

LUCAS CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

Nursery is available during the Morning Service and upon request during the Evening Service.

Our Mission

As followers of Jesus Christ we are called to worship, serve, and love so that God is glorified and lives are transformed.

Our Vision

Our vision is to become a loving presence in the community that connects people of all ages to Jesus Christ through engaging worship and meaningful acts of service. *Worship Serve Love*

THOSE SERVING TODAY, APRIL 1ST

Ushers AM Paul Taylor (northeast), Curt Van Houten (southeast), Steve Nicholas, Caleb Kamphouse

Nursery AM Heidi Heuker, Shirley Van Houten, Dereck Kamphouse

Greeters AM West – Ed & Joyce Van Houten

East – Dan & Juli Tacoma

Coffee Servers: Dan & Amy Shaarda, Patrick & Erin Lavender, Sam & Denise Yonkman

Please bring 5 dozen cookies each

Children & Worship Leader/Teacher: Off For Easter

Children & Worship Adult Helper: Off For Easter

Children & Worship Child Helper: Off For Easter

Elder

Bob Zuiderveen
Rocky Schierbeek
Jim Plugger
Jim Benthem
Rog Hoeksema
Dan Tacoma

Church Families

A-B
C-Kamphouse
Kortman – L
M-Plugger
Pogue-S
T-Z

Deacon

Marc Plugger
Sam Yonkman
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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ◇ April 16—Elders Meeting
- ◇ April 23—Elders Meeting
- ◇ **April 23 or April 30—Missaukee County Road Clean-Up & Pizza Party**
- ◇ **April 26 & 28—Lucas CRC Diaper Pantry**
- ◇ April 30—Deacon's & Full Council Meeting (s)
- ◇ **May 3—National Day of Prayer**
- ◇ May 6—Communion Sunday, No Children & Worship
- ◇ May 6—Last Day of Sunday School for All Ages
- ◇ **May 8—Secret Sisters Reveal Party & Finger Food Potluck**
- ◇ May 10—Ascension Day
- ◇ **May 13—Ascension Sunday & Mother's Day**
- ◇ **May 13—Combined Evening Worship Service @ Vogel Center CRC**
- ◇ **May 20—Pentecost Sunday**
- ◇ May 20—Fellowship Committee Meeting
- ◇ **May 20—Mother's & Father's Day Ice Cream Social**
- ◇ May 26—Private Event @ Church
- ◇ **May 27—Memorial Day Weekend, No Children & Worship**
- ◇ **May 27—Combined Evening Worship Service @ Prosper CRC**
- ◇ **May 28—Memorial Day**

THOSE SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 8TH

- Ushers AM** Dan Zuiderveen (northeast), Howard Prince (southeast), Becky Nicholas, Wyatt Zuiderveen
- Nursery AM** Patti Brouwer, Sandy (L) Plugger, Sydney Heuker
- Greeters AM** **West** – Gerry & MaryJane Vandenberg
East – Dave & Joyce Zuiderveen
- Coffee Servers:** Bruce & Karen Benthem, Diane & Larry Kortman-Kirt, Joel & Esther Nederhood
Please bring 5 dozen cookies each

Children & Worship Leader/Teacher:

Talli Bode

Children & Worship Adult Helper:

Faye Lutke

Children & Worship Child Helper:

Emma Shaarda

Praise Team: Blue

Offering for Next Week:

- AM** 1st: General Fund/Budget
2nd: Christian Education Fund

Welcome to Lucas CRC! A special welcome to all visitors! We hope that you are blessed, encouraged, challenged and uplifted through your time here with us. Please let us know if you have any questions or if you need prayer.

WEEK AT A GLANCE...

SUNDAY:

- 9:30 AM **Easter Sunday**
Morning Worship Service

TUESDAY:

- 7:00 PM **Autumnwood Singing**
Discipleship Committee
Meeting *in the Fellowship Hall*

WEDNESDAY:

- 6:30 PM **Family Dinner @ Highland CRC**
7:00 PM **Gems Program @ Highland CRC**
CenterShot Archery Program @ Highland CRC

SATURDAY:

- All Day 3 On 3 Basketball Tournament @ NMCS w/ Booster Club**
Concessions Stand

NEXT SUNDAY:

- 9:30 AM Morning Worship Service
Children & Worship
10:50 AM Sunday School for all Ages
11:00 AM Adult Sunday School
6:00 PM Evening Worship Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

Welcome this Morning as we celebrate our Risen Lord! Jesus is not dead. He is alive! Every Sunday is a celebration of the Resurrection, but **Easter Sunday** is a special time to rejoice in the fact that God raised Jesus from the dead. And don't forget that we have the long-standing tradition of having doughnut holes during our fellowship time after the Morning Service. There will not be an Evening Service TODAY.

