

*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, DECEMBER 2ND**

**Ushers AM** Steve Nicholas (Northeast), Den Heuker (Southeast),  
Jim Plugger, Lia Plugger

**Nursery AM** Faye Lutke, Deb Hoeksema, Mason Heuker

**Greeters AM West**—Faith Lawson

**East**—Marc & Danielle Plugger

**Coffee Servers:** Jim & Angie Kamphouse, Paul & Brenda Benthem,  
Rocky & Cindy Schierbeek

**Please bring 5 dozen cookies each**

**Children & Worship Leader/Teacher:** Renee Pogue

**Children & Worship Adult Helper:** DeAnn Prince

**Children & Worship Child Helper:** Dereck Kamphouse

<b><u>Elder</u></b>	<b><u>Church Families</u></b>	<b><u>Deacon</u></b>
Bob Zuiderveen	A-B	Marc Plugger
Mike Nederhood	C-Kamp	Sam Yonkman
Jim Plugger	Kort – M	Dan Zuiderveen
Doug Benthem	N-P	Patrick Lavender
Den Heuker	R-T	Brian Brunink
Dan Tacoma	V-Z	Ryan Benthem

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**LUCAS CRC — DECEMBER 02, 2018**  
**MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30 AM**

**God Gathers Us**

Call to Worship: Isaiah 40: 1-5  
\*Song (s) of Praise/Adoration:  
    O Come, O Come, Emmanuel  
    LUYH Book #61 vs. 1, 4, 6  
    My Soul In Stillness Waits  
    LUYH Book #63 vs. 1-4  
\*God's Greeting & We Greet Each Other  
  
\*Song: Imagine  
    LUYH Book #72 vs. 1-2  
**Advent Reading:** Lucas CRC Youth Group  
Song of Advent: Comfort, Comfort Now My People  
    LUYH Book #59 vs. 1-3  
  
**Prayer**  
Offering: 1st: General Fund/Budget  
    2nd: Gideon's International  
Prayer with Children for Children & Worship: (On Overhead)  
    Psalm 100: 1-4

**God Speaks To Us In His Word**

Scripture: Isaiah 9: 6  
    Bible Page: 1072  
**Message:** "Wonderful Counselor"  
  
\*Song of Response:  
    Hark, The Glad Sound! The Savior Comes  
    LUYH Book #60 vs. 1-4

**We Depart To Serve God And Our Neighbor**

\*Benediction  
\*Doxology: Angels, From The Realms Of Glory  
    LUYH Book #81 vs. 5

(\*Please stand if you are able)

**LUCAS CRC — DECEMBER 02, 2018**  
**EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE 6:00 PM**

**God Gathers Us**

Opening Prayer  
\*God's Greeting & We Greet Each Other  
Song (s) & Carol (s):  
    \*Lord, You Have Lavished On Your Land  
    LUYH Book #65 vs. 1, 3-4  
    Blessed Be The God Of Israel  
    LUYH Book #67 vs. 1-3  
    My Soul Cries Out With A Joyful Shout  
    LUYH Book #69 vs. 1, 4  
    On Jordan's Bank The Baptist's Cry  
    LUYH Book #70 vs. 1, 3, 5

**Prayer**

Song (s) & Carol (s):  
    Away In A Manger  
    LUYH Book #86 vs. 1-3  
    Hark! The Herald Angels Sing  
    LUYH Book #80 vs. 1-3  
    Silent Night  
    LUYH Book #85 vs. 1-4  
    \*O Holy Night

**God Speaks To Us In His Word**

Scripture: Songs of Songs 5: 2—6: 3  
    Bible Page: 1054  
**Message:** "What Makes Him so Great?"  
    - The King's Song Series  
  
\*Song of Response:  
    Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming  
    LUYH Book #79 vs. 1-4

**We Depart To Serve God And Our Neighbor**

\*Benediction  
\*Doxology: Angels We Have Heard On High  
    LUYH Book #82 vs. 3

(\*Please stand if you are able)

## THOSE SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9TH

**Ushers AM** Paul Taylor (Northeast), Curt Van Houten (Southeast),  
Larry Pluger, Sammy Pluger  
**Nursery AM** Linda Mulder, Sharon Van Houten, Devon Kamphouse  
**Greeters AM** **West**—BJ & Molly Pluger **East**—Matt & Renee Pogue  
**Coffee Servers:** Dan & Jan Van Houten, Faith Lawson,  
Ken & Judy Kamphouse

Please bring 5 dozen cookies each

**Children & Worship Leader/Teacher:** Talli Bode  
**Children & Worship Adult Helper:** Faye Lutke  
**Children & Worship Child Helper:** Jenna Kuperus  
**Praise Team:** Red  
**Offering for Next Week:**  
**AM** 1st: General Fund/Budget 2nd: Lucas CRC Building Fund

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**NMCS COACH POSITIONS AVAILABLE** We are seeking qualified, Christian individuals who will commit to fill the following Coach Positions at NMCS: **Boys Varsity Track Coach, JV Volleyball Coach, and Varsity Volleyball Coach.** Please, if you are interested, please contact **Dave Skinner:** [dskinner@nmcs.us](mailto:dskinner@nmcs.us); call #231-825-2999 ext. 104; or #231-920-1278. Thank You!

**Project Canefire will be installing water wells, building houses, supporting micro enterprise businesses, education, teaching sewing, and distributing Bibles in the Dominican Republic from January 22 through February 5, 2019.** Join us at our next **Team Meeting on Tuesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. at Friends Ministry** on M-66 near Lake City. Questions or to give a Financial Gift; you may contact **Paul Benthem** #231-667-7200.

**Please bring in your Men's, Women's, and Children's Shoes to Fox Motors, Chemical Bank, Evolve, UPS Store, Apple Valley Foods, Ebels, or Cadillac Institute of Cosmetology through Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup> to raise funds for Precious Gems Home for Women.** Or they can be picked up! For Questions or to arrange Pickup, call **Lynn Mulder** at #231-878-8613. See the Poster on the **Bulletin Board in the Fellowship Hall**, or go to [www.preciousgemshome.org](http://www.preciousgemshome.org) for more information!

**You are invited to Healing Private Wounds Seventh Annual Christmas Concert "The Glorious Sound of Christmas" on Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. at Cadillac United Methodist Church (1020 East Division Street Cadillac, MI, 49601).** Join us for an outstanding Afternoon of beautiful Christmas Music, featuring talented **Musicians.** Delicious **Christmas Delights** will follow the Concert! Come and bring your family and friends! There is no cost. A **Free-Will Offering** will be taken to support Healing Private Wounds.

**W**elcome to Lucas CRC! We gather to encounter God through his Word and to respond in song, prayers, and by listening. Our prayer is that you will experience God's presence today in a special way as he meets with his people. And we invite you to take some time after the service to allow us to get to know you better.

## WEEK AT A GLANCE...

### **SUNDAY:**

**First Sunday of Advent**  
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:**

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*

### **FRIDAY:**

5:00 PM Annual Booster Club Christmas Auction *in the Fellowship Hall*

### **NEXT SUNDAY:**

**Second Sunday of Advent**  
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:

**If you would like to send Cards or Gifts to Zach or to Greg & Sandy Pluger at the Hospital,** the Address is: **Zach Pluger Trauma Burn Intensive Care Unit 1500 East Medical Center Drive Ann Arbor, MI. 48109-5035.**

### PERIODICALS:

- \*\* NMCS COMET CONNECTION
- \*\* NOVEMBER/DECEMBER TODAY'S

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

**DECEMBER 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.**

### OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES:

**PROJECT CHRISTMAS 2018 ASKED LUCAS CRC TO HELP PURCHASE PAJAMAS FOR KIDS.** Please donate Pajamas for Kids Sizes Infant to 9 years old (*Sizes Newborn to 14/16 to be exact*). Place the Pajamas in the Crib in the Fellowship Hall by TODAY.

**SEWING SISTERS GROUP UPDATE:** The next get-together is TOMORROW from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. *We could use more ¾" non-roll elastic for the Pillowcase Dresses, and always welcome additional Working Helpers!* Any Questions can be directed to Sandy (G) Pluger.

**WE WILL BE SINGING AT AUTUMNWOOD ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>, AT 7:00 P.M.**

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

**Outreach Opportunity @ Lucas CRC - Wild Beast Feast needs a new Crew to put it on.** Excellent Notes are available, if anyone is interested in taking this on. Please speak to Dan Tacoma as soon as possible!

### MINISTRIES @ LUCAS

*Children & Worship—Ages 3-5—TODAY—Classroom #1* studying "The Jesus Storybook Bible" & Assorted Crafts—**Ally Brinks**

*Sunday School—Grades PreK (4 yrs.) - 5<sup>th</sup> 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 "Genesis in the Serendipity Bible"— **TODAY—JoAnne Benthem**

*High School Class – 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—6:30-8:00 p.m.* Fellowship Hall, studying "Judges For You by Timothy Keller" - Complete Lesson #11 & Read Judges 16: 1-31—**Dec. 5— Michele Kuperus & Renee Pogue**

*Lucas Cadet Club—Boys Ages 1st-5th Grade—6:30-8:30 p.m.* Basement, "Bible Study Lessons & Badges"—2 Dozen Homemade Snacks= Eli Zuiderveen - **Dec. 5—Kraig Van Houten, Kurt Brinks, Dan Zuiderveen, & Nick Ochampaugh**

*Young Peoples – 6th Grade to High School—7:00-8:30 p.m.* Youth Group Room studying "Freedom In Christ by Josh & Mandy Shaarda" – **Dec. 12 – Dan Shaarda & Evie Kamhouse**

**Christmas Poinsettias: Would you like to donate a Poinsettia for Christmas Weekend in Memory of a loved one? It is a wonderful way to make our Church Sanctuary look beautiful!!!** Non-memorial donations are welcome as well. Please have the Poinsettias to Church by either **Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at Noon** or **Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at Noon**. Please give **Jennifer Van Houten** the information for Memorials so she can put it in the Bulletin either via **phone-call, email, or the box marked "Secretary"**.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

At the last Elders Meeting, Emma Shaarda professed her faith and her desire to become a full Member of the Church. What a joy it is when God's covenant children accept and affirm the promises of God made at their **Baptism!** We praise God for the faith that he has given to Emma and pray that He will continue to grow her in her love for Christ and the Church. **Emma will be making a public Profession of Faith at a later date which is yet to be determined.**

We're thankful that God provides Leaders for his Church, and we're thankful for those who recently have been chosen for two-year terms as Elders and Deacons. Those selected for the **Office of Elder** are: **Bruce Benthem, Darrell Kuiper, and Mike Nederhood.** Those selected for the **Office of Deacon** are: **Kurt Brinks, Ron Lutke, and Garrett Prince.** Please pray for these men, that God will equip them and prepare them for the important work that they will be doing! We are thankful for those who are completing their terms of Service this year: **Elders – Dan Tacoma, Jim Pluger, and Bob Zuiderveen;** and **Deacons – Marc Pluger, Sam Yonkman, and Dan Zuiderveen.** The **Installation Service** for New Elders and New Deacons will be on **Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup>.**

From Pastor Todd: I am so thankful for the support that my family and I have received throughout the past 3 years as I completed the process toward **Ordination as a Minister of the Word.** Having completed all of those requirements, I will be **Ordained on Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup> during our Morning Worship Service.** God has been so good and gracious to me and my family through this process, and you as our Church Family have been so loving, encouraging, and patient. **The Ordination Service will be a Special Service with participation by other Pastors and family members.** Thank you again for your love! We look forward to more years of Ministry together!

### SUNDAY SCHOOL SCOOP:

CONGRATS TO ALL OUR KIDS THAT RECITED PSALM 100:3! Keep up the fantastic work! Brooklyn Bode, Sammy & Lia Pluger, Clayton Heuker, Wyatt & Eli Zuiderveen, Connor Brinks, Ben Shaarda, Braylin & Cameron Stahl, Gage & Easton Prince, and Colton Pluger.

SUNDAY SCHOOL!! IT'S TIME FOR OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM BULLETIN COVER CONTEST! Our Program this year is titled "**Behind The Scenes**". All Sunday Schoolers in Middle School and under are encouraged to enter a Bulletin Cover. You have until **Next Week Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>,** to submit your Entries. Please draw your Covers on **5"x 8" paper** so it will fit on the Programs nicely. More information is in your Church Mailboxes! ~**Lindsay Zuiderveen, Superintendent**~

### YOUTH GROUP 2019 "GOD'S CREATION"

CALENDARS ARE IN! We will have a Table in the Fellowship Hall after Church this Morning to make delivery, or contact **Dan or Amy Shaarda** to arrange another time. Calendars are **\$7.00 each,** and Checks can be made out to **Lucas CRC Youth Group.** We do have some **Extras** if anyone missed the pre-order and would still like one. Thank you for your support!

2019 TWO ON THE TOWN WILL BE AVAILABLE AT DISCOUNTED PRICE OF \$17.50. Please let **Sandy "L" Pluger** know by **Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>** if you would like a Book! **Payment** will be needed by **Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>** - Checks payable to: **Two On The Town.** Delivery will be on **Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>.** Sample Copies of participating Business' are on the Fellowship Hall Table.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ◇ December 17—Elder's Meeting
- ◇ December 22—Private Event @ Church
- ◇ **December 23—Autumnwood Church Service**
- ◇ **December 24—Christmas Eve**
- ◇ December 25—Private Event @ Church
- ◇ **December 31—New Year's Eve**

- ◆ **January 1—New Year's Day**
- ◆ January 3—Deacon's & Full Council Meetings
- ◆ **January 20—Winter Soup Potluck**
- ◆ **January 20—Sanctity of Human Life Sunday**
- ◆ **January 24 & 26—Lucas CRC Diaper Pantry**
- ◆ **January 27—Cadet Sunday**
- ◆ **January 27—Jail Ministry @ Missaukee County Jail**

### SERMON SERIES:

- △ **Morning Services:** For the **Advent Season beginning TODAY,** we are focusing on **Isaiah 9:6** and the **Names** that are used of Christ in that important **Advent Prophecy.**
- △ **Evening Services:** Our Series on the **Song of Songs,** entitled ***The King's Song,*** will continue next week and through the **Advent Season.**

### UPCOMING SERVICES:

- ★ **Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> PM – Sunday School Christmas Program**
- ★ **Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> PM – Candlelight Evening Worship Service**
- ★ **Tuesday, December 25<sup>th</sup> AM – Christmas Day Morning Worship Service**
- ★ **Sunday, December 30<sup>th</sup> AM - Old Year's Morning Worship Service**
- ★ **Sunday, December 30<sup>th</sup> PM – Combined Evening Worship Service @ Vogel Center CRC**

