

NURSERY:

May 9	Melissa Oeverman, Emma Oeverman, Brandy VanPolen Ruth Kulhawick, Christina Dodde, Caitlin Dodde
May 16	Nicole Schultz, Linda Ellens, Maggie Southwick Karianne Smith, Donna Veddler, Esther Bode
May 23	Kasey McQuestion, Diane Nemeth, Leah Thompson Barb Dore, Jodi Meyering, Karsyn Meyering
May 30	Mikayla Powers, Tami Eisenga, Mary Rees, Cindy Vennema, Patti Koop Harper Tossey

LITTLE LAMBS; CHILDREN IN WORSHIP:

May 9	CC Teachers: Hillary Dracht & Al Thomas; Helper: Kendyn Meyering
May 16	LL Teacher: Nicole Koetje; Helper: Linda Ellens CIW Teacher: Amy VanPolen; Helper: Karsyn Meyering
May 23	LL Teacher: Anita Kvasnak; Helper: Emma Oeverman CIW Teacher: Sara Bruno; Helpers: Emerson Tossey
May 30	LL Teachers: Maggie Southwick; Helper: Sam VanHouten CIW Teacher: Nicole Schultz; Helper: Addean Oeverman

SOUND SYSTEM, VIDEO, POWERPOINT:

May 9	Matt Thompson; Dan Ouwinga; Sue Cook
May 16	Matt Thompson; Deb Eisenga; Tami Eisenga
May 23	Cary Sikkema, Roger Hagerman, Jodi DeHate
May 30	Matt Thompson; Jonathan Ouwinga; Deb Eisenga

OFFERINGS:

MAY
2: Booster Club
9: New Building
16: Josh & Mandy Shaarda
23: Existing Building
30: Benevolence

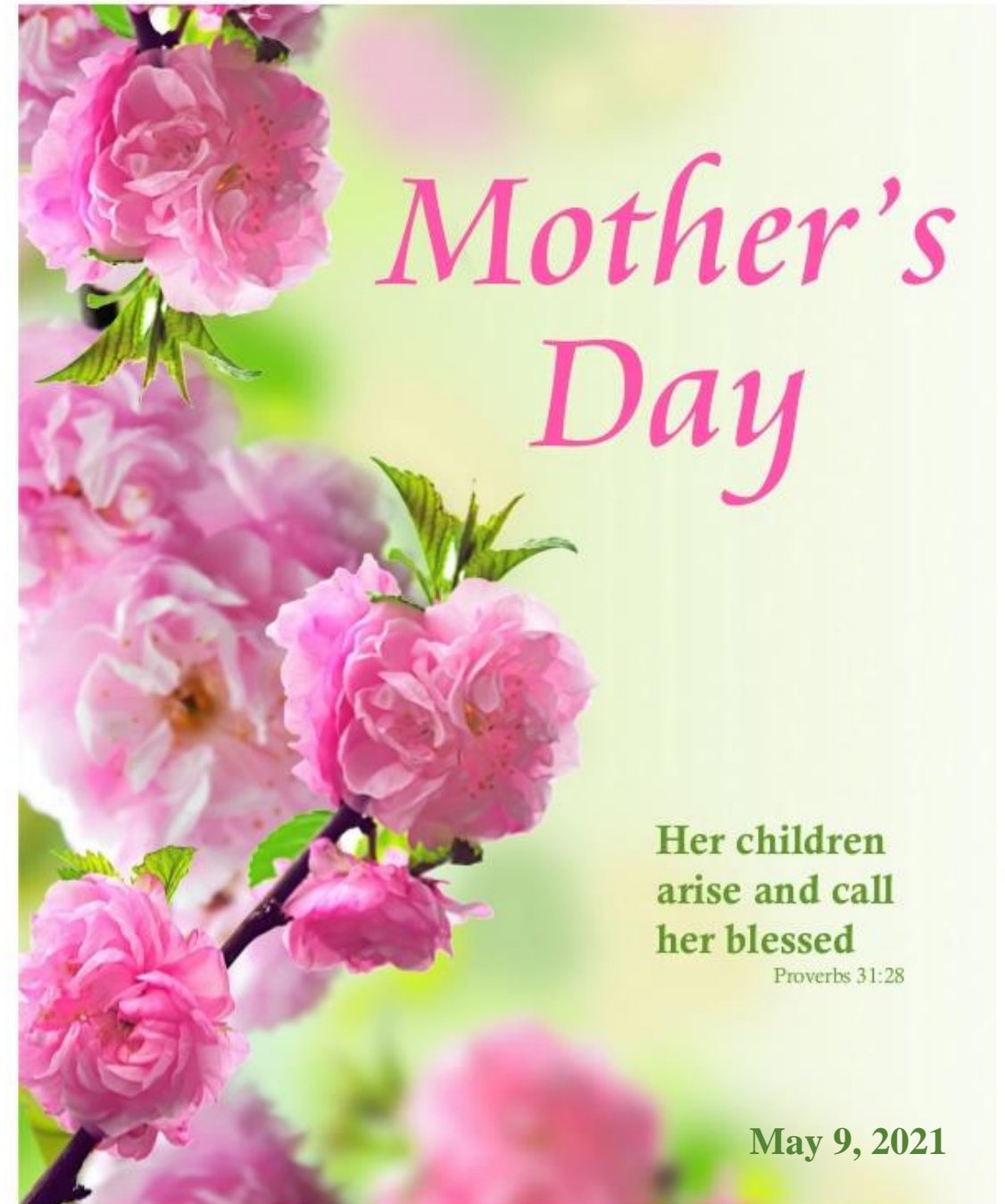
JUNE
6th: **Booster Club**
13th: **New Building Fund**
20th: **George & Sarah de Vuyst**
27th: **McBain Area Backpack Program**

