

NURSERY:

Sept 5	Karen Oeverman, Franklin Baas, Evan Wemple, Shari Benthem, Jayden Benthem, Anne Thomas
Sept 12	Diane Eisenga, Charlotte Thomas, Emerson Tossey Melissa Oeverman, Brandy VanPolen, Ruth Kulhawick
Sept 19	Sue Cook, Christina Dodde, Caitlin Dodde Nicole Schultz, Linda Ellens, Maggie Southwick
Sept 26	Karianne Smith, Donna Veddler, Esther Bode, Leah Thompson, Diane Nemeth, Jodi DeHate

LITTLE LAMBS / CHILDREN IN WORSHIP:

June 20-September 5: Summer Break!

***Teachers & Helpers still needed for 2021-2022.

Check out our sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall***

SOUND SYSTEM, VIDEO, POWERPOINT:

Sept 5	Matt Thompson, Dan Ouwinga, Tami Eisenga
Sept 12	Kyle Meyering, Roger Hagerman Jodi DeHate
Sept 19	Matt Thompson, Jonathan Ouwinga, Deb Eisenga
Sept 26	Cary Sikkema, Deb Eisenga, Sue Cook

OFFERINGS:

SEPTEMBER

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

USHERS:

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

October: Ryan McQuestion, Paul Shaarda, Brandon Veddler, Phil VanAssche

****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!**



SEPTEMBER 5, 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
September 5, 2021

The People of God Gather:

Prelude: “Your Love Compels Me”
 Call to worship- Psalm 118:24
 Welcome
 God’s greeting
 Greeting one another

To Praise God:

“Come Thou Almighty King” (vs 1 & 4)
 “The Wonder of it All” (vs 1-2)
 Our World Belongs to God #10 (in unison)
 “This Is My Father’s World” (vs 1-3)
 Prayer of praise

To Pray and Serve God:

Announcements:
 Congregational prayer
 Offering: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: Booster Club
 Offertory: “Thank You” –Praise Team

To Proclaim God’s Word:

Children’s message: Jodi Meyering
 Song of preparation: “Shine, Jesus, Shine” (vs 1-3)
Bible Text: Genesis 2: 8-9, 15; Colossians 3: 22-24
Message: “A Labor of Love”
 Prayer of response
 Song of response: “In Our Lives Lord, Be Glorified”

To Go in God’s Name:

God’s blessing
 Closing song: “You Are the Vine” (2x)
 Postlude

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

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.

Recommendations for Council: Our council will begin looking for candidates for the 2022 & 2023 term. If you have any recommendations for a potential candidate, please leave their name with an elder or the church office.

<p><u>CHURCH OFFICE</u></p> <p>(231) 825-2171 office@highlandcrc.org</p> <p>Normal Hours: Mon-Thurs: 8:30 am – 2:00 pm Fri-Sun: Closed</p> <p>***All bulletin content due by noon on Thursdays</p>	<p><u>MINISTRY TEAM LEADERS</u></p> <p>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)</p>
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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 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

You're Invited: Northern Michigan Christian School all you can eat Fish Fry on Fridays, September 10 and 17, from 5:00-8:00pm. The delicious menu includes: All you can eat cod, walleye, baked walleye, chicken, corn, baked beans, french fries, roasted potatoes, homemade macaroni and cheese, rolls, salad, homemade desserts, ice cream, and drinks. Cost: \$12 for ages 10 & up, \$5 ages 4-9, ages 3 & under are free. Questions, call 231-825-2492. We hope to see you there!

MESSAGE OUTLINE

Sermon outline: A Labor of Love

Introduction: work has a big place in our lives

- 1) A biblical view: God wired us for work- Genesis 2:8,14
- 2) Our labor has been tainted by our fall into sin- Genesis 3:17-19
- 3) Christ came to restore work as good: four directions
 - a) Takes care of God's creation: Genesis 2
 - b) Provides for human needs: Ephesians 4:28
 - c) Offers fulfillment for the worker: Genesis 1
 - d) Honors God: Colossians 3:23

Conclusion

Notes:

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.

- Please pray for Ruth Jasperse as she navigates the upcoming testing and surgery to address the cancer in her tongue. Please pray that the surgery can be scheduled quickly.
- Mary Dracht who had knee replacement surgery this past Friday. Please pray for healing in the weeks ahead.
- Prayers for Dick Bruno as he has a medical procedure this coming Tuesday.
- 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.

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

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 style="text-align: center;">Tyler Bode (Staff Sargent, U.S. Air Force) Davis Monthan Airforce Base, Tucson, AZ</p>	

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 **next week 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 **TODAY, Sept. 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 Pluger 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 Pluger for more details.

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:

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

The Annual Highland ORV Ride will be September 26. We plan on meeting at church at 4:00 pm and leave from there on our trail ride. Upon our return to church we will enjoy a potluck meal.

Senior Fall Dinner: We are planning a Senior Fall Dinner at Cran Hill on October 8, 2021. We will travel to Cran Hill for a dinner, speaker, and live entertainment. The cost is \$18 per person. Please sign-up before September 19. Please contact Bev Taylor or Cindy Vennema if you have questions or need assistance coordinating transportation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

Letter to the Congregation: Through the prayer chain many of you learned that at Ruth's pre-operative appointment last Tuesday, she learned that the cancer in her tongue is more aggressive and advanced than previously thought. It will require both a PET scan and a CT scan to guide the surgery needed. We ask for your prayers that these tests will be cleared with the insurance company and scheduled quickly. Please pray for comfort and courage and God's peace. All this naturally raises the question of how this will affect my ministry among you. Our aim is to embrace life and ministry at Highland as fully as possible while tending to Ruth's treatment. We expect a both-and approach: medical treatment and ongoing ministry. So please don't hold back on engaging me on any ministry front. Ruth and I have deeply appreciated all your expressions of concern and prayer and help!
Warmly yours, Pastor Neil

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 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:** Sundays, starting September 19, 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.

NOTE ON THE PASTOR SEARCH PROCESS AND CHURCH PROFILE: In the search process we have developed a church profile for prospective pastors to get to know us better. Our profile is now posted on the Christian Reformed website. As some have reviewed it, questions have arisen about some features of the profile. This update aims to clarify five areas the council decided in developing our profile.

1. At this time the search will consider only male pastors.
2. The salary range offered is \$55-65,000, depending on experience.
3. Our housing policy is a strong preference for providing the parsonage rather than an allowance, although we are open to discussing options.
4. The standard four weeks of vacation will be offered, along with a week of study leave.
5. A sabbatical policy was developed, which offers a three-month sabbatical after a minimum of six years serving at Highland, contingent on council approval that the timing is agreeable.

OUR CHURCH WEEK: SEPTEMBER 5-11

SUN 09/05	9:15 AM 9:30 AM 10:40 AM	A time of prayer in the prayer room Morning Worship Service Sunday School Meeting
MON 09/06	Labor Day - Offices Closed	
WED 09/08	7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Pastor Search Team Prayer Meeting
SAT 09/11	4:30 PM	Youth Building Use

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Thank you to the all the wonderful coordinators and volunteers that made our Annual Church Picnic a success!

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 3rd so books can be ordered

TONIGHT- Worship Night at Stahl's Event Barn- 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!

There will be a brief Safe Church meeting after the service on Sept. 26 for anyone working with youth at Highland this year (Nursery, Sunday school, GEMS, Centershot, Xtreme, Strong tower). Please plan on attending to review our policy and stay up to date. Any questions contact Linda Wing.

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.