

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.

THOSE SERVING TODAY, MARCH 1ST:

Ushers AM Jim Pluger (Northeast), Den Heuker (Southeast),
Curt Van Houten, Sammy Pluger

Nursery AM Danielle Pluger, Brenda Benthem, Kate Shaarda

Greeters AM West—Gerry & MaryJane VandenBerg
East—Kraig & Jennifer Van Houten

Coffee Servers: Dan & Amy Shaarda, Larry & Sandy Pluger,
Dan & Lindsay Zuiderveen

Please bring 5 dozen cookies each

Children & Worship Leader/Teacher: Talli Bode

Children & Worship Child Helper: Sydney Heuker

Elder

Darrell Kuiper
Ron Brouwer
Bruce Benthem
Curt Van Houten
Ken Kamphouse
Mike Nederhood

Church Families

A—B
C—Kamphouse
Kortman—L
M—Pluger
Pogue—S
T—Z

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Welcome To Lucas Christian Reformed Church

March 01, 2020



Worship Serve Love

LUCAS CRC — MARCH 01, 2020
MORNING SERVICE 9:30 AM

God Gathers Us

Call to Worship: Revelation 1: 5b-6

*Song (s) of Praise/Adoration:

Jesus Messiah

You Are My King, Amazing Love

LUYH Book #360

*God's Greeting

*Song: There Is A Fountain

Prayer of Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon: 1 Peter 3: 18

*Song of Confession:

How Deep The Father's Love For Us

Prayer

Offering: 1st: General Fund/Budget

2nd: Lucas CRC Library Fund

Prayer with Children for Children & Worship

God Speaks To Us In His Word

Scripture: Isaiah 53

Belgic Confession: Article 21

Bible Page: 1145

Message: The Comforting Wounds

—Christ For Us

*Song of Response:

Jesus Christ Is The Way

LUYH Book #471 vs. 1-2

We Depart To Serve God And Our Neighbor

*Benediction

*Doxology: How Great Thou Art

LUYH Book #553 vs. 3-4

(*Please stand if you are able)

SERMON NOTES AM

LUCAS CRC— MARCH 01, 2020
EVENING SERVICE 6:00 PM

God Gathers Us

Opening Prayer

*God's Greeting & We Greet Each Other

*Profession of Our Faith:

Apostle's Creed

LUYH Book #783A

Psalm Reading:

Psalm 127

Psalm Singing:

Unless The Lord Constructs The House

Psalms For All Seasons

#127A vs. 1-5

Prayer

*Song of Preparation:

Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior

LUYH Book #422 vs. 1-4

God Speaks To Us In His Word

Scripture: Luke 10: 38-42

Bible Page: 1613

Message: It's Just Not Fair

—Spiritual Depression

*Song of Response:

O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee

LUYH Book #325 vs. 1-4

We Depart To Serve God And Our Neighbor

*Benediction

*Doxology: Savior, Again To Your Dear Name

We Raise

LUYH Book #932 vs. 1, 4

(*Please stand if you are able)

SERMON NOTES PM

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ◇ March 2—Sewing Sisters Group Meeting @ 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
- ◇ March 3—Spring Classis Northern Michigan Meeting @ Aetna CRC @ 9:00 a.m.
- ◇ March 3—Autumnwood Singing @ 7:00 p.m.
- ◇ March 3—Lucas CRC Game Night @ Church Fellowship Hall @ 7:00 p.m.
- ◇ March 7—Private Event @ Church Fellowship Hall in the Morning
- ◇ March 8—Think Spring BBQ Potluck @ 12:00 p.m.
- ◇ March 8—World Renew Disaster Relief Services Sunday
- ◇ March 11—Annual Day of Prayer
- ◇ March 13-15—Philadelphia Conference on Reformed Theology @ First CRC of Byron Center
- ◇ March 14—Higher Call Men’s Conference @ Gaylord E-Free Church @ 9:00 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.
- ◇ March 17—Lucas CRC Game Night @ Church Fellowship Hall @ 7:00 p.m.
- ◇ March 22—No Sunday School for All Ages
- ◇ March 23—Elder’s Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.
- ◇ March 29—No Sunday School for All Ages
- ◇ March 29—Growing Hope Sunday
- ◇ March 29—Refugee Sunday
- ◇ March 30—Deacon’s & Full Council Meeting (s) @ 6:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
- ◇ March 31—Lucas CRC Game Night @ Church Fellowship Hall @ 7:00 p.m.