USHERS:

May: Todd Schmid, Bob Vennema, James Bazuin, Steve Meeuwenberg

June: Kyle Meyering, Todd Oeverman, Gary Hesselink, Jim Ouwinga

****If you are unable to serve on your scheduled date, please find your own replacement. Questions, please call the church office (231) 825-2171. Thank you!**



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

The People of God Gather:

Prelude
 Call to Worship
 Welcome
 God's Greeting

To Praise God:

"He Has Made Me Glad"
"A Christian Home"
 Prayer of Praise

To Pray & Serve God:

Announcements
 Reading: "Our World Belongs to God: Article 46"
 Congregational Prayer

To Proclaim God's Word:

Children's Message –Mother's Day Quiz
 Song of Preparation: *"Ancient Words"*
 Scripture Passage: **Matthew 20:1-15**
 Message Title: **"God's Grace: Is It Fair?"**
 Song of Response: "For the Beauty of the Earth"

To Go in God's Name

God's Blessing
 Parting Song: *"The Servant Song"*
 Postlude

Children's Church: Children are welcome to attend Children in Worship (preschool and kindergarten) and Little Lambs (3-4 yrs. Non-preschool) programs. After the children's message, they will exit sanctuary and go down the NORTH stairs to the basement. You must pick them up there after the morning service.

Copies of Today's Service:

- **LIVE streaming** of our Sunday service is available on our Facebook page (public).
- **Video recordings on USB** are available for sign-out at the sound booth each Sunday. Please call Sara in the church office if you need a **DVD** made of a service. These can be made available upon request by Monday afternoon.

Today's Offerings:

1st: General Fund

2nd: New Building Fund

*Tithe & Offering boxes are next to the information table in the fellowship hall.

2021 COUNCIL

Exec. Board: *

Church Office(231) 825-2171

Elders	District	Deacons	
Bob Vennema -*Clerk	920-5032 #1, A-C	Gary Hesselink	388-2661
Dale Fredin *Pres.	388-4457 #2, D-E	Greg Tossey *Sec. of Deac.	920-6615
Ken Meyering	920-7775 #3, F-L	Tom Ouwinga *V.T.	878-0468
Ken Roede *V.P.	825-2795 #4, M-O	Dan Villwock	846-1044
Jerry Koop	878-2388 #5, P-T	Doug Mitchell	429-7887
Bryan Eisenga	357-2268 #6, U-Z	Adam Swiler	878-2403

HIGHLAND COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS • May 3, 2021

1. Decided to ask the Human Resources Team- Jon Dracht, Nicole Koetje, and Marilyn Visser- along with a council rep, Doug Mitchell, and Pastor Neil to bring recommendations on renewing a paid Youth Director position, along with responsibilities, hours, salary and avenues to publicize this ministry role.
2. Heard an update that Pastor Neil met with two members of the Executive Ministry Team. A final draft of recommendations to develop seven major ministry teams with specific mandates and lines of communication will be presented at the June Council meeting. This initiative will then be communicated with the congregation and energy invested to develop these seven major teams along with the ministries they oversee.
3. Heard a report that steps are underway to produce an updated church directory.
4. Decided to aim for launching a Pastor Search Team by mid-summer. The Council's Executive Board was asked to bring recommendations to our next council meeting on the size of the search team and a slate of names to serve on the team.
5. Reflected on the various losses Highland Church has suffered in recent years. The aim for the entire congregation is to name our losses, grieve them in a healthy way, and receive God's comfort and fresh hope as we move forward. Pastor Neil will pen a letter to the congregation about the layers of loss council members identified.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

Friendship Family Home in McBain anticipates a need for additional employees in the near future. FFH is a caring, loving ministry to ladies with developmental delays. The work would consist of caring for and nurturing these lovely ladies in a Christian home atmosphere. If you think you may have a heart for this type of ministry, please contact us at 231-825-2042. Thank you!

George & Sarah de Vuyst (missionaries in the Ukraine) invite you to join them for the upcoming Glocal (Global + Local) Mission Summit from **Thursday, May 13 to Saturday, May 15**. The Glocal Mission Summit is a free and interactive virtual conference designed to break you out of that ZOOM fatigue. It's a gathering where you will:

- Engage in conversations around mission
- Collaborate with others to reimagine what mission and discipleship can look like in our new reality
- Network with lay leaders, students, scholars, pastors, and others who are exploring how churches can reignite a passion for mission
- Hear our ministry partner in Hungary, Szabina Sztojka's story of healing and reconciliation.
- Learn more about the Healing Hearts, Transforming Nations ministry from George & Szabina
- Check out the details and register at www.resonateglobalmission.org/glocal .
- We hope you can join us!

