

**NURSERY:**

<b>February 27</b>	Karen Oeverman, Dana Baas, Franklin Baas Emerson Tossey, Becky Wemple, Megan Benthem
<b>March 6</b>	Ruth Kulhawick, Diane Eisenga, Melissa Oeverman, Emma Oeverman
<b>March 13</b>	Sue Cook, Owen Wemple, Nicole Schultz, Linda Ellens
<b>March 20</b>	Maggie Southwick, Karianne Smith Dona Veddler, Esther Bode

**LITTLE LAMBS / CHILDREN IN WORSHIP:**

<b>February 27</b>	LL Teacher: Cindy Vennema; Helper: Jordyn Richardson CIW Teacher: Lizelle Bazuin; Helper: JD Bazuin
<b>March 6</b>	LL Teacher: Kasey McQuestion; Helper: Leah Thompson CIW Teacher: Nicole Koetje; Helper: Linda Ellens
<b>March 13</b>	LL Teacher: Sara Bruno; Helper: Lindsay Beerens CIW Teacher: Anne Thomas; Helper: Karsyn Meyering
<b>March 20</b>	LL Teacher: Nicole Schultz; Helper: Addean Oeverman CIW Teacher: Hillary Dracht; Helper: Linda Wing

**SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT:**

<b>February 27</b>	Cary Sikkema; Roger Hagerman; Tami Eisenga
<b>March 6</b>	Kyle Meyering; Dan Ouwinga; Jodi DeHate
<b>March 13</b>	Matt Thompson; Jonathan Ouwinga; Kendra Jenema
<b>March 20</b>	Kyle Meyering; Dan Ouwinga; Sue Cook

**OFFERINGS:**

**FEBRUARY**  
**6<sup>th</sup>:** Booster Club  
**13<sup>th</sup>:** New Building Fund  
**20<sup>th</sup>:** World Renew  
**27<sup>th</sup>:** Friends Ministry

**MARCH**  
**6<sup>th</sup>:** Booster Club  
**13<sup>th</sup>:** New Building Fund  
**20<sup>th</sup>:** George & Sarah de Vuyst  
**27<sup>th</sup>:** Feeding America

**USHERS:**

**February:** Steve Meeuwenberg, Jim Ouwinga, Devon Dracht, Henry Baas  
**March:** Bryce Eisenga, Mike Southwick, Marlin Venema, Isaac Baas

**\*\*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!**



**FEBRUARY 27, 2022**

**HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH**

***Highland's 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.*

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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**  
**February 27, 2022**

**The People of God Gather:**

Prelude  
 Call to worship from Psalm 150:1-2, 6  
 Welcome  
 God's greeting  
 Greeting one another

To Praise God:

*"Build My Life"*  
*"Jesus Messiah"*  
*"Who You Say I Am"*  
 Prayer of Praise

To Plead for God's Grace:

Responsive Reading from the Ten Commandments and the Gospels  
 Prayer of confession  
 Words of assurance

To Pray and Serve God

Announcements  
 Congregational prayer

To Proclaim God's Word:

Children's message: DaNay Tossey  
*Song of preparation: "Speak to the Mountain"*  
 Scripture: **Ephesians 4: 1-6**  
 Message: **"Christian Unity"**  
 Prayer of response  
*Song of response: "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"*

To Go in God's Name:

God's blessing:  
*"Our God"*  
 Postlude

**Today's Tithes & Offerings:**

**1<sup>st</sup>: General Fund**  
**2<sup>nd</sup>: Friends Ministry**  
 (Offering boxes are available in the fellowship hall)

- **Nursery** is available in the basement for children ages infant-3 years old.
- **Children's Church:** available for ages 3-Kindergarten downstairs following the children's message. A parent must pick them up there after the service.
- **LIVE streaming** of our Sunday service is available on our Facebook page;
- **Recordings** are available on USB at the sound booth after the service or on DVD by request.