Thank you everyone for making the church so charming and exquisite, with all the Easter Lily's, Tulips, Hyacinth's, etc. given to decorate our Church during this Easter Season! We could not have accomplished this splendor of God's majesty without you!

Thank You for the prayers, cards, and visits when I was not feeling well. Thank God, for his faithfulness in our time of need!
~Wilma Plugger & Family~

UPCOMING SERMON SERIES:

- **Easter is a highpoint in the church calendar. But then what? What comes after Easter and does any of it really matter?** That will be the focus of the **Sermon Series** beginning next week where we consider **Events from Easter to Pentecost** and whether or not they mean anything for us today. In this Series, *After Easter: Now What? and So What?*, we will use portions of the **Heidelberg Catechism** to help us think through what the Bible says about the benefits and comfort from the Post-Easter Events.
- **Peter, James, and John we may have heard of. But who's Simon the Zealot, or the "other" Judas?** Starting **Next Week Sunday Evening, we will study the Twelve Disciples.** Who were they? What did they do? Where did they end up? How did God use them? What can we learn from them?

MINISTRIES @ LUCAS

Youth Group—7:00-8:30 p.m. Young Peoples Room studying “King David by David Nasser” - Apr. 11—**Evie Kamphouse**

PERIODICALS:

- ⇒ **DISABILITY CONCERNS BREAKING BARRIERS NEWSLETTER**
- ⇒ **JOSH & MANDY SHAARDA'S PRAYER LETTER**
- ⇒ **MARCH/APRIL TODAY'S**
- ⇒ **NMCS COMET CONNECTION**

ARE ALL AVAILABLE ON THE FELLOWSHIP HALL TABLE; PLEASE FEEL FREE TO TAKE A COPY TO PERUSE AT YOUR LEISURE!

APRIL LUCAS LINKS ARE AVAILABLE TODAY. LOOK IN YOUR CHURCH BOX OR ON THE FELLOWSHIP HALL TABLE FOR YOUR COPY! QUESTIONS, SPEAK WITH **DIANE KORTMAN-KIRT.**

BOOSTER CLUB BUSINESS:

NMCS 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament - The Lucas CRC Booster Club will be doing Concessions for the 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament on this coming **Saturday, April 7th.** We have placed **Sign-up Sheets** on the table in the Fellowship Hall for anyone who would like to donate baked goods, food, or other supplies that are needed for this event. **Donations need to be at Church or the School Cafeteria by no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 6th.** The Booster Club would like to thank the Congregation in advance for all of your continued support. If you have any Questions, please feel free to contact **Carrie Stahl.**

The Lucas CRC Booster Club is planning to host a Garage Sale during the first few Weekends in May. The Booster Club is looking for Donations. **The Booster Club is only accepting Clothes that are in Kids' sizes Newborn through Girls/Boys size 10.** If you would like to make a Donation, are willing to help work at this sale, or to just get more information about how you could help with this fundraiser please **Contact a Booster Club Member. Any Donations that are not sold at our sale will be donated to a local Charity.**

The "Feed the Need" Program needs your help! Our Church is in need of a new person to handle this Program. *Duties include things like scheduling meals, visits, etc. to Members of our Congregation as the need arises. A full Description is available on the table in the Fellowship Hall.* Any Questions may be directed to **Lindsay Zuiderveen.**

DISCIPLESHIP DUTIES:

Ladies! Sign-Up's continue TODAY for the 3rd Annual Ladies Tea. Along with signing-up to attend the Tea, you will also have the opportunity to volunteer to bring goodies, or to help in various other ways. **We also are in need of white or clear glass serving bowls and platters, and pretty tea pots.** Please talk to any Committee Member (**Karen Benthem, Heidi Heuker, Michele Kuperus, and Jennifer Van Houten**) if you are able to lend us these things for use at the Tea.

