

NURSERY:

Aug 28	Jackie Schmid, Deborah Ouwinga, Megan Pluger, Leah Thompson
Sept 4	April Villwock, Melissa Oeverman, Cindy Vennema, Mya Eisenga
Sept 11	Lizelle Bazuin, Julie Dorman, Bev Kamphouse, Karsyn Meyering
Sept 18	Kasey McQuestion, Shari Benthem, Karen Oeverman, Harper Tossey

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

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

****Our goal is to start Children In Worship on September 11.**
If you are interested in either teaching or helping with this program,
please contact Lindsay Beerens.

SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT:

Aug 28	Cary Sikkema, Deb Eisenga, Sue Cook
Sept 4	Kyle Meyering, Jonathan Ouwinga, Tami Eisenga
Sept 11	Matt Thompson, Roger Hagerman, Jodi DeHate
Sept 18	Kyle Meyering, Dan Ouwinga, Kendra Jenema

OFFERINGS:

August:

7th –Booster Club

14th –New Building

21st –Josh & Mandy Shaarda

28th –George & Sarah de Vuyst

September:

4th –Booster Club

11th –

18th –Benevolence

25th –Marion Food Pantry

USHERS

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

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 28, 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
August 28, 2022

The People of God Gather:

Call to Worship: Romans 5:1-2
 Welcome
 God's Greeting
 Greeting One Another

To Praise God

Forever
This Is Amazing Grace
 Prayer of Praise

To Provide the Sacrament of Baptism:

The meaning of baptism
 The vows of the parents and the congregation
 The baptism of Stevie Powers
 The prayer
 The song: *Life Song*

To Pray and Serve God:

Announcements
 Congregational prayer

To Proclaim God's Word:

Children's Message: Al Thomas
 Song of Preparation: *Holy Water*

Sermon Text: Romans 5:15-18 & 8:28-30

Sermon Title: The Golden Chain of Salvation- Those God Justified

Prayer of response
 Song of Response & Offertory: *Stand In Your Love*
 1st Offering: General Fund; 2nd Offering: George & Sarah de Vuyst

To Go in God's Name:

God's blessing
 Closing Song: *Jesus Messiah*

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
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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)

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED:

Missionary Newsletter- George and Sarah de Vuyst have sent out their August Newsletter, Kyiv Connections which is now posted on the Missions Bulletin board in the East wing. Copies are available there also.

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

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

Pastor Portraits- Prior to our New Building renovations, the Pastor Portraits that had been hanging up along the South stairs were taken down to prevent damage. We would now like to put these back up near our North entrance, however, their current location is unknown. If you happen to know the whereabouts of these photos, please contact the church office.

Save the Date: Highland’s Annual ORV Ride has been scheduled for Sunday, **September 25**. We will depart from the church at 4:00 pm and finish back at the church for a potluck supper.

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.

Save the Dave: Life Resources of Northern Michigan’s Fundraising Banquet, on Tuesday, **September 27** at the Timberwolf Camp Lake in Lake City. If you are interested in attending the banquet, being a table host or would like more information on this event, please contact their Cadillac office.

SERMON OUTLINE

Title: The Golden Chain of Salvation- Those God Justified
Text: Romans 5:15-18; 8:28-30

Introduction: every generation has witnessed sensational trials.

- 1) Justification: a term from a court of law.
 - a) There are only two possible verdicts: guilty or not guilty- justified or condemned.
 - b) There are only two possible divine verdicts on our life: justified or condemned.
 - c) Left to ourselves the divine verdict is guilty and condemned- a sobering truth.
- 2) Justification: the fourth link in the golden chain of salvation. (Romans 5:16-18)
 - a) How can guilty sinners be pronounced righteous?
 - b) God’s gift: the great exchange of Jesus’ righteousness for our unrighteousness.
- 3) Justification: three benefits.
 - a) We are spared punishment. (Romans 8:1)
 - b) We have peace with God. (Romans 5:1)
 - c) We gain a new status and identity. (Romans 5:18)

Concluding application and appeal.

Notes

PRAYER CORNER

- ✚ We lift up in prayer, Bonnie Veddler, Sally Huttenga, Marilyn Nowland, Dick Bruno, Carol Niver and Bruce Vennema. We pray that they receive the healing, patience and daily strength that they need.
- ✚ **Update received Thursday 8/25: Sally Huttenga** is happy to report that she is doing better and expects to be sent home Thursday, 8/25. She was in the hospital a little longer than expected due to an irregular heartbeat and fluid building up behind her lungs. The access fluid was removed and her heart rhythm has returned to normal. **Sally and Kerwin greatly appreciate your prayers, calls and cards through all of this. Please continued to pray for healing and renewed strength as she continues to recover now at home.
- ✚ Please pray for **Bonnie Veddler** as she awaits surgery to remove the colon cancer that was recently diagnosed.
- ✚ Please pray for **Highland's Youth Programs** that will be starting soon. Please pray that the roles for Sunday School Superintendents, teachers and helpers will soon be filled.

DAILY PRAYER FOCUS:

Holy Spirit, how thankful I am to know that You live in me and that You are already guiding me in Your eternal purposes. Help me respond to your gentle promptings to follow where you lead. I pray You will cause the Body of Christ in Highland and across America to do the same. I ask that You begin, first of all, with me. –Amen

Contributions for the Daily Prayer Focus are provided by the Highland Prayer Team

OUR MISSIONARIES

Josh & Mandy Shaarda & Family
Serving in Uganda
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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: AUGUST 28-SEPTEMBER 3

SUN 8/28	9:15 AM	A time of prayer in the prayer room
	9:30 AM	Morning Worship Service
	10:40 AM	Ministry Sign-up Sundays
	4:00 PM	Highland's Annual Church Picnic
WED 8/31	7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

This morning we will celebrate the baptism of **Stevie Powers**, daughter of Cory & Makayla Powers.

Today: Ministry Sign-up Sunday in the fellowship hall following the morning service. Each Ministry Team has a table set up with opportunities on how you can serve Highland using the gifts God has given you. We encourage you to prayerfully consider how you can serve at Highland Church.

This Afternoon: Highland's Annual Church Picnic: We are looking forward to an awesome time of fellowship once again at this year's church picnic! We will also be celebrating the New Building debt being paid! The plan is for games and activities to start at 4:00 with dinner at 5:00, followed by a corn-hole tournament and a water slide for the kids. We will provide meatballs, dinner rolls, drinks and table service. Please bring a dish to pass.

Note from Pastor Neil: With our pastor search culminating in the acceptance from Pastors Mark and Ashley, the final key transitional issue at Highland Church has been covered. It has been remarkable to see the Spirit's work and progress in so many ways over the past year or so: implementing the renewed ministry teams; streamlining council meetings; the work of a capable Pastor Search Team; studying God's Word on the convictions about women in church leadership; adding a new shed and riding mower and trees on our grounds; finding a new youth director; paying off our \$700,000 loan for our new worship space; and a bright spirit of love and unity together.

I wrap-up ministry at Highland with deep gratitude to God for all this- and for the love and partnership in the gospel I have been blessed with along the way. I expect my final Sunday at Highland will be mid-September, perhaps September 11. This will allow the church to pivot towards the arrival of the Bonnes family and a warm welcome into life and ministry here. Recently I've had two churches contact me- one in Battle Creek and one in the Chicago area. Please pray for the conversations and discernment of where God is calling us next.