

*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 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

#### 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

#### Deacon

Garrett Prince  
Ron Lutke  
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# Welcome To Lucas Christian Reformed Church

## March 08, 2020



*Worship Serve Love*

**LUCAS CRC — MARCH 08, 2020**  
**MORNING SERVICE 9:30 AM**

**God Gathers Us**

Call to Worship: Psalm 95: 1-2

\*Opening Song:

O God Beyond All Praising  
LUYH Book #557 vs. 1-3

\*God's Greeting

\*Song (s): All Glory Be To God On High  
LUYH Book #542 vs. 1-3  
My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less  
LUYH Book #772 vs. 1-4

Song of Confession of Sin:

Not What My Hands Have Done  
LUYH Book #624 vs. 1-3

Assurance of Pardon:

Reading—No Condemnation In Christ  
LUYH Book #694

\*Song of Assurance:

And Can It Be  
LUYH Book #695 vs. 1, 3-4

**Prayer**

Offering: 1<sup>st</sup>: General Fund/Budget  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Christian Education Fund

Prayer with Children for Children & Worship

**God Speaks To Us In His Word**

Scriptures: Hebrews 11: 1, Ephesians 2: 8-10  
Belgic Confession: Article 22  
Bible Pages: 1874, 1819

**Message: Half A Savior?—Christ For Us**

\*Song of Response:

My Faith Looks Up To Thee  
LUYH Book #426 vs. 1-2

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

\*Benediction

\*Doxology: Go, My Children, With My Blessing  
LUYH Book #946 vs. 1-2

(\*Please stand if you are able)

**SERMON NOTES AM**

**LUCAS CRC— MARCH 08, 2020**  
**EVENING SERVICE 6:00 PM**

**God Gathers Us**

**Song Service:**

Come, All You People, Praise Our God  
LUYH Book #495 vs. 1-3  
Blest Be The Tie That Binds  
LUYH Book #257 vs. 1-3, 6  
What A Friend, We Have In Jesus  
LUYH Book #897 vs. 1-3

\*God's Greeting (Opening Prayer) & We Greet Each Other

\*Profession of Our Faith:

Apostle's Creed  
LUYH Book #783A

**Prayer**

\*Song of Preparation:

To God Be The Glory  
LUYH Book #604 vs. 1-3

**God Speaks To Us In His Word**

Scripture: Mark 11: 20-25  
Bible Page: 1573

**Message: Hindrances To Powerful & Effective Prayer**

\*Song of Response:

Man of Sorrows, What A Name  
LUYH Book #170 vs. 1-4

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

\*Benediction

\*Doxology: Man of Sorrows, What A Name  
LUYH Book #170 vs. 5

(\*Please stand if you are able)

**SERMON NOTES PM**

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ◇ March 8—Think Spring BBQ Potluck @ 12:00 p.m.
  - ◇ 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 7—Autumnwood Singing @ 7:00 p.m.
  - April 10—Good Friday Evening Worship Service @ 7:00 p.m.
  - April 12—Easter Sunday Morning Worship Service @ 9:30 a.m.
  - April 12—No Evening Worship Service
  - 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 15TH:

- Ushers AM** Darrell Kuiper (Northeast), Garrett Prince (Southeast), Dan Tacoma, Sydney Heuker
- Nursery AM** Heidi Heuker, Deb Hoeksema, Madison Ochampaugh
- Greeters AM West**—Dave & Joyce Zuiderveen  
**East**—Bob & Lori Hemmes
- Coffee Servers:** Bruce & Karen Benthem, Diane Kortman, Kurt & Ally Brinks, Kathy Spoelma
- Please bring 5 dozen cookies each

#### Children & Worship Leader/Teacher:

Cindy Schierbeek

#### Children & Worship Child Helper:

Jenna Kuperus

#### Praise Team: Green

#### Offerings for Next Week:

**AM** 1<sup>st</sup>: General Fund/Budget  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Lucas CRC Building Fund

**W**elcome 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:

- 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

#### WEDNESDAY:

- All Day Annual Day of Prayer**
- 6:30 PM Women's Bible Study Group  
Meets in the Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 PM Young Peoples Meeting in the Youth Group Room