<u>PASTORAL CARE</u>	<u>CHURCH OFFICE</u>
If you have any pastoral care questions or prayer requests, please contact Pastor Neil via the church office (231) 825-2171, or your district Elder.	(231) 825-2171 office@highlandcrc.org Hours: Mon-Thurs: 8:30 am – 2:00 pm (All bulletin content due at noon, Thurs).
<u>MINISTRY TEAM LEADERS</u>	
Care & Share Team (Cindy Vennema) Education Team (Mary Rees) Facilities Team (Rick Dorman) Prayer Team (Sandy Rice)	Safe Church Team (Linda Wing) Safety Team (James Bazuin) Service Team (Julie Dorman) Worship Team (Jodi Meyering)

MESSAGE OUTLINE

Sermon Title: "Honor Your Father and Mother"

Text: Exodus 20:12; Mark 7:9-13

Theme: Honoring parents takes different forms: For kids-obedience, for teens-respect, middle years- prizing them, later years- caring for them.

Introduction:

- Better than getting a Mother's Day card
- Four facets of honor in four stages of honoring our mother

1. Obedience: children
2. Respect: teens
3. Prize highly: middle-agers
4. Care for: when parents are aging

Conclusion:

- A promise
- A challenge

OUR CHURCH WEEK: MAY 9-15

SUN 05/09 <i>Mother's Day</i>	9:15 AM	A time of prayer in the prayer room
	9:30 AM	Morning Worship Service
	-----	No Sunday School or Catechism
	-----	No Fellowship Bible Study this week.
	-----	No Strong Tower
TUES 05/11	5:45 PM	MOPS
WED 05/12	9:30 AM	Ladies Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Youth Praise Team
	7:00 PM	Worship Team Meeting
	7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting
SAT 05/15	11:00 AM-3:00 PM	Fellowship Hall Use

PRAYER CORNER

“Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.” -Isaiah 41:10

- Dear Heavenly Father, please be with Ken VanPolen, Dick Bruno, Carol Niver, Steve Sluiter, Marilyn Ouwinga, Marian Ouwinga, BJ & Sue Cook. Bless each of them in ways only you can do. Give them the healing and the patience they need.
- We continue to pray for those that are battling the effects of COVID-19. Please pray that our friends and families will be healed and given renewed strength.
- Update for Prayer Chain: We are happy to report that Samantha VanHouten is off the vent and regaining strength. Her mom, Brenda VanHouten is out of the ICU and now in Special Care. Please continue to pray for continued healing for them both.

DAILY PRAYER FOCUS

*“Who has understood the mind of the Lord, or instructed him as his counselor?
Who did the Lord consult to enlighten him? - Isaiah 40:13-14*

Lord, forgive me when I question your ways. I am reminded you neither ask for nor require my suggestions or opinion. Indeed, you do all things well. Help me do a better job of keeping my opinion to myself.

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

OUR MISSIONARIES

Josh & Mandy Shaarda & Family

Serving in Uganda

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George & Sarah de Vuyst & Family

Serving in Ukraine

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Website: <http://www.devuysts.com>

CURRENTLY SERVING IN OUR MILITARY

Tyler Bode

(Staff Sargent, U.S. Air Force)

Davis Monthan Airforce Base,

Tucson, AZ

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Mother’s Day- We extend a warm welcome to all of the mothers and grandmothers who are here worshipping with us today! Our prayer is that your special day will be full of joy, and also that God would give you strength and wisdom EVERY day for the important role that He has given you.

Baby Bottles for Life Resources are due TODAY! Please place all full and empty baby bottles in the decorated baby box on the information table of the fellowship hall. If you wish to write a check, please make payable to Life Resources of Northern Michigan.

Important Sunday school / Catechism Dates:

- **May 9** -No Sunday school or Catechism (Mother’s Day)
- **May 16** -Sunday School end-of-year party
-MS & HS Catechism will still meet as normal
- **May 23** -MS & HS Catechism will still meet as normal (last week)

Worship Team meeting this Wednesday, May 12 at 7:00 pm in the East wing.

A Letter to the Congregation: Please check your mailbox this morning for the most recent letter from Pastor Neil.

New Members (Profession of Faith) Class: will be meeting May 16, May 23 and June 6 at 10:50 am in the Pastor’s Study (meeting location subject to change pending attendance numbers). Please contact Past Neil or an elder for more details.

Sunday Evening Fellowship Bible Study will not be meeting for Bible Study again until September. However, Lord willing, we will meet for times of fellowship between now and then. Watch for announcements.

Highland Helping Hands will be organizing a collection of specific items over the coming months to help out local organizations like the Marion Food Pantry and Marion schools. Items can be place on the Helping Hands table in the east wing. **For the month of May** we will be collecting diapers of all sizes. If donating partial packages, please label the diaper size on the outer bag. Thank you!

Life Resources of Northern Michigan 2021 Online Auction brought in \$51,000!! Thank you for helping us provide a safe place and resources for parents.