**Council Officers for 2022:**

<b>Pastor</b>	Neil Jasperse
<b>President</b>	Jon Dracht
<b>Vice President</b>	Jerry Koop, Jr.
<b>Clerk</b>	Ken Meyering
<b>Secretary of Deacons</b>	Greg Tossey
<b>Vice Treasurer</b>	Kasey Rees

**Districts for 2022:**

\*all phone #'s have a (231) area code unless otherwise specified

<b>Elders</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Deacons</b>
Den Kamphouse	<b>#1, A-C</b>	David Wing
Dale Fredin: Adjunct Elder	<b>#2, D-E</b>	Greg Tossey
Ken Meyering	<b>#3, F-L</b>	Devon Dracht
Paul Shaarda	<b>#4, M-O</b>	Kasey Rees
Jerry Koop, Jr.	<b>#5, P-T</b>	Doug Mitchell
Bryan Eisenga	<b>#6, U-Z</b>	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 directly by email at [njjasperse@gmail.com](mailto:njjasperse@gmail.com) or in person.

**Next Council Meeting:** Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup> - Elders at 6:30, Deacons at 7:00 and Full Council at 7:30.

<p><b><u>CHURCH OFFICE</u></b>                  (231) 825-2171  <a href="mailto:office@highlandcrc.org">office@highlandcrc.org</a>  <b>Normal Office Hours:</b>                  Mon-Thurs: 8:30 am – 2:00 pm                  Fri-Sun: Closed</p> <p><b>**All bulletin content is due by noon on Thursdays**</b></p>	<p><b><u>MINISTRY TEAM LEADERS</u></b>  <b>Worship Team</b> (DaNay Tossey)  <b>Care &amp; Fellowship Team</b> (Cindy Vennema)  <b>Education Team</b> (Megan Pluger)  <b>Outreach Team</b> (Jodi DeHate)  <b>Prayer Team</b> (Sandy Rice)  <b>Service Team</b> (Carrie Thompson)  <b>Facilities Team</b> (Greg Hesselink)</p>
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED**

**50th Anniversary Open House Luncheon:** Sunday March 20 from 1-3 pm we will be celebrating Bob and Barb Lee's 50th wedding anniversary. Please rsvp to Linda Wing at (231) 388-5063 by Monday March 10. No gifts please!

**Family Night Dinner** will begin at 6:30 pm this Wednesday with Spaghetti Casserole and breadsticks. GEMS & Centershot will begin at 7:00 pm. The Prayer Team will meet at 7:00 pm in the youth building.

**Baby Bottles for Life Resources** are due back TODAY. All bottles (full or empty) should be placed in the decorated box near the information table. Please make all checks payable to: Life Resources of Northern Michigan.

**Corrections for the directory:** *(this info will not be posted in our online bulletin)* Please contact the church office or check a printed copy directly from the church for this updated information.

**Thank you-** We would like to thank our Highland Church family for the grocery shower. We appreciate you generosity in helping us fill our cupboards. Thanks again & God bless. ~Logan & Kara Nemeth

**Reminder to Parents:** Please make sure your kids stay out of the sanctuary from when the morning service ends until the bell rings for Sunday School to begin. Kids may NOT play on or around the organ, or any musical equipment (drums, keyboard, piano, etc.) Kids are also not allowed in the sound booth. Thank you.

**The McBain Area Pastors are hosting a Men's dinner on Wednesday, March 23.** The event will be held at the **Old Mill in Marion** and will feature **David Murray** as our speaker. Dr. Murray is the author, most recently, of ***“Reset: Living a grace-paced life in a burnout culture.”*** The doors will open at 6:00 and a **New York strip** dinner will be served at 6:30. There are 350 tickets available and they may be purchased for \$15 by calling the Vogel Center Church office at (231) 825-2053 or in person at the church office at 1789 E Stoney Corners Rd. McBain.

**Save the Date: “Ladies Night Out”** on Wednesday, April 13, at 6:00pm at the Old Mill Venue in Marion. Jolene DeHeer will be speaking. More details later, mark your calendars and start inviting friends. Please contact Kim Winkel or Sandy Huttenga if you have any questions. *(\*\*Personal phone numbers are not posted online, please contact the Highland church office for their phone numbers.)*

**SERMON OUTLINE**

**Title: Christian Unity**  
**Text: Ephesians 4:1-6**

Introduction: a cautionary tale of a sad church division.

