

**NURSERY:**

<b>Aug 22</b>	Jodi DeHate, Barb Dore, Becky Bode, Patti Koop, Lizelle Bazuin, Aubrynn Bazuin
<b>Aug 29</b>	Julie Dorman, Bev Kamphouse, Claire Thompson Amy Eisenga, Kasey McQuestion, Addean Oeverman
<b>Sept 5</b>	Karen Oeverman, Franklin Baas, Becky Wemple, Shari Benthem, Jayden Benthem, Anne Thomas
<b>Sept 12</b>	Diane Eisenga, Charlotte Thomas, Emerson Tossey Melissa Oeverman, Brandy VanPolen, Ruth Kulhawick

**LITTLE LAMBS / CHILDREN IN WORSHIP:**

**June 20-September 5:** Summer Break!

\*\*\*Check out our teacher/helper sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall\*\*\*

**SOUND SYSTEM, VIDEO, POWERPOINT:**

<b>Aug 22</b>	Cary Sikkema, Dan Ouwinga, Deb Eisenga
<b>Aug 29</b>	Matt Thompson, Jonathan Ouwinga, Tami Eisenga
<b>Sept 5</b>	Matt Thompson, Dan Ouwinga, Tami Eisenga
<b>Sept 12</b>	Kyle Meyering, Jonathan Ouwinga, Deb 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 22, 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 22, 2021**

**The People of God Gather:**

Call to worship- Psalm 118: 6 & 7a

Welcome

God's greeting

Greeting one another

To Praise God:

*"Blessed Be Your Name"*

*"Found in You"*

Prayer of praise

To Plead for God's Grace:

Responsive Reading with the Ten Commandments

Prayer of confession

Words of assurance

To Pray and Serve God:

Announcements:

Congregational prayer

Offering: 1<sup>st</sup>: General Fund; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Josh & Mandy Shaarda (Missionaries to Uganda)

Offertory: *"Goodness of God"*

To Proclaim God's Word:

Children's message: Dan Villwock

Song of preparation: *"How Great Is Our God"*

Bible reading: Psalm 121

**Message: "Where Does Our Help Come From?"**

Prayer of response

Song of response: *"Whom Shall I Fear"*

To Go in God's Name:

God's blessing:

Closing song: *"You Never Let Go"*

**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.

<b>2021 COUNCIL</b>		
Executive. Board: *		Church Office (231) 825-2171
<b>Elders</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Deacons</b>
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

**UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS:**

Elders	Sept 13	6:30 pm
Deacons	Sept 13	7:00 pm
Council	Sept 13	7:30 pm

**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 [njjasperse@gmail.com](mailto:njjasperse@gmail.com) or in person.

<p><b><u>CHURCH OFFICE</u></b></p> <p>(231) 825-2171  office@highlandcrc.org</p> <p><b>Normal Hours:</b>  Mon-Thurs: 8:30 am – 2:00 pm  Fri-Sun: Closed</p> <p><b>***All bulletin content due by noon on Thursdays</b></p>	<p><b><u>MINISTRY TEAM LEADERS</u></b></p> <p><b>Care &amp; Fellowship Team</b> (Cindy Vennema)  <b>Education Team</b> (Megan Pluger)  <b>Facilities Team</b> (Greg Hesselink)  <b>Outreach Team</b> (Jodi DeHate)  <b>Prayer Team</b> (Sandy Rice)  <b>Service Team</b> (Carrie Thompson)  <b>Worship Team</b> (DaNay Tossey)</p>
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED**

**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. 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 or Dan Villwock with questions.

**Youth Leaders Needed!** 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 leaders for our High schoolers (Strong Tower) and additional help for our middle schoolers (Xtreme). Please contact Megan Pluger for more details.

**The Executive Ministry Team** is excited to announce "Ministry Sign-up Sundays" September 12th and 19th 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. If you have not completed the spiritual gift survey we would encourage you to do so before these sign-up events. Printed surveys are available in the church office. You may also contact Shari Benthem to have the survey emailed to you. If you have not completed the survey, you are still encouraged to prayerfully consider how you can serve at Highland.

**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 the need. Please prayerfully consider helping our ministry! Our meetings dates are: The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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?

**Worship Night at Stahl's Event Barn-** Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 5th, at the Stahl Event Barn. Admission is free. The evening will begin at 5:30 PM with food and beverages available from Primos BBQ and Cornerstone Coffee. Byron and Nancy Miesse, Circle M Music, and friends will sing and also lead us in the singing of hymns starting at 6:30 PM. Seating will be available in the barn. Byron with his guitar and keyboard and Nancy, with her autoharp, blend their voices with their music and through faith they have been led to share their music.

Local, Justin Sluiter, and a full praise band, will begin at 8 PM. Bring a lawn chair and blanket for outdoor seating, weather permitting. Come out for an evening of fellowship, food, and faith. See you at the barn!

**MESSAGE OUTLINE**

**Title: "Where Does Our Help Come From"**

**Text: Psalm 121**

Introduction: before a long trip to Florida

1. Where does my help come from? (verse 1)
  - a. The question posed by weary, vulnerable pilgrims.
  - b. The issue of security in life
2. My help comes from the Lord (verse 2)
  - a. The Maker of heaven and earth
  - b. Looking to a car's manual
3. The Lord's help (verses 3-8)
  - a. He will not let your foot slip (vs 3a)
  - b. He will not slumber (vs 3b-4)
  - c. The Lord is your shade (vs 5-6): sun and moon
  - d. The Lord will keep you from all harm (vs 7)
  - e. The Lord will watch over your coming and going (vs 8)

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**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 and Corey DeZeeuw. Lord, give them the healing and the patience they need and bless each of them in ways only you can.

**DAILY PRAYER FOCUS**

Heavenly Father, another school year begins, and attention again turns toward school and education. There is still so much uncertainty of what this school year will bring but in the midst of it all we pray for wisdom. Father, help us remember learning never ends. Only you are all-knowing. Give us a desire to keep learning. Keep each of us from the sin of thinking I am “all wise” and “know it all”. Regardless of the subject, give us the desire to know more.

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

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	<p><b>Tyler Bode</b> (Staff Sargent, U.S. Air Force) Davis Monthan Airforce Base, Tucson, AZ</p>	
<b>Military</b>		

***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 22-28**

<b>SUN</b> 08/22	9:15 AM	A time of prayer in the prayer room
	9:30 AM	Morning Worship Service
<b>MON</b> 08/23	7:00 PM	Praise 9 Practice
<b>WED</b> 08/25	7:00 PM	Pastor Search Team Meeting
	7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting
<b>THURS</b> 08/26	7:00 PM	Education Team Meeting

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Congratulations** to Nick and Sarah (VanPolen) Brinks who were united in marriage here yesterday. If you would still like to contribute to their grocery shower, there is a basket next to the information table in the fellowship hall.

**NEXT SUNDAY (8/29) -Highland Church Picnic:** Games, Corn-hole, and other activities will begin at 3:00 pm followed by a potluck dinner at 5:00 pm. Meat, buns, drinks and tableware will be provided. Come join us for a time of fun, fellowship and food!

**Mark Manuscript Study-** Join us for an innovative approach to Bible study that gets closer to the original biblical manuscript. Just as ancient manuscripts are carefully studied, so we want to carefully study Mark’s account of Jesus. The gospel is laid out with 8 x11 sheets, wide margins and double-spaced lines and no chapter headings or verses. The manuscript study includes individual study, sharing observations and questions around a table of four, and then probing key themes with the whole group. Seven sessions are planned. Pastor Neil will serve as the group leader. Ultimately this study aims to provide a close up encounter with Jesus.

- **WHEN:** Starting September 19 each Sunday; 4:30 - 6:00 pm (Optional potluck at 6:00 pm. \*\*We will skip September 26 (Highland ORV ride) and October 24.
- **WHO:** Everyone age 16 and older is welcome to participate.
- **NOTE:** Participation requires regular attendance. For continuity’s sake, people should be able to attend at least five of the seven sessions.
- **SIGN-UP:** A minimum of fifteen people is required to launch this Mark Manuscript Study. To sign up, please check the information table or contact the church office by calling (231) 825-2171. The deadline for sign-up will be Sunday, September 12.

**Little Lambs and Children In Worship-** Volunteers are needed as helpers and teachers for our Children’s Church Programs. **Little Lambs** is for kids ages 3-4 (not in full-day preschool). **Children in Worship** is for kids ages 4-Kindergarten (in full-day preschool/kindergarten). Please sign up in the fellowship hall.