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- April 5—Palm Sunday
 - April 5—Autumnwood Afternoon Church Service @ 3:30 p.m.
 - April 10—Good Friday
 - April 12—Easter Sunday
 - April 12—No Sunday School for All Ages
 - April 12—No Children & Worship
 - April 13—Sewing Sisters Group Meeting @ 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
 - April 18—5th Annual Ladies Tea @ 11:00 a.m.
 - April 23 & 25—Lucas CRC Diaper Pantry @ 5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m. & 12:00 p.m.—2:00 p.m.

THOSE SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 8TH:

Ushers AM Dave Zuiderveen (Northeast),
Kathy Spoelma (Southeast),
Doug Benthem,
Braylin Stahl

Nursery AM Lorraine Martz,
Lori Hemmes,
Sydney Heuker

Greeters AM **West**—Paul & Brenda Benthem
East—Den & Heidi Heuker

Coffee Servers: Dave & Carol Nielsen,
Howard & Nancy Prince,
Marc & Danielle Pluger
Please bring 5 dozen cookies each

Children & Worship Leader/Teacher:
Ally Brinks

Children & Worship Child Helper:
Emma Shaarda

Praise Team: Blue

Offerings for Next Week:
AM 1st: General Fund/Budget
2nd: Christian Education Fund

WEEK AT A GLANCE...

SUNDAY:

First Sunday of Lent
Justice & Hope 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

MONDAY:

9:00 AM Sewing Sisters Group Meets *in the Fellowship Hall*

TUESDAY:

9:00 AM Classis Northern Michigan Spring Meeting @ Aetna CRC
7:00 PM Lucas CRC Game Night *in the Fellowship Hall*
7:00 PM Autumnwood Singing

WEDNESDAY:

6:30 PM Women’s Bible Study Group Meets *in the Fellowship Hall*
Lucas Cadet Club Meeting *Downstairs @ Church*

SATURDAY:

8:00 AM Private Event @ Church *in the Fellowship Hall*

NEXT SUNDAY:

Second Sunday of Lent
World Renew Disaster Relief Services Sunday
9:30 AM Morning Worship Service
Children & Worship
10:50 AM Sunday School For All Ages
11:00 AM Adult Sunday School
12:00 PM Think Spring BBQ Potluck *in the Fellowship Hall*
1:30 PM Fellowship Committee Meeting *in the Fellowship Hall*
6:00 PM Evening Worship Service

Welcome to Lucas CRC! All are welcome to join us as we spend time meeting God in his Word. We pray that you will be fed and nourished by God’s Word and that all will be changed through our time with Him. May God be glorified in our praise, our listening, and in our lives!

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

TODAY IS THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT, a time in the Church Calendar in which **we focus our attention on our sin, our need for a Savior, and the salvation that comes through the death and resurrection of Jesus**. This is a good time of year to spend time individually and/or as families meditating on the horror of our sin, the depth of our depravity, and the amazing gift of grace given us through Jesus.

CLASSIS NORTHERN MICHIGAN (OUR REGIONAL GROUP OF CRC CHURCHES) WILL MEET THIS TUESDAY, MARCH 3RD AT AETNA CRC. Pastor Todd and Elder Curt Van Houten will be attending this Meeting as our Delegates. **Rog Hoeksema serves as the Classis Stated Clerk.** Please pray for these men and for all of the Delegates as they do the business of the Church.

ON NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 8TH, PASTOR DIRK KOETJE will once again be preaching for us during our **Evening Service as part of a Pulpit Exchange.** Pastor Todd will be leading the Service at **Prosper CRC.**

PRIVATE EVENT: this coming **Saturday, March 7th**, at Church in the Fellowship Hall **all Morning**. So please plan accordingly!

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE is Meeting **Next Sunday, March 8th, at 1:30 p.m.** at Church in the Fellowship Hall after the **Think Spring BBQ Potluck.**

SAVE THE DATE! The **5th Annual Lucas Ladies Tea** will be held on **Saturday, April 18th, at 11:00 a.m.** Mark your Calendars now, and be watching for more Information to come in **March!**

THINK SPRING POTLUCK!! PLEASE JOIN US NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 8TH AT NOON FOR GREAT FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP.

The Fellowship Committee will provide **Sloppy Joes with Buns and Beverages**. Please bring a **Dish to Share** which can be a **Salad, Side Dish, or Dessert**. If it is Gluten Free or contains Peanuts or Seafood, please clearly label it. We will have Disposable Tableware available, unless you would like to bring Dishes from home. Come join us as we celebrate Spring amidst this Wintry weather. Any Questions, see **DeAnn Prince**.

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES:

SEWING SISTERS GROUP:

The next get together is **TOMORROW** from **9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** We could use more ¾" Non-Roll Elastic, additional Pillowcases, and we always welcome more Working Helpers! Any Questions, can be directed to **Sandy (G) Pluger**.