- 1) Threats to church unity are nothing new: the Ephesian church.
- 2) God's call to Christian unity.
  - a) Paul's trumpet call in Ephesians 4:1-6
  - b) Jesus' prayer in John 17
  - c) Why the call to unity is so urgent: sin which divides.
- 3) Three key questions about the doctrine of Christian unity.
  - a) What does Christian unity look like?
  - b) How do we keep the unity of the Spirit?
    - It takes diligent work -Ephesians 4:3
    - It takes the virtues highlighted in Ephesians 4:2
    - It takes special effort in certain situations: key decisions, differing convictions, personality conflicts, and times of disappointment.
  - c) What are the rewards of unity in the Spirit?
    - Joy
    - God's blessing
    - Effective ministry
    - Enhanced witness to the world.

Closing application: Unity in considering female deacons.

**Notes:**

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**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**Dick Bruno** recently received steroid injections to help relieve pain in his abdominal muscles and they seem to be helping with that issue. He sees the back specialist in April and would appreciate prayers for relief of his back pain and the weakness in his legs. He is thankful for his wife and caregiver, Mary.

**Mary Karsten** would appreciate our continued prayers for patience as she continues to heal from broken ribs. Pray too for the protection of Mary and all others as they navigate the slick winter conditions.

**Joe Kulhawick** is able to be out and around. Pray for continued strength and healing.

**Danielle Ozeran** (Dave Wing's sister) - Danielle had the tumor removed from one of her ureters last week. We pray this will bring relief from the extreme discomfort it had been causing.

**Jean Ouwinga's** hip surgery went well. Pray for patience for her as she waits for the swelling to subside and that physical therapy will go well.

**Carol Niver** and **Jean Kriebel** appreciate your continued prayers for the provision of their individual needs each day.

**“Yes, Jesus Loves Me!”**

This year the season of Lent begins **March 2**, just 3 days from now. Using the theme, “Yes, *Jesus Loves Me*”, the Prayer Team is encouraging you to give up some of your time in exchange for extra prayer with God and to reflect on the fact of Jesus’ love for you. Today, booklets are available with ideas for ways to use this time for prayer and drawing closer to Jesus. There is a table with a variety of books on the topic of prayer has been set up near the library. These books are available for your use during Lent and will become a part of our library collection.

<b>MISSIONS</b>	<b>Josh &amp; Mandy Shaarda Family</b> Serving in Uganda Email: <a href="mailto:jshaarda@crcnapartners.org">jshaarda@crcnapartners.org</a> Blog: <a href="http://shaarda.blogspot.com/">http://shaarda.blogspot.com/</a>	<b>George &amp; Sarah de Vuyst Family</b> Serving in Ukraine Email: <a href="mailto:gdevuyst@crcna.org">gdevuyst@crcna.org</a> Website: <a href="http://www.devuysts.com">http://www.devuysts.com</a>
	<b>Tyler Bode</b> (Staff Sargent, U.S. Air Force) Davis Monthan Airforce Base, Tucson, AZ	
<b>MILITARY</b>		

**OUR CHURCH WEEK: FEBRUARY 27-MARCH 5**

<b>SUN 02/27</b>	9:15 AM 9:30 AM 10:50 AM 10:50 AM	A time of prayer in the prayer room Morning Worship Service Congregational Meeting Sunday School / Catechism
<b>WED 03/02</b>	9:30 AM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Ladies Bible Study Family Night Dinner: Spaghetti Casserole GEMS & Centershot Prayer Team Meeting in the Youth building

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**A Congregational Meeting** has been scheduled for this morning, right after morning worship, to choose the path of solely men serving as deacons or having both men and women serve as deacons. Prior to the vote, the floor will be opened for fifteen minutes for any comments for the good of the whole. Whichever path receives the most support will then be pursued.

With a single vote, counting should not take long. During that time an update on our pastor search will be given. So, we expect the meeting will take about a half hour. The council strongly urges every member to attend to make this important decision together.

Sunday school classes will be held during this time. Teachers and all those not able to attend in person are urged to submit absentee ballots which are available in the church office.

**Profession of Faith Class:** Once again a brief class will be offered for anyone interested in making a personal and public profession of their faith in Jesus. The class will involve three sessions which will cover four main areas: reviewing the basics of the Christian faith with the Heidelberg Catechism; reflecting on individual stories of coming to faith in Jesus; steps in the profession of faith process; and the privileges and responsibilities of full membership in the church. Please contact Pastor Neil if you are interested in participating. Class sessions will be arranged around participants’ schedules.

**Next Sunday, we will be celebrating the Lord’s Supper.** If any members are homebound but would still like to participate in communion, please contact an elder or the church office so this can be arranged.