Children & Worship is taking a break TODAY, for Easter Sunday and will be resuming **Next Sunday, April 8th.** If you have any Questions, please contact **Ally Brinks.**

There will be no Sunday School for all Ages TODAY for Easter. We will resume the **Next Sunday, April 8th.** If you have any Questions, please chat with **Lindsay Zuiderveen, JoAnne Benthem, Pastor Todd Kuperus, or Rog Hoeksema.**

Sunday School Perfect Attendance for the Month of March 2018: Ben Shaarda, Clayton Heuker, Gage & Easton Prince, Mason & Colton Plugger, Cameron & Braylin Stahl, Lia & Sammy Plugger, Wyatt, and Eli, & Silas Zuiderveen.

Congrats to all our Sunday School Students who Memorized & Recited Romans 12:14! It's so exciting to know these kids are tucking God's word into their hearts! Renee Kuperus, Clayton Heuker, Brendon Box, Colton Plugger, Bella Lavender, Braylin Stahl, Sammy & Lia Plugger, Connor & Emery Brinks, Gage & Easton Prince, and Wyatt & Eli Zuiderveen.

Attention Lucas CRC Sisters!! It's time for our Special Secret Sisters to gather together and bless one another with prayers, cards, and small gifts. Any Lady ages 18 and over is encouraged to participate! Look in your mailboxes for the Sign-Up Flyer! **Detach the bottom half of the Flyer once you have filled it out, and return it to me or my mailbox by TODAY.** ~Lindsay Zuiderveen~

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES:

We will be Singing at Autumnwood on Tuesday, April 3rd, at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come sing with us! Questions please touch base with **Jim Plugger.**

MINISTRIES @ LOCAL CRC'S PARTNERING WITH LUCAS CRC:

- ◆ Family Dinners @ Highland CRC – Apr. 4– 6:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. – Church Office #231-825-2171
- ◆ CenterShot (Archery) @ Highland CRC – Apr. 4 - 7:00 p.m. – 8:15 p.m. – Diane Eisenga #231-357-6298 – Lesson Day, Theme “Stewardship”
- ◆ Gems @ Highland CRC – Grades 2nd-5th - Apr. 4 - 7:00 p.m. – 8:15 p.m. – Carrie Thompson #231-250-7517— Lesson Day, Theme “In His Steps”

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Northern Michigan 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament is a fun day for all! Come to the Tournament at NMCS on this coming Saturday, April 7th to cheer on your favorite teams and enjoy great food! Join us for an exciting day!!! **This event is sponsored by the Vogel Center Christian Education Club.**

Highland CRC is hosting a Blood Drive on Wednesday, April 11th from 2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. If anyone from the area would like to come donate, Michigan Blood would appreciate it. You will be registered for a **free stay at the Great Wolf Lodge!**

Are you looking for an opportunity to grow in your faith? **The Philadelphia Conference on Reformed Theology (PCRT)** [Pastor Todd's favorite conference!] is coming once again to the **Grand Rapids area on Friday, April 13th – Saturday, April 15th.** One of the Speakers this year is **David Murray, whose book *Jesus on Every Page*** we used for a Sermon Series last year. The Theme for this year is **"The Spirit of the Age; Age of The Spirit"**. Please talk to **Pastor Todd** for more information, or if you are interested in attending.

Prime Rib Dinner: Men, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'" Matthew 4:4 (NKJV) I like to have a good steak once in awhile too. **Join us at Vogel Center CRC on Monday, April 16th at 6:00 p.m.** You can feed your stomach and feed your spirit. **Chad Schreur, a member of "Deeper Journey" the men's ministry at Hillcrest CRC, and Pastor Brian Bosscher from Hillcrest CRC** will be leading us in a night of praise, worship, and spiritual growth. **Tickets are \$10 per seat and seating is limited so you will want to RSVP soon.** Contact the **Church Office at #231-825-2053** or Register online at <http://www.vogelcentercrc.org/> by **Wednesday, April 11th.** Dinner of prime rib, potato, and vegetable begins at 6:00 p.m.!

The AMEN Chorus Rehearsals have begun. Rehearsals will be held every Saturday from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Rehoboth Reformed Church in Lucas until the Concert Dates (Saturday, April 28th and Sunday, April 29th). If you are a gentleman that loves to sing and worship God through song and fellowship, we invite you to come. We ask that you **bring \$10 to cover the cost of music and supplies.** For further information please contact Angela at #231-330-0894, kirkangelawarner@hotmail.com, or visit www.amenchorus.org. The Amen Chorus is **directed by Angela Warner and accompanied by Sandy Bode.**

God is good! Friends Ministry Helping Hands is looking for Home Repair Projects for this summer. Past projects have included: roofing, painting, yard work, wheel chair ramps, window washing, etc., to Missaukee Co. Home Owners who don't have the resources to get the work done. Work teams will be arriving in June and July with people, tools, skills and some amount of funding for the projects. When we get a referral we will go to the home and check it out. Then we will try to get the project adopted by a visiting Helping Hands Church. We cannot adopt all the Projects that we look at, but we typically do 25-30 Projects each Summer. If you know of someone with a need **contact Friends Ministry by phone #231-839-8816, or email friendsministry@yahoo.com.** God is Good, All the Time!

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Deadline to Sign-up for Secret Church is TODAY! Prosper CRC will be hosting 2018 Simulcast Secret Church on Friday, April 20th, 7:00 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. Taught by David Platt. Secret Church is our version of "house church" where we meet periodically for an intense time of Bible Study—lasting 6+ hours. This is a great opportunity to worship with other believers from around the world—some of whom have to meet in secret! **This Year's Topic – Cults and Counterfeit Gospels!** For the good of our souls and for the sake of the church's mission, followers of Christ need to ask, **"What false gospels are being taught today?"** and **"How can I recognize the true gospel among so many counterfeits?"** Answering these questions will be the aim of Secret Church 18, "Cults and Counterfeit Gospels." We will consider the claims of Jehovah's Witnesses, Mormons, and other groups that claim to teach the truth. We will also explore more subtle distortions of the gospel, including prosperity teaching that is rampant across the church. In the end, our goal is to walk away from this Secret Church not only enabled to discern false gospels, but also equipped to share the true gospel with people around us and with peoples around the world. **Cost is \$10. Contact Alex Dodde at #231-349-2806 or adodde@gmail.com with Questions or to Sign-Up.**

Save The Date for the Building Families Together Fundraising Event to benefit Bethany Christian Services of Traverse City, MI. on Thursday, April 19th at 6:30 p.m. at the Kirkbride Hall (The Village at Grand Traverse Commons 700 Cottageview Drive, Building #50). Every child needs to be loved by a family. We invite you to join us for an inspiring evening to learn how God is working through Bethany's ministry to bring and keep children and families together. For more info, please contact www.bethany.org/Traverse-city/Events, bcstraversecity@bethany.org, #231-995-0870.

SAVE THE DATE! Precious Gems is hosting a Mother/Daughter/Friend Tea on Saturday, May 5th from 10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at Temple Hill Baptist Church. Tickets are \$12 before **Sunday, April 15th** or \$15 after that. See the bulletin board, our website, or call #231-826-4148 or #231-920-6111 for details!

Save The Date for the 2018 Annual Tie That Binds Quilt Show on Friday, May 11th from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and again on Saturday, May 12th from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at Northern Michigan Christian School in McBain, MI. All proceeds go towards raising funds to help families with Christian School Tuition, thanks the Vogel Center CRC Booster Club. **If you would like to enter your latest and greatest projects or share a vintage quilt, contact Amy Rice @ #231-667-4559 or rec28@familyfarmandhome.com.** Please send the completed Registration Forms to: **The Tie That Binds Quilt Show 11221 Hoekwater Road Marion, MI. 49665** Come out for a fun filled day with family and/or friends to view creative creations, shop local vendors, and enjoy delicious cuisine! **Check the Fellowship Hall table for more info!**

NMCS SPRING RESCUE RUN ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 23RD. **NMCS will partner with World Orphans on Wednesday, May 23rd, 12:30 p.m. - 2:52 p.m.** to raise funds for food, education, and medical bills for children in Cambodia. Plan now to participate! Sign-up for the Run online, using this link: <http://www.rgtiny.com/E/blessed> **The DEADLINE to Sign-up is Friday, APRIL 13th! No Registrations available after Friday, April 13th.** For those of you who are not Runners, here's a way to support the project: www.RunningGuru.com/Campaign/blessed