WE WILL BE SINGING AT AUTUMNWOOD ON THIS TUESDAY, MARCH 3RD, AT 7:00 P.M.

Everyone is welcome to come sing with us! Questions please touch base with **Jim Pluger**.

GAME NIGHT AT LUCAS CRC!

On this **Tuesday, March 3rd**, at **7:00 p.m.** in the Church Fellowship Hall! **Card Games and Board Games** for everyone interested in playing, and/or learning! **Sign-Up Sheet in the Fellowship Hall;** so we have a rough idea of how many to plan for. Please bring a **Favorite Game** (optional), bring a **Favorite Snack** (optional), and **Decaf Coffee, Teas, and Hot Cocoa** will be provided. Questions: **Dave Nielson, Dan Tacoma, or Jim Benthem**. We hope to meet the **1st and 3rd Tuesday (s)** during this **Winter Season** for fun and fellowship!

SERMON SERIES:

**** Morning:** This Morning, we will begin our **Lent Series, Christ For Us**, in which we will look at the work of Christ, using some **Articles of the Belgic Confession**.

**** Evening:** Tonight, we will continue a **six-part Series on Spiritual Depression**. There are so many times when life just doesn't seem fair. It may be because of the hardships we go through; or because we seem to be doing more than our share of the work in the Church; or because evil people seem to be prospering. **How should we approach life when things just don't seem fair?** That will be the focus of Tonight's message.

PERIODICALS:

- * **MARCH/APRIL TODAY'S**
- * **NMCS COMET CONNECTION**

Are all available on the Fellowship Hall Table, Missionary Corner, or your Church Mailbox! Please feel free to take a copy, to peruse at your leisure!

March Lucas Links are available TODAY. Look in your Church box or on the Fellowship Hall table for your copy! Questions, speak with **Diane Kortman**.

MINISTRIES @ LUCAS:

- ⇒ *Children & Worship—Ages 3-5—Classroom #1—studying “Gospel Story Preschool Curriculum” & Assorted Crafts—TODAY—Ally Brinks*
- ⇒ *Sunday School—Grades PreK (4 yrs.) - 5th Grade—10:45 a.m. Sanctuary & Classrooms—studying “Dwell Curriculum”—TODAY—Lindsay Zuiderveen*
- ⇒ *Middle School Class—Grades 6th-8th—10:45 a.m. Sanctuary & Classroom—studying “John in the Serendipity Bible”—TODAY—JoAnne Benthem*
- ⇒ *High School Class—Grades 9th—12th—10:45 a.m. Young Peoples Room—studying “Heidelberg Catechism”—TODAY—Pastor Todd Kuperus*
- ⇒ *Adult Sunday School Class—11:00 a.m. Council Room—studying “Romans”—TODAY—Rog Hoeksema*
- ⇒ *Women's Bible Study Group—6:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall—studying “Jen Wilkin's – None Like Him: 10 Ways God Is Different From Us & Why That's A Good Thing!”—Mar. 4—Michele Kuperus*
- ⇒ *Lucas Cadet Club—Boys Ages 1st-5th Grades—6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m. Downstairs—“Bible Study Lessons & Badges”—2 Dozen Homemade Snacks = Justin Johnson—Mar. 4—Kraig Van Houten*
- ⇒ *Young Peoples—6th Grade to 12th Grade—7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.—Youth Group Room, studying “James”—Mar. 11—Dan Shaarda*

MEN YOUNG AND OLD:

The **Higher Call Men's Conference “River Wild - Chart a New Course”** is scheduled for **Saturday, March 14th** at **Gaylord E-Free Church**. Many of our men have enjoyed attending this Event in the past, and found it edifying and invigorating. Registration and Tickets are available online at www.ahighercall.com. This Site also gives **Times and Speaker Profiles**. **Price now is \$40 thru TODAY, and \$45 thereafter.** Talk to **Gerry Vandenberg** for any further Questions or to arrange Car-pooling.

JULI TACOMA WILL BE TAKING PHOTOS OF YOUR CHILDREN FOR AN ART PROJECT IN THE NEXT COMING

WEEKS. There will be a **Mural of Silhouettes Downstairs** in the Hallway. All Photos will be deleted as soon as this Project is finished. There will be **cut-out detail** so they may be somewhat recognizable. If you want to see a Sample let her know. This Project is to capture the vibrancy and energy of our Kids here at Lucas. It will also give these Kids some sense of ownership of their space here at Church. If you do not want Photos taken please let her know. We will be following all the Safe Church Guidelines. You can text Juli at #231-577-8353.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PROJECT CANEFIRE OFFERS MANY THANKS TO ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS, SKILLS, VOLUNTEERISM, AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT THIS YEAR. By God's grace we were able to assist in building two Churches along with various smaller Construction Projects, install 10 new Water Wells, and share Sewing Skills on 12 new Sewing Machines. ***A special thanks to those of you who made 80+ Dresses for the Young Ladies.*** The Dresses were a great blessing. The PCF Team has now returned with a renewed humble faith for having joined God in his work there!

PROJECT CANEFIRE ASKS FOR YOUR CONTINUED PRAYERS for the PCF Micro Enterprise Program that provides Loans for Small Business to help sustain Families, the Scholarship Program that allows a person to get a College Education for \$1000 per year, per Student and the Bible Distribution Program that puts the Word of God in many Homes in the D.R. Please visit our web site at www.projectcanefire.org or www.facebook.com/Project-Canefire-Inc or call Paul Benthem #231-667-7200, Mark Mogan #231-429-2974, or Dave Van Houten #231-878-2314 for more information.

NMCS ANNUAL ASSOCIATION MEETING – MARCH 16TH - At the NMCS Association Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 16th, the Board will update you as Members on recent Board Activities, present the 2020-2021 Budget for approval, ask membership to elect Board Members, and recognize Staff for their years of service. If you cannot attend you may submit an **Absentee Ballot by 3:00 p.m. on Monday, March 16th.** (NOTE: Seal and sign an envelope for each Person submitting an Absentee Ballot.)

LIFE RESOURCES IRISH DINNER AND AUCTION ON TUESDAY, MARCH 17TH AT ST. ANN SCHOOL (800 W. 13TH ST, CADILLAC). This is a family-friendly Event which will include the Northern Lights Irish Dancers. Dinner (*Corned Beef, Cabbage, Carrots & Dessert*) and Silent Auction starts at 5:00 p.m. Live Auction starts at 6:00 p.m.

SECRET CHURCH—FRIDAY, APRIL 24TH, SIMULCAST HELD AT PROSPER CRC, 7:00 P.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 year's topic: **God, Government, and the Gospel.** Cost is \$10 (for the workbook). If you are interested in attending, please contact **Alexandra** at #231-349-2806 or email adodde@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

NMCS EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAM – at Northern Michigan Christian School our Mission and Vision are based on the belief that each child is created in God's image and as such has inestimable worth. As image bearers of God, children must develop spiritually as well as mentally, physically, emotionally, and socially. Growth in these areas is a developmental process. We are excited to partner with you to guide your child to achieve growth in all areas.

OUR EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM CURRICULUM presents a Christ-centered worldview. Program goals include living closer to Jesus, learning to cooperate cheerfully with others, achieving a healthy self-image, functioning comfortably in a routine and structured environment, improving verbal and auditory skills, developing motor and perceptual skills, recognizing numbers and developing basic number skills, and developing reading readiness skills.

AT NMCS, WE OFFER A HALF DAY PRESCHOOL PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN 3-4 YEARS OLD. WE ALSO OFFER A YOUNG FIVES FULL-DAY PROGRAM (2-3 DAYS A WEEK) FOR CHILDREN 4-5 YEARS OLD. You are invited to our **Annual Early Childhood Open House on Thursday, March 19th from 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.** Stop by any time during those hours to learn more about our Programs and allow your child to spend time in the Classroom. NMCS is located at 128 S. Martin Street, McBain, MI. If you have questions, feel free to call the **School Office**, #231-825-2492.

POPCORN AND PARENTS NIGHT – Current NMCS Young 5 Students and other Families interested in enrolling their Student in Kindergarten at Northern Michigan Christian School, are encouraged to come to this important Event on **Thursday, March 12th at 6:00 p.m.** The **Young 5's and Preschool Classes will be presenting a Program for their Parents and Grandparents.** **Mr. Curell** will be sharing valuable information about Kindergarten and will be available along with the **Kindergarten Teacher** to answer any questions you may have. Young 5 Students, Parents, Grandparents and others interested in Kindergarten at Northern Michigan Christian are invited to attend this fun, informal Program at School (128 S. Martin Street in McBain). If you have questions, please call the **School Office**, #231-825-2942.

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION – THURSDAY, MARCH 19TH, 8:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M. – Any Student who will be a Kindergartener next Fall is invited to attend Northern Michigan Christian School Kindergarten Orientation. Students will spend time in the **Kindergarten Classroom with the Teacher and participate in lots of fun Activities that are planned for the Morning!**