

**NURSERY:**

<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
<b>Sept 26</b>	Karianne Smith, Donna Veddler, Esther Bode, Leah Thompson, Diane Nemeth, Jodi DeHate
<b>Oct 3</b>	Barb Dore, Karsyn Meyering, Mya Eisenga Jodi Meyering, Harper Tossey, DaNay Tossey

**LITTLE LAMBS / CHILDREN IN WORSHIP:**

**Coming soon!!!!**

\*\*\*Teachers & Helpers still needed for 2021-2022.  
Check out our sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall\*\*\*

**SOUND SYSTEM, VIDEO, POWERPOINT:**

<b>Sept 12</b>	Kyle Meyering, Roger Hagerman Jodi DeHate
<b>Sept 19</b>	Matt Thompson, Jonathan Ouwinga, Deb Eisenga
<b>Sept 26</b>	Cary Sikkema, Dan Ouwinga, Sue Cook
<b>Oct 3</b>	Matt Thompson, Dan Ouwinga, Tami Eisenga

**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 12, 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 12, 2021**

**The People of God Gather:**

Prelude  
 Call to worship- Psalm 95: 6-7  
 Welcome  
 God's greeting  
 Greeting one another

To Praise God:

*"Here I Am to Worship" (vs 1 & 2)*  
*"You Are My All in All"*  
 Prayer of praise

To Plead for God's Grace:

Commissioning of Ministry Team Leaders  
 God's will- from Philippians 2:1-4  
 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>: New Building Fund  
 Offertory: *"I'd Rather Have Jesus"*

To Proclaim God's Word:

Children's message: Dale Fredin  
 Song of preparation: *"Grace Alone"*  
**Bible Text: Romans 16:1-16**  
**Message: "Greet One Another"**  
 Prayer of response  
 Song of response: *"They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love" (vs 1-3)*

To Go in God's Name:

God's blessing  
 Parting song: *"They'll Know We Are Christian by Our Love" (vs 4)*  
 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 [njaspense@gmail.com](mailto:njaspense@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><b><u>CHURCH OFFICE</u></b></p> <p>(231) 825-2171  <a href="mailto:office@highlandcrc.org">office@highlandcrc.org</a></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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**MESSAGE OUTLINE**

**Title: "Greet One Another"**

**Text: Romans 16:1-16**

**Introduction:**

- **Greeting: A basic social ritual**
- **In Romans 16 Paul gives a long list of greetings**
- **The Greek word goes well beyond our basic usage: 4 Facets**
  1. **The acknowledgment of a greeting**
  2. **The acceptance of a welcome**
  3. **The acclaim of kingdom accomplishments**
  4. **The affection for someone we cherish**

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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**

We lift up in prayer those that need healing: Please pray for Ruth Jasperse, 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.

- **Update on Ruth Jasperse’s treatment:** This past Wednesday Ruth underwent both a PET scan and a CT scan to inform the surgeon about the extent of the cancer in her tongue. Surgery itself has been scheduled at the University of Chicago on September 29. Ruth and Pastor Neil have been so thankful for all the concern, prayer, and gestures of support during this time! The aim is to embrace life and ministry as fully as possible while tending to Ruth’s treatment.
- **Our hearts and prayers** go out for Sue Meeuwenberg and Jan Brinks and their families in the passing of their brother Duane Sikkema on September 2, 2021.

**DAILY PRAYER FOCUS**

"BEFORE A HARD DAY'S WORK"

"O Lord God, before the day's work begins, I turn to Thee.

Sometimes my job makes demands upon me that are hard to meet. Keep me from becoming tense and nervous, bored and listless, absentminded and detached.

Even though many may feel that my work is insignificant and lowly, may I at least feel that there is dignity and meaning in what I do.

I thank Thee for the strength that is in my body, for the skill that is in my hands, and for the knowledge that is in my brains. May I come to the end of my day of labor with no regrets, knowing that I have faithfully carried out my assignments. Help me today and every day to cooperate with my fellow workers and to earn my wages." Amen

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

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED**

**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. Please contact Linda Wing if you have any questions.

**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.

**Special Music:** Hey Highland! Now that offerings are back we would love to hear some special music from the congregation. If you want to play or sing something or even sing a song with our JUMP team “backing you up”, young or old, contact Alan Baas.

**Pastor Search Team Update:** The team has made steady progress from casting a net for pastors open to considering a call to focusing our search on those who may be a good match for Highland Church. At the September 8 meeting, two names came to the forefront of the search. Three other pastors contacted us more recently and are being considered as well. Before the September 22 meeting, references for the two will be contacted and each team member will review their profile and access their preaching and worship leadership.

**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.

**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:

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED**

**Senior Fall Dinner:** We are planning a Senior Fall Dinner at Cran Hill on October 13, 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.

**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 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? Contact Deborah Owinga at [douwinga52112@gmail.com](mailto: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!

**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.

**OUR CHURCH WEEK: SEPTEMBER 12-18**

<b>SUN</b> 09/12	9:15 AM	A time of prayer in the prayer room
	9:30 AM	Morning Worship Service
	10:50 AM	Sunday School & MS Catechism (no HS Catechism yet as we are still searching for a leader)
<b>MON</b> 09/13	7:00 PM	Elders
	7:00 PM	Deacons
	7:30 PM	Council
<b>TUES</b> 09/14	5: 45 PM	MOPS
<b>WED</b> 09/15	7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**STARTING TODAY!!! 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.

**Sunday school starts TODAY** for all kids in preschool – 5th grade along with **Catechism for our Middle School** kids (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade). Please have your child grab a snack in the fellowship hall after the service. Fellowship snacks and lemonade are not permitted in the sanctuary so these need to be finished before the bell rings. Dan & April Villwock have a great year planned. **Please note: there will be no high school catechism yet this week** as we are still looking for a leader.

**Next Sunday, September 19** -We will be celebrating the infant baptism of Sutton Smith. Son of Zack and Karianne Smith.

**Ladies Wednesday Morning Bible Study begins September 15 at 9:30 am-** This year, our group will be looking at a study titled, *"I AM -Discovering Who Jesus Is"*. If you would like to join this wonderful group of ladies, please contact Hilda Cruz by September 3<sup>rd</sup> so books can be ordered