

**NURSERY:**

<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
<b>Sept 19</b>	Sue Cook, Christina Dodde, Caitlin Dodde Nicole Schultz, Linda Ellens, Maggie Southwick

**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 29</b>	Matt Thompson, Jonathan Ouwinga, Tami Eisenga
<b>Sept 5</b>	Matt Thompson, Dan Ouwinga, Tami Eisenga
<b>Sept 12</b>	Kyle Meyering, Roger Hagerman Jodi DeHate
<b>Sept 19</b>	Matt Thompson, 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 29, 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 29, 2021**

**The People of God Gather:**

Prelude: *“It’s Still the Cross” –Praise Team*

Call to worship- Psalm 145: 9, 15-16

Welcome

God’s greeting

Greeting one another

To Praise God:

*“That’s Why We Praise Him” (vs 1 & 2)*

*“Blessed Assurance” (vs 1, 2 & 4)*

Prayer of praise

To Pray and Serve God:

Announcements:

Congregational prayer

Offering: 1<sup>st</sup>: General Fund; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Xtreme

Offertory: *“Cross of Grace” –Praise Team*

To Proclaim God’s Word:

Children’s message: Pastor Neil & the “Baffle Box”

Song of preparation: *“Speak, O Lord” (vs 1 & 3)*

**Bible Text:** 1 Kings 17:1-16 (NIV); Matthew 5: 45b (NIV);

**The Heidelberg Catechism:** Lord’s Day 9, Q&A 26

**Message:** “The Providence of God”

Prayer of response

Song of response: *“Day by Day” (vs 1 & 2)*

To Partake in the Lord’s Supper:

The preparation

The celebration

*“Behold the Lamb” –Bread (vs 1 & 2); Juice (vs 3 & 4)*

To Go in God’s Name:

God’s blessing

Closing song: *“Jesus, All For Jesus”*

Postlude

<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 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)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED**

**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.

**Sunday school & Catechism 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.
- **Teacher Meeting:** There will be a brief Sunday school meeting on **September 5** for all teachers to hand out lesson materials. Please contact April Villwock if you have any questions.
- **High school Catechism Teacher also needed:** Please contact Megan Plugger for more details. Thank you.

**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 Plugger 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.

**Save the Date: The Annual Highland ORV Ride** is scheduled for September 26<sup>th</sup>. Details will be posted closer to that event.

**MESSAGE OUTLINE**

**Sermon Outline: The Providence of God**

**Scripture: I Kings 17:1-16; Matthew 5:45b**

- 1 God provides protection for Elijah from wicked King Ahab
  - a) In a remote ravine: with a brook and ravens
  - b) In a poor Gentile widow’s home: with a bottomless jar and jug
- 2 God provides for us in natural ways and at times supernatural
  - a) The ravens; the bottomless jar and jug
  - b) The story of Mr. Feeringa
- 3 God is a spectacular provider!
  - a) Various biblical examples
  - b) Various examples today
- 4 Three implication of the doctrine of God’s providence
  - a) It should spark our thanksgiving and worship
  - b) It should cut down on our worry
  - c) It is really good news to share!

Conclusion:

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**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.

**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.

- Our hearts and prayers go out to Lisa Eastway and family in the passing of her brother, Shawn Eastway on August 10 from COVID-related complications. A private graveside ceremony will be held at the Highland Cemetery, Saturday, September 4<sup>th</sup>.
- We pray for safe travels and fellowship for everyone as we approach the Labor Day weekend. May we all enjoy some rest and relaxation.

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

**OUR CHURCH WEEK: AUGUST 29-SEPTEMBER 4**

<b>SUN</b> 08/29	9:15 AM 9:30 AM	A time of prayer in the prayer room Morning Worship Service & Communion
<b>TUES</b> 08/31	7:00 PM	Vision Task Force
<b>WED</b> 09/01	7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting
<b>SAT</b> 09/04	4:30 PM	Fellowship Hall Use

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**This morning** we have the privilege of celebrating the Lord’s Supper. If you have accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, we hope you’ll join us.

**TODAY- Highland Church Picnic:** Games, Corn-hole, and other activities will begin at 3:00 pm; Name-that-tune at 4:00 and a potluck dinner at 5:00 pm. The corn-hole tournament will begin after dinner. Be sure to sign up before dinner so that teams can be set up. Pulled pork, hotdogs, buns, drinks and tableware will be provided. Come join us for a time of fun, fellowship and food!

**Thank you** for the showering of cards, prayers and words of encouragement for mom following her hip replacement and recovery. –Kathy Ouwinga-Martin and Marilyn Ouwinga.

**Marion School Supply Drive:** We will be collecting school supplies for the Marion School through September 19th. So, when you are out and about the next few weeks, please keep your eyes open for the following items:

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

**Ladies Wednesday Morning Bible Study-** This year our group will be looking at a study titled, “*I AM -Discovering Who Jesus Is*”. If you would like to be join of this wonderful group of ladies, please contact Hilda Cruz by September 3<sup>rd</sup> so books can be ordered.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED**

**Love kids? Want to bless moms? WE NEED YOUR 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 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? Contact Deborah Ouwinga at [douwinga52112@gmail.com](mailto:douwinga52112@gmail.com)

**\*\*New Storage Building:** The Facilities Team is looking to buy a new storage building. This new structure will provide additional room to also accommodate the riding lawnmower that is currently being stored in the new basement. The estimated cost of a new storage building (structure/delivery/setting) is \$3,800. If you would like to contribute to this purchase please call Greg Hesselink (231) 620-8067 or Ken Meyering (231) 920-7775. The existing storage shed still needs to be removed from church property. There is no fee for the old structure but the new owner will be responsible for having it moved. If interested, please contact Greg Hesselink or Ken Meyering.

**Worship Night at Stahl's Event Barn-** 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 a hymn-sing starting at 6:30 PM. Seating will be available in the barn. 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!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

### **Pastor Search Team Update from August 25 Meeting:**

Previously we filtered a denominational list of pastor profiles to fit our setting: American, Midwest, lead pastor, mid-sized congregation etc. There were over 125 profiles on that filtered list. To this list we added suggestions mentioned directly to our team.

Next we sent an email note to each of them. We noted that they had come to our attention; we briefly introduced Highland Church; and we asked if they were open to further contact. Over a dozen replied to say they were open.

At our latest meeting the search team reviewed that "open" list. We trimmed it down to seven profiles we thought could be a match for Highland. Three search team members were assigned to look more thoroughly at each of those seven: reading their profile and watching videos of their worship leadership and preaching.

Our next meeting is scheduled for September 8. Each of the seven will be assessed. Our aim is to arrive at a short list of names to interview and check references. Please continue to pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance and our discernment.

**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. Deadline for sign-up will be Sunday, September 12.