

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, 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

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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Welcome To

Lucas Christian Reformed Church

April 08, 2018



Worship Serve Love

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ◇ April 16—Elders Meeting
- ◇ April 23—Elders Meeting
- ◇ April 24—Discipleship Committee Meeting
- ◇ April 30—Deacon's & Full Council Meetings
- ◇ May 1—Autumnwood Singing
- ◇ **May 3—National Day of Prayer**
- ◇ **May 6—Communion Sunday**
- ◇ May 6—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**
- ◇ **May 13—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**
- ◇ May 27—No Children & Worship
- ◇ **May 27—Combined Evening Worship Service @ Prosper CRC**
- ◇ **May 28—Memorial Day**

THOSE SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 15TH

- Ushers AM** Dave Zuiderveen (northeast),
Garrett Prince (southeast),
Matt Pogue,
Sydney Heuker
- Nursery AM** Karen Benthem,
Erin Lavender,
Brett Kamphouse
- Greeters AM** **West** – Sam & Denise Yonkman
East – Dan & Lindsay
Zuiderveen
- 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 Adult Helper:
Kurt Brinks

Children & Worship Child Helper:
Kate Shaarda

Praise Team: Green

Offering for Next Week:
AM General Fund/Budget

Welcome to Lucas CRC! What a blessing to have received God's grace through the death and resurrection of Jesus! We are a community of sinners saved by grace, and we want all who are with us today to know and experience that same grace. Come and join us in this faith journey!

WEEK AT A GLANCE...

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

WEDNESDAY:

- 7:00 PM Young Peoples Meeting *in the Youth Group Room*

SATURDAY:

- 11:00 AM Private Event @ Church**

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:

SERMON SERIES:

Does the Church ever suffer from the "Post-Easter Blues?" We love the celebration of Easter and it is such an important celebration in the Church calendar. But then what? What comes after Easter and does any of it really matter? That's our focus in the **Sermon Series that begins this Morning** where we will 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? Tonight we begin a new **Sermon Series, *The Twelve***, in which 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?* Join us Tonight for this time of worship and study!

Private Event: this coming **Saturday, April 14th from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**, at Church. So please plan accordingly!

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!

MINISTRIES @ LUCAS

- ★ *Children & Worship*—Ages 3-5—**TODAY**—Classroom #1 studying The Jesus Storybook Bible & Assorted Crafts—**Ally Brinks**
- ★ *Sunday School for grades PreK (4 yrs.) - 5th Grade* – 10:45 a.m. Sanctuary & Classrooms studying “Dwell Curriculum” – **TODAY** – **Lindsay Zuiderveen**
- ★ *Middle School Class for grades 6th-8th*—10:45 a.m. Sanctuary & Classroom studying “Apostle’s Creed”—**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 “Ecclesiastes”— **TODAY** – **Rog Hoeksema**
- ★ *Youth Group*—7:00-8:30 p.m. Young Peoples Room studying “King David by David Nasser” - Apr. 11—**Evie Kamphouse**

PERIODICALS:

- ⇒ 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!

BOOSTER CLUB BUSINESS:

Booster Club Garage Sale Fundraiser - 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 for this sale. **The Booster Club will take any kind of donation except for Adult clothes.** 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.**

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.

Secret Sisters 2018 Starts TODAY!

Be sure to **check your mailboxes after the service, for your Sisters name and info.** Bless & be blessed by it!
~Lindsay Zuiderveen~

MINISTRIES @ LOCAL CRC’S PARTNERING WITH LUCAS CRC:

Family Dinners @ Highland CRC – **Apr. 18** – 6:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. – **Church Office**
#231-825-2171

CenterShot (Archery) @ Highland CRC – **Apr. 18** – 7:00 p.m. – 8:15 p.m. – **Diane Eisenga** #231-357-6298 – Lesson Day, Theme “Stewardship”

Gems @ Highland CRC – Grades 2nd-5th - **Apr. 18** – 7:00 p.m. – 8:15 p.m. – **Carrie Thompson** #231-250-7517—Lesson Day, Theme “In His Steps”

