

NURSERY:

Oct 3	Barb Dore, Karsyn Meyering, Sue Cook Jodi Meyering, Harper Tossey, DaNay Tossey
Oct 10	Cindy Vennema, Becky Bode, Jayden Bode, Patti Koop, Lizelle Bazuin, Aubrynn Bazuin
Oct 17	Julie Dorman, Bev Kamphouse, Claire Thompson Amy Eisenga, Owen Wemple, Kasey McQuestion
Oct 24	Shari Benthem, Karen Oeverman, Addean Oeverman Becky Wemple, Diane Eisenga, Megan Benthem

LITTLE LAMBS / CHILDREN IN WORSHIP:

Oct 3	LL Teacher: Nicole Schultz; Helper: Addean Oeverman CIW Teacher: Anne Thomas; Helper: Karsyn Meyering
Oct 10	LL Teacher: Makayla Powers; Helper: Harper Tossey CIW Teacher: Jodi DeHate; Helper: Karianne Smith
Oct 17	LL Teacher: Amy VanPolen; Helper: Alan Thomas CIW Teacher: Maggie Southwick; Helper: Emerson Tossey
Oct 24	LL Teacher: _____; Helper: _____ CIW Teacher: Lizelle Bazuin; Helper: JD Bazuin

SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT:

Oct 3	Matt Thompson, Roger Hagerman, Tami Eisenga
Oct 10	Kyle Meyering, Dan Ouwinga, Sue Cook
Oct 17	Matt Thompson, Jonathan Ouwinga, Deb Eisenga
Oct 24	Cary Sikkema, Roger Hagerman, Sue Cook

OFFERINGS:

OCTOBER **3:** Booster Club
10: New Building Fund
17: Feeding America
24: Oasis Family Resource Center
31: Friends Ministry

USHERS:

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

November: Kevin Eisenga, Mike Pluger, Al Thomas, Adam Southwick

****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!**



OCTOBER 3, 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
Sunday School 10:50 AM

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE – 9:30 AM
Highland Christian Reformed Church
October 3, 2021

The People of God Gather:

Prelude
 Call to worship Psalm 118: 24
 Welcome
 God's greeting
 Greeting one another

To Praise God:

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God" (vs 1-3)
 Ephesians 1: 7-8
"We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer (vs 1-3)
 Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God:

Announcements
 Congregational prayer

To Proclaim God's Word:

Children's Message –Marilyn Visser
 Song of Preparation: *"Thanks to God Whose Word Was Spoken" (vs 1-3)*
 Bible Text: **Hebrews 10: 19-25**
 Message: **"Spur One Another On"**
 Prayer of Response
 Song of Response: *"Rise Up O Church of God" (vs 1-4)*
 *Offerings taken during the song; 1st: General Fund; 2nd: Booster Club

To Go in God's Name:

God's blessing
 Parting song: *"We Are Called to be God's People" (vs 1)*
 Postlude

- **Nursery** is available in the basement for children ages infant-3 years old.
- **Children's Church:** Little Lambs is available for ages 3-4 and Children in Worship is for ages 5-Kindergarten. A parent/guardian must pick them up from their classrooms in the basement after the service.
- **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.

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
PASTORAL VISITS: If you would appreciate a pastoral visit for whatever reason, please contact Pastor Neil via Sara Bruno in the church office, in person or by email at npjasperse@gmail.com.		

Upcoming Council Meetings

Monday, Oct 4 6:30 pm Elders
 Monday, Oct 4 7:00 pm Deacons
 Monday, Oct 4 7:30 pm Council

Our Fall Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, November 21, immediately following the morning worship service. There will be no Sunday School that morning however there will be activities provided for the kids while their parents attend the meeting. This meeting will include a vote on the annual budget and voting for new elders and deacons. The current council has chosen to modify the process of electing new elders and deacons to consist of a combination of voting and drawing of names. Please make your attendance at this meeting a priority!

<p><u>CHURCH OFFICE</u> (231) 825-2171 office@highlandcrc.org 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

Family night dinners begin this Wednesday with chili, Cinnamon rolls, and a Carmel apple bar with lots of toppings to choose from. Please sign up at the information table if you would be willing to donate a large crockpot of chili.

The Highland Annual Reunion & Potluck will be this Saturday, October 9, 2021 at 12:00 pm in the fellowship hall. Bring a dish to pass & table service. Coffee will be provided.

Thank you to all those that had a hand in coordinating and participated in the Annual ORV ride. Fun was had by all and we look forward to the next one!

Youth Group Leaders for small and large Group settings are still needed. There is minimal prep required. Please contact Megan Plugger or Shari Benthem.

Little Lambs and Children in Worship We still need one more teacher and 2 more helpers. Please contact Anne Thomas or the church office if you are willing to help with these needs.

