

NURSERY:

August 8	Ruth Kulhawick, Diane Nemeth, Christina Dodde Caitlin Dodde, Nicole Schultz, Sheri Fiet
August 15	Linda Ellens, Maggie Southwick, Karianne Smith, Donna Veddler, Esther Bode, Leah Thompson
August 22	Jodi DeHate, Barb Dore, Becky Bode, Patti Koop, Lizelle Bazuin, Aubrynn Bazuin
August 29	Julie Dorman, Bev Kamphouse, Claire Thompson Amy Eisenga, Kasey McQuestion, Addean Oeverman

LITTLE LAMBS / CHILDREN IN WORSHIP:

June 20-August 29: Summer Break!

SOUND SYSTEM, VIDEO, POWERPOINT:

August 8	Matt Thompson, Deb Eisenga, Jodi DeHate
August 15	Matt Thompson, Roger Hagerman, Sue Cook
August 22	Cary Sikkema, Dan Ouwinga, Deb Eisenga
August 29	Matt Thompson, Jonathan Ouwinga, Tami Eisenga

OFFERINGS:

AUGUST
1: Booster Club
8: New Building
15: Strong Tower
22: Josh & Mandy Shaarda
29: Extreme

SEPTEMBER
5: Booster Club
12: New Building
19: Existing Building
26: GEMS

USHERS:

August: Jason Benthem, Jonathan Ouwinga, Joey Kulhawick, Marlin Venema

September: Greg Hesselink, Jon Dracht, Don Ellens, Den Kamphouse

****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!**



August 8, 2021

HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

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

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE – 9:30 AM
Highland Christian Reformed Church
August 8, 2021

The People of God Gather:

Prelude
 Call to Worship: Matthew 11:28-29
 Welcome
 God's Greeting
 Greeting One Another

To Praise God:

"God is Here" (vs 1 & 4)
"As the Deer"
 Prayer of praise

To Pray and Serve God:

Announcements
 Congregational Prayer closing with the Lord's Prayer
 Offertory: "We Are An Offering"
 Today's Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: New Building

To Proclaim God's Word:

Children's message: Al Baas
 Song of Preparation: "Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God" (vs 1 & 2)
Bible Reading John 8:2-11; Galatians 5: 22-23
Message: *"The Fruit of the Spirit: Gentleness"*
 Prayer of response: *"Gentle Shepherd"*

To Go in God's Name:

God's blessing
"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"
 Postlude

Nursery is available in the basement for children ages infant-3 years old.
LIVE streaming of our Sunday service is available on our Facebook page
Video recordings are available on USB at the sound booth after the service or on DVD by request the following Monday afternoon from the office.

2021 COUNCIL		
Executive. 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, V-Z	Adam Swiler

JULY		2ND OFFERING	
4th	3,912.00	Highland Booster Club	550.00
11th	5,432.00	New Building Fund	5,017.00
18th	7,038.00	Benevolence	780.00
25th	5,765.00	Highland MOPS	362.00
Budget needed weekly	5,765.14	CRC Loan Fund - Beginning Balance	187,213.38
Times 30 weeks	172,954.15	Principal Paid to Date	23,418.64
Received to date	166,822.49	CRC Loan Fund - Ending Balance	163,794.74
Balance	(6,131.66)	Interest paid to date	4,725.28

HIGHLAND COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS: August 2, 2021

- 1) Gave direction to the Pastor Search Team in completing our church profile: on vacation- four weeks, a sabbatical policy, and housing policy.
- 2) Approved forming a three-person task force to review our vision and mission statements and perhaps submit a memorable Highland motto.
- 3) In light of the upcoming nomination process, considered a reflection piece from Pastor Neil, entitled "A Biblical Vision for Elders and Deacons."
- 4) Revised the standard time given between council terms from three to two years.
- 5) Arranged a council liaison for our various ministry teams.
- 6) Noted with gratitude the anonymous gift of a new riding lawn mower.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

Grocery Shower: We'd like to bless Sarah VanPolen and Nick Brinks with a grocery shower of pantry items and paper products. Sarah and Nick will be married here on August 21. Please place items in the basket provided near the information table.

WE NEED OUR HELP AT MOPS! We are seeking loving, responsible individuals to provide childcare for kids, ages 0-6 during our meetings. Our moms need a break and greatly appreciate your service. Without childcare it is difficult to serve our moms in the ways they need. Please prayerfully consider helping our ministry! Our meetings dates are: The 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month, September-May. Hours are from 5:45 pm - 8:00 pm. MOPS stands for Mothers of Preschoolers and provides a community for local moms to build relationships, share support and learn from God's word. We believe better moms make a better world. Will you help us? Contact Deborah Ouwinga at douwinga52112@gmail.com

Versiti Blood of Michigan will be here August 11th from 1 PM - 7 PM for our next blood drive. If you have not already scheduled your donation, please visit Versiti.org/MI or call (866) 642-5663. You may also schedule through Sara in the church office by calling (231) 825-2171.