#### NEXT SUNDAY:

- Third Sunday of Lent**
- 9:30 AM Morning Worship Service  
Children & Worship
- 10:50 AM Sunday School For All Ages
- 11:00 AM Adult Sunday School

### ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

**TODAY IS THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT.** This Morning, we will continue with our **Lent Sermon Series, Christ For Us**, in which we will look at the work of Christ, using **Articles of the Belgic Confession**. This Evening, **Pastor Dirk Koetje** will be leading our Service and preaching for us as part of a **Pulpit Exchange**. **Pastor Todd** will be leading the Service at Prosper CRC.

**THIS COMING WEEKEND PASTOR TODD WILL BE ATTENDING THE PHILADELPHIA CONFERENCE ON REFORMED THEOLOGY, IN BYRON CENTER.** Pastor John Shoaf will be preaching for us **Next Week Sunday Morning, March 15<sup>th</sup>**. We will not have an **Evening Service at Lucas CRC**, and encourage you to take advantage of one of the other **Evening Services in our Community**. If you have any Questions or Concerns while Pastor Todd is away, please contact your **District Elder or Deacon**.

**THINK SPRING POTLUCK!! PLEASE JOIN US TODAY AT NOON FOR GREAT FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP.** The Fellowship Committee is providing **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 your own Dishes from home. Come join us as we celebrate Spring amidst this Wintry weather! Any Questions, see **DeAnn Prince**.

**FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE is Meeting TODAY, at 1:30 p.m.** at Church in the Fellowship Hall right after the **Think Spring BBQ Potluck**.

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

**THANK YOU TO ALL** of the people at Lucas CRC and in the Community; for the cards and well wishes that were given me recently on my Birthday. Thanks!

~June Bazuin~

**5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CAMP CADILLAC  
CAMPOUT – FRIDAY, JULY 24<sup>TH</sup> –  
SUNDAY, JULY 26<sup>TH</sup>.**

Each Family is responsible for making their own **Reservations** by calling or booking online. We are trying to keep **our Group in the same Section (Lots #34-39)**. So be sure to make your Reservations soon, so our Group is more likely to be all together. **Cabins are also available.** Any Questions see **DeAnn Prince**.

**OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES:**

**GAME NIGHT AT LUCAS CRC!**

On Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday (s) during this Winter Season for fun and fellowship!

**THANK YOU, THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE LADIES WHO WORKED BOTH AT CHURCH AND AT THEIR HOMES** sewing, serging, cutting, ironing, stringing elastic, etc. We were able to send **140 Pillowcase Dresses to the DR with Project Canefire**, and **137 Pillowcase Dresses with the High School Mission Team**—for a total of **277 Dresses!** Also Thanks to ALL who donated pillowcases, fabric, elastic, money, etc. to contribute to this Mission!!! Our next and last Sewing Date for this Season is set for **Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.** All willing Helpers are welcome! Questions, talk to **Sandy (G) Pluger**.

**THE LUCAS CRC BOOSTER CLUB  
WILL BE DOING CONCESSIONS FOR  
THE 3 ON 3 BASKETBALL  
TOURNAMENT ON SATURDAY APRIL**

**4<sup>TH</sup>.** 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. 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**.

**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!

**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.) - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade – 10:45 a.m. Sanctuary & Classrooms—studying “Dwell Curriculum” – TODAY – Lindsay Zuiderveen*
- ⇒ *Middle School Class—Grades 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>—10:45 a.m. Sanctuary & Classroom—studying “John in the Serendipity Bible”—TODAY—JoAnne Benthem*
- ⇒ *High School Class – Grades 9<sup>th</sup>—12<sup>th</sup>—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. 11— Michele Kuperus*
- ⇒ *Young Peoples –6<sup>th</sup> Grade to 12<sup>th</sup> