bible League's daylong conference begins at 9:00 and includes multiple sessions with author, recording artist, and keynote speaker Sarah Schieber. Get more information or register online at bibleleague.org/tickets.

SERMON OUTLINE

Text: **Revelation 3:14-21**

Title: **A Knock at the Door**

Introduction

- 1) Doors can be opened or shut; in the same way Jesus offers us a choice
- 2) Jesus pays a house call on the church in Laodicea: his letter contains two assessments; a knock, and a promise.

I. Two assessments:

A. The Laodiceans say: I don't need a thing. (3:17)

1. The Laodiceans enjoyed a prosperous situation.
2. Their situation parallels America's prosperity.

B. Jesus says: You are lukewarm- wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked. (3:15-17)

1. The motive for this stinging warning (3:19)
2. Jesus found them lacking in the very areas in which they took pride.
3. The Laodiceans tested poorly on true self-knowledge.

II. A knock at the door (3:18-20)

A. Jesus counsels them to buy what only he can offer (3:18)

B. He doesn't break our door down; he knocks- in all kinds of ways (3:20)

C. Jesus wants to come in and eat with us.

D. Each of us faces a decision.

III. The promise (3:21).

PRAYER CORNER

✚ **Prayers for Healing:** We lift up in prayer, Dick Bruno, Carol Niver, Kerwin Huttenga, Bruce Vennema, and Peggy Booher. We pray that they receive the healing, patience and daily strength that they need.

✚ Please pray for our **Vacation Bible School** program this week and all those that are helping to lead along with the kids taking part in this program.

✚ We lift up prayers of praise along with **Ken VanPolen, Sr.** as he received word this past week that he is officially cancer free!!!

✚ Please continue to pray for our **missionaries** and the work that God is doing through them.

OUR CHURCH WEEK: JULY 24-30

SUN 07/24	9:15 AM 9:30 AM	A time of prayer in the prayer room Morning Worship Service
MON 07/25	5:30 PM 6-8 PM	Dinner for Volunteer families VBS
TUES 07/26	5:30 PM 6-8 PM	Dinner for Volunteer families VBS
WED 07/27	5:30 PM 6-8 PM 7:00 PM	Dinner for Volunteer families VBS Prayer Meeting
THURS 07/28	5:30 PM 6-8 PM	Dinner for Volunteer families VBS (Closing ceremony at 7:45 pm)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

VBS 2022 is this week! July 25-28 from 6-8 pm. Our theme this year is “Monumental”. This event is for all kids, age 4 through 8th grade. Bring your friends! If you would like to help as a crew leader or with other various tasks, please check the red bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

Youth Director Update: It is a joy to welcome **Lindsay Zuiderveen** as Highland’s new youth director! Lindsay met with our Youth Director Search Team in June. Her vibrant commitment to Jesus, her heart for youth, and her leadership experience in the church were evident. At its July meeting our council affirmed the recommendation to offer the youth director role to Lindsay.

Lindsay is married to Dan, who works as a herdsman at Autumn Vista Dairy. They have four boys: Wyatt, Eli, Silas and Jesse, ranging from 7-14 years old. The Zuiderveens live on a hobby farm on Forward Road, several miles west of Vogel Center. They are members of Lucas Christian Reformed Church. Lindsay also works in the lunch program at McBain Elementary.

We plan to introduce Lindsay at an upcoming worship service. Her role will officially begin on August 1. In the meantime we hope to see what helpers from this past year are willing to continue serving with both Extreme and Strong Tower. Please pray for a smooth transition and a wonderful year ahead of learning, growing, fellowship and activities.

Pastor Search Update: This coming weekend we are hosting a visit with **Pastors Mark & Ashley Bonnes** to consider their coming to serve at Highland Church. For nearly ten years they have served the Lafayette Christian Reformed Church in Indiana. Their visit will include meeting some of our Highland staff, a tour of our area, a meeting with the elders, a dinner with council members and their wives, leading our morning worship hour, a Q+A time with the congregation following, a lunch with the Tossey family, and a tour of the parsonage.

In considering a pastor tandem, we are mindful that Mark and Ashley both have the same Master of Divinity education, both have been ordained as ministers in the Christian Reformed Church, and both have the same years of pastoral experience in their current church. Pastors Mark and Ashley, have children ages five and seven. So we are considering a call to Mark in a full-time role and Ashley in a part-time role (two days/week). At our July 31 worship hour we anticipate Pastor Ashley leading the opening elements and Pastor Mark leading in the proclamation of the Word and concluding elements. This will give us a glimpse of the presence and gifts both could bring to Highland. If you would like to view any of their past sermons at Lafayette CRC, please visit <https://www.youtube.com/user/LafayetteCRC>

Next Sunday- Question and Answer Time with Pastor Mark and Pastor Ashley: Following the worship service with Pastor Mark and Pastor Ashley Bonnes on July 31, we plan to have a question and answer time with them in the sanctuary. Please submit any questions you may have for them in advance the Pastor Search team by emailing Al Thomas at thomasal7878@gmail.com by Thursday, July 28.

A Special Congregational Meeting: Following the weekend visit with Pastors Mark and Ashley Bonnes, we expect to hold a special congregational meeting on August 7, following our worship hour. We will consider calling Pastors Mark and Ashley to serve at Highland Church. As we established previously in the search process, a 75% affirmative vote will be needed to extend a call. Please make every effort to be present and offer a voice and vote for this important decision.

The J.O.Y. Group will be having a summer cookout this Tuesday, July 26 at 12 pm at Bob and Cindy Vennema’s house. Bring a dish to pass if you are able. Burgers, buns, drinks and dinnerware will be provided. We look forward to great fellowship and good food! A sign-up sheet has been provided on the table in the fellowship hall. Please sign-up if you plan to attend.