Clam River Chapel is looking for workers to help get a Wednesday night youth program running again this school year. Part-year workers would also be welcome particularly in the winter months. We ask all helpers to fill out a volunteer information sheet for a background check and attend a worker training class at Clam River Chapel being scheduled for a Wed. night at 7:00pm. Please call Pastor Chapman at (231) 826-3315 to get more information.

Love INC - FUNDRAISING GOAL - \$25,000 IN 25 DAYS:

In extraordinary times, let's continue to do extraordinary things! Love INC's annual budget of support from annual fundraising is \$25,000. Please help us continue Love INC services for families with personal health issues, family displacement concerns, job challenges, unemployment situations and so many more challenges facing those in our community. Please help us reach the Love INC goal (Consider donating what you would have normally paid for your banquet ticket costs, raffle and auction item winnings).

MESSAGE OUTLINE

Title: The Fruit of the Spirit: Gentleness
Bible Text: John 8: 2-11; Galatians 5: 22-23

Introduction: the Beauty and the Beast

- 1) The fruit of the Spirit is gentleness
 - a) A definition
 - b) A virtue not always valued by the world
- 2) Gentleness flows from God: shown in the life of Jesus
 - a) Matthew 11:28-29
 - b) John 8:2-11
- 3) Three biblical insights about gentleness
 - a) Gentleness doesn't mean weakness
 - b) Gentleness doesn't mean avoidance
 - c) Stress is often the best test of gentleness
- 4) Two sides of gentleness:
 - a) Who specially needs it?
 - b) Who specially needs to show it?

Conclusion

PASTORAL VISITS:

If you would appreciate a pastoral visit for whatever reason, please contact Pastor Neil-via Sara Bruno in the church office, by email at npjasperse@gmail.com or in person.

CHURCH OFFICE

(231) 825-2171
office@highlandcrc.org
Normal Hours:
Mon-Thurs: 8:30 am – 2:00 pm
Fri-Sun: Closed

*****All bulletin content 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)

PRAYER CORNER

“Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.” Romans 8:26

We lift up in prayer those that need healing. Please pray for Ken VanPolen, Dick Bruno, Carol Niver, Marilyn Ouwinga, BJ & Sue Cook, Corey DeZeeuw and Carol Southwick. Lord, give them the healing and the patience they need and bless each of them in ways only you can.

- **Prayer Chain Update:** We are happy to report that Marilyn Ouwinga is now home. Marilyn had been staying at Samaritas for physical therapy following surgery for a broken hip. Please continue to pray for healing and strength.

DAILY PRAYER FOCUS

*“Be at rest once more, O my soul, for the Lord has been good to you.”
Psalm 116: 7 (NIV)*

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

Missions	<p>Josh & Mandy Shaarda & Family Serving in Uganda Email: jshaarda@crcnapartners.org Blog: http://shaarda.blogspot.com/</p>	<p>George & Sarah de Vuyst & Family Serving in Ukraine Email: gdevuyst@crcna.org Website: http://www.devuysts.com</p>
	<p>Military</p> <p>Tyler Bode (Staff Sargent, U.S. Air Force) Davis Monthan Airforce Base, Tucson, AZ</p>	

Please let us know how we can pray for you!

Prayer requests may either be left with an elder or the church office.

OUR CHURCH WEEK: AUGUST 8-14

SUN 08/08	9:15 AM 9:30 AM	A time of prayer in the prayer room Morning Worship Service & Baptism
WED 08/11	1:00-7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Versiti Blood Drive Prayer Meeting
THURS 08/12	7:00 PM	Praise 9 Practice
FRI 08/13	4:00-7:00 PM	NMC Class of '58 Reunion
SAT 08/14	5:00-9:00 PM	Fellowship Hall Use

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Save The Date:

- **August 29:** Highland church picnic; more details next week.
- **September 26:** The Annual Highland ORV Ride; Details will be posted closer to that event.

Sunday School News: We are making plans for an exciting Sunday School year! We have chosen a curriculum that is Bible focused and shows how Jesus is revealed throughout the Scriptures. There will even be take-home papers for personal or family devotions! Classes will be for preschool-5th grade and we plan to start on **September 12**. Please prayerfully consider how you can serve in this ministry. We need teachers, helpers and substitutes. Team teaching is also a great option for those who can't make it every week. We will have a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall. Contact April (231-679-2612) or Dan (231-846-1044) with any questions.

Youth Leaders Needed! Since we have not had any applicants come forward to serve as Youth Director, the Education Committee and the Highland Council have decided to move forward into this coming school year with the “old system” of having volunteers from the congregation step up as youth leaders. We need 1-2 couples along with a few individuals to team up as leaders. We need leaders for our High schoolers (Strong Tower) and additional help for our middle schoolers (Xtreme). Please contact Megan Pluger at (231) 342-4830 for more details.