Service Team Request: We have been asked to form a small "team" of people to fill bags of food for kids at the Marion Elementary School for their "Grub to Go" weekend food program. The time commitment would be approximately one time per month for a couple hours on a Friday morning. Please contact Carrie Thompson for more details!!

Service Team Update: We have had many members indicate that they would be willing to help with yard work, wood cutting, garden clean up, general home upkeep, etc. and also offering rides to/from medical appointments. Please let Carrie Thompson know if you need any assistance in these areas!!

Facilities update: The Facilities Team, led by Greg Hesselink, has made fine progress with various maintenance projects and improvements the past couple of months. The parking lots were seal coated and striped. Some cleaning out was done in the youth building. A new carpet mat was placed on the north entry for the spring, summer and fall seasons. The rusty security light pole in the front lot was painted. Faded handicap signs were replaced with fresh signs. A new shed was ordered and placed on a new concrete block. This shed can now house the new riding lawn mower. Dirt was spread around the twelve black hills spruce trees bordering the parsonage lawn; grass will be planted to extend the parsonage lawn around those trees. We are thankful for the work of our Facilities Team in conjunction with all those who pitched in on these projects.

SERMON OUTLINE:

Title: "Spur One Another On"

Text: Hebrews 10:19-25 (24)

Introduction: the two most exciting minutes in sports

1. The context: Hebrews 10
2. Spur one another on: two biblical examples:
 - a) Mordecai with Esther: Esther 4
 - b) Jesus with the church in Laodicea: Revelation 3
3. Spurring one another on today: four specific aspects
 - a) Why?
 - b) When?
 - c) How?
 - d) Who?

Pastor Search Team update:

This past Wednesday our Pastor Search Team met for the sixth time. After completing a Highland Church profile, the team accessed the Christian Reformed Church pastor portal which includes over a thousand profiles. Our team then sent email notes to about 140 pastors who generally fit our church setting. Nearly twenty expressed some openness to a call. After a thorough review process, two names have emerged at the forefront. References have been checked. The next step ahead is scheduling an hour-long conversation with each of them. Please continue to pray for the Spirit's guidance in this important process- that our gracious God would provide for our need.

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:

Ruth’s surgery at the University of Chicago was extensive and successful. Cancerous tissue from her tongue was removed, along with all the lymph nodes on the right side of her neck. No stitches were possible on the tongue, so pain management continues to be a challenge. Ruth has been on a liquid diet. Biopsies from the tongue and lymph nodes will soon be received. Ruth and Pastor Neil are deeply grateful for all the prayers, support, cards, and meals offered by the Highland Church family.

DAILY PRAYER FOCUS

Almighty God, I am Your pearl of great price. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me. Thank you for holding on to me and loving me even in my unlovable moments.
Stir in me a heart like David’s – one that pursues the heart of God.

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

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OUR CHURCH WEEK: OCTOBE 3-9

SUN 10/03	9:15 AM	A time of prayer in the prayer room
	9:30 AM	Morning Worship Service & Baptism
	10:50 AM	Sunday School & Catechism (MS & HS)
	4:30 PM	Mark Manuscript Study (session #2) & Potluck
MON 10/04	7:00 PM	Council & Staff Dinner
WED 10/06	9:30 AM	Ladies Bible Study –Lesson 4
	6:30 PM	Family Dinner
	7:00 PM	Family Night (GEMS, Centershot)
	7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting
SAT 10/09	12-2:00 PM	Annual Highland Reunion & Potluck (fellowship hall)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Tonight: Session #2 of the Mark Manuscript Study in the east wing of the sanctuary; 4:30-6:00 pm. Potluck to immediately follow.

Tonight from 5:30-8:00. Fall Kick-off for Middle School (Xtreme) and High School (Strong Tower) youth groups. We will meet at the tennis courts in McBain for pizza then head over to Cornerstone Coffee for a night of outdoor worship and open mic at the side-lot. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. Parents, please drop you kid off at the tennis courts and pick them up at Cornerstone Coffee.

Tonight: Cornerstone Coffee is excited to host a laid-back night of outdoor Worship and Open Mic night at side lot next to Cornerstone Coffee in McBain, October 3 at 6:00 pm, with Primos BBQ serving starting at 5:30! Bring your family, friends or even your whole youth group, and don’t forget some chairs! Cornerstone will be open so you can warm up with a yummy fall drink or make s’mores by the fire. If music is your gift, then bring your instrument or song for the Open Mic time between worship sets! Call or text DaNay Tossey at 231-920-8677 for more information.

Ladies Wednesday Morning Bible Study- This year, the group is looking at a study titled, *“I AM -Discovering Who Jesus Is”*. This week we will be looking at Lesson 4.