

NURSERY:

Aug 14	Esther Bode, Diane Nemeth Barb Dore, Evan Wemple
Aug 21	Tami Eisenga, Jodi Meyering, Mikayla Powers, Emma Oeverman
Aug 28	Jackie Schmid, Deborah Ouwinga, Megan Plugger, Leah Thompson
Sept 4	April Villwock, Melissa Oeverman, Cindy Vennema, Mya Eisenga

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 Lindsay Beerens.
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SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT:

Aug 14	Cary Sikkema, Roger Hagerman, Jodi DeHate
Aug 21	Matt Thompson, Dan Ouwinga, Kendra Jenema
Aug 28	Cary Sikkema, Deb Eisenga, Sue Cook
Sept 4	Kyle Meyering, Jonathan Ouwinga, Tami Eisenga

OFFERINGS:

August:	September:
7 th –Booster Club	4 th –Booster Club
14 th –New Building	11 th –New Building
21 st –Josh & Mandy Shaarda	18 th –Benevolence
28 th –George & Sarah de Vuyst	25 th –Marion Food Pantry

USHERS

August: Joey Kulhawick, Bob Lee, Ryan McQuestion, Mike Plugger
September: Ken Roede, Todd Schmid, Adam Swiler, Dale Taylor

****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!**



August 14, 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
(231) 825-2171

HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
Morning Worship Service – 9:30 am
August 14, 2022

The People of God Gather:

Prelude:

Call to Worship- from Ephesians 1:4b-6

Welcome

God's Greeting

Greeting One Another

To Praise God

We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer (vs 1 & 3)

Responsive Reading- from Psalm 136:1, 5-9

This Is My Father's World (vs 1 & 3)

Psalm 147:5

I Sing the Mighty Power (vs 2 & 3)

Prayer of Praise

To Plead for God's Grace:

God's will- Colossians 3:12-14

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

To Pray and Serve God:

Announcements

Congregational prayer

To Proclaim God's Word:

Children's Message: Al Baas

Song of Preparation: *Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God (vs 1 & 3)*

Sermon Text: Romans 8: 28-30 (in unison)

Sermon Title: The Golden Chain - Those God Predestined

Prayer of response

Song of Response & Offertory: *Once and For All* –DaNay Tossey & Mary Rees

1st Offering: General Fund; 2nd Offering: New Building/Final Wave

To Go in God's Name:

God's blessing

Parting Song: *Take the Name of Jesus With You (vs 1-2)*

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

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
office@highlandcrc.org

Office Hours:

Mon, Wed, Thurs:
8:30 am – 2:00 pm

****Tue. 08/16: Closed****

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)

PRAYER CORNER

Hebrews 4:16 – Let us approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

- ✚ **Prayers for Healing:** We lift up in prayer, Dick Bruno, Carol Niver and Bruce Vennema. We pray that they receive the healing, patience and daily strength that they need.
- ✚ Please pray for **Sally Huttenga** who is scheduled for open heart surgery to repair her Mitral Valve, on Tuesday, August 16 at Spectrum in Grand Rapids.
- ✚ Please pray for our **Sign-up Sundays** as we aim to fulfill our goals for volunteers along with leaders, teachers & helpers for the 2022-2023 school year.

DAILY PRAYER FOCUS:

Philippians 4:11- “...for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances.”

Lord God, your word tells me Paul “learned” to be content whatever the circumstances. I am not always content but I do desire to be. When I lack contentment, I will confess it. Then, Holy Spirit, teach me to be content. I need you to help me learn.

OUR MISSIONARIES

Josh & Mandy Shaarda & Family
Serving in Uganda
Email: jshaarda@crnapartners.org
Blog: <http://shaarda.blogspot.com>

George & Sarah de Vuyst & Family
Serving in Ukraine & the U.S.
Email: gdevuyst@crcna.org
Website: <http://www.devuysts.com>

OUR ACIVE MILITARY

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

****Update:** The August Newsletter, *Kyiv Connections*, from George & Sarah de Vuyst is now available by the Missions bulletin board.

SERMON OUTLINE

Title: The Golden Chain- Those God Predestined
Text: Romans 8: 28-30

Introduction: those God foreknew and predestined is like an expectant parent.

- 1) Those God predestined
 - a) The definition: to decide beforehand
 - b) An example from Acts 4:27-28
 - c) A biblical teaching: predestination is cited five times in the New Testament.
- 2) Predestination has been confusing or controversial: two main objections
 - a) It doesn't seem fair.
 - Response: it is more than fair; it shows mercy and grace.
 - b) It seems to cancel human personhood and choice.
 - Response: The Bible teaches both divine sovereignty and human responsibility.
- 3) The purpose of predestination
 - a) For us to be conformed to the likeness of God's Son.
 - b) That Jesus might be the firstborn among many brothers.

Notes

OUR CHURCH WEEK: AUGUST 14-20

SUN 8/14	9:15 AM 9:30 AM	A time of prayer in the prayer room Morning Worship Service
TUES 8/16	-----	Church Office Closed
WED 8/17	7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting Praise Team Practice

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Modified Office Hours: The Highland Church office will be closed this coming Tuesday, August 16.

Ministry Sign-up Sundays will be August 21 and 28 in the fellowship hall following the morning service. Each Ministry Team will have a table set up with opportunities on how you can serve Highland using the gifts God has given you. We encouraged to prayerfully consider how you can serve at Highland.

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. Sign-ups will be available at our "Sign-up Sunday" events. Here are some of our current needs:

- Sunday School Superintendents
- Sunday School teachers
- Children in Worship Teachers

Vogel Center CRC is blessed to celebrate our 150th Anniversary this summer. We invite you to join us for the following events as we celebrate the history, not only of our church, but also of our community in the greater McBain area. Outdoor events will be weather permitting.

- Sunday, August 14, 6 pm: Outdoor Hymn Sing and Quartet concert.
- **Wednesday, August 17, 3-8 pm: Teen night & kayaking party**
- Thursday, August 18, 6:30 pm: History night with special guests Steven Koster and Ken Spoelma.
- Friday, August 19, 7 pm: Old Fashioned ballgame by the township hall in Falmouth. (Slow pitch, co-ed. Bring your glove or lawn chair.)
- Saturday, August 20, 10 am – 3 pm: Parade, Car & Tractor show, Games and Free Food in Vogel Center

Kayaking Party- In connection with Vogel Center Church celebrating 150 years of ministry, they are inviting high schoolers from Highland to join them for a kayak outing on the Clam River. When: August 17 at 3:00pm. Where: Putting in at Seven Mile. Pizza and games are planned afterwards! For more info, call Amy Rice at (231) 825-2053

Community School Supply Drive: We will be collecting school supplies for the Marion School and surrounding area through September 18th. Please keep your eyes open for the following items when out shopping over the next few weeks:

- Backpacks
- Pencils
- Ear buds
- Colored pencils
- Markers
- Disinfectant wipes
- 1-subject, wide-ruled notebooks
- Folders
- Hand sanitizer

Save the Date!!! Highland's annual Church Picnic & Sunday School Kick-off has been scheduled for August 28 from 3-6 pm. Bring the family for a night out of food, games, and hopefully the celebration of paying off the New Building debt!

NMC's Annual Fish Fry Dinner- September 9th and 16th, 5-8 pm All proceeds support Northern Michigan Christian School Athletics. Dinner includes fish or chicken, sides, drinks, and dessert! Pricing: Adults: \$15; Ages 4-9: \$7; Ages 3 and under are free.



FINAL WAVE

We started this campaign the beginning of June with a goal of raising **\$55,000** to pay off the remaining balance of our New Building loan.

Amount paid since June: **\$30,128**

Amount we still owe: **\$24,872**

Please prayerfully consider keeping the "waves" coming each week using the green envelopes, so we can celebrate at our **August 28** picnic!

Additional envelopes are available on the information table.