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES:

Diaper Pantry: We will have our next Diaper Pantry on **Thursday, April 26th, from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.** and on **Saturday, April 28th, from 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.** If you have any Questions or would love to help, please contact **Dan Tacoma** or **Jennifer Van Houten.**

FELLOWSHIP FUNCTIONS:

Spring Missaukee Road Clean-Up is scheduled for Monday, April 23rd with a Rain Date on Monday, April 30th. It will begin at 6:00 p.m. at church and end with **pizza, pop, and chips** after all our work is done! All help is welcome, come prepared to make our section of the road beautiful!! Thanks, the **Fellowship Committee.**

Graduates from High School, Trade School, and College, Etc. There will be a **Sign-Up Sheet on the Fellowship Hall table** for those who are graduating from High School, College, etc. this year. Please feel free to fill it out if you know of someone who is graduating this year. **Don’t forget to include from where with the address, so there is a place to send ‘Congrats’ cards too!** We want to make sure that we do not leave anyone out, when we **recognize our Graduates with Cake after the Morning Service on Sunday, June 3rd.** Thanks, the **Fellowship Committee.**

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mississippi Spring Break Mission Trip Reflections: We will reflect on our recent Mission Trip to Mississippi this **Sunday, April 8th**, at 4:30 p.m. at Lake City CRC's Youth Building. All are invited to attend!

Highland CRC is hosting a Blood Drive on this coming 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) is coming once again to the Grand Rapids area on this coming **Friday, April 13th through Sunday, 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 this coming **Wednesday, April 11th**. Dinner of prime rib, potato, and vegetable begins at 6:00 p.m.!

Secret Church 18 Simulcast: 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.** Prosper CRC will be hosting this Simulcast on **Friday, April 20th, 7:00 p.m. - 12:30 a.m.** Cost is \$10/person. For more info go to www.radical.net/secret-church/ or contact **Alex Dodde** at #231-349-2806 or adodde@gmail.com.

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.

The AMEN CHORUS will be having Concerts at Rehoboth Reformed Church in Lucas on Saturday, April 28th at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, April 29th at 3:30 p.m. We invite you all to join us for this wonderful time of ministry and worship through song. **A free will offering will be collected for our area Non-Profit Organizations!**

WEXFORD-MISSAUKEE RIGHT TO LIFE will hold its annual 26th "Focus on Life" Dinner at the Cherry Grove Convention Center in Cadillac (new location this year) on Monday, April 30th, Social Hour at 5:30 p.m. and Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20.00 each. High School students accompanied with an Adult are FREE. See **Bernard & Linda Mulder** for details #231-825-2034.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Attention ALL ladies: Mark your calendars for a Women's Ministry Event you won't want to miss. Thursday, May 3rd, at 6:30 p.m. Rehoboth Reformed Church in Lucas will be hosting guest speaker Emily Klotz. She is the wife of the current pastor at Resurrection Life church in Cadillac. Come hear her incredible testimony of how she was able to forgive the seemingly unforgivable actions of her assailant, and in the process found a deep and real relationship with Jesus Christ! ***Child care and light refreshments will be provided.*** If you are interested in coming or have any Questions, please contact **Dixie Nelson** at #231-429-1851, or at dnelson@mcbain.org.

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!

Join us at Hughston's Cow Camp for a Free Event Rain or Shine called S.P.U.R.S. (Special People Understanding Rodeo Skills) on Saturday, May 5th from 12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. A **light lunch** including hot dogs will be provided at **12:30 p.m.** followed by the Events of your choosing: *Horseback Riding, Wagon Trail Ride, Mock: Steer Roping, Pole Bending, Mock: Bronc Riding, and Photo Stations.* Prize for all who participate! Participants must be accompanied by an attendant, for disabled people of all ages! Hughston Cow Camp is located 1 mile north of the blinking light in McBain; we will have signs up to follow! For any Questions, please contact **Brenda Van Houten @ #231-920-9391.**

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.rgtny.com/E/blessed> **The DEADLINE to Sign-up is this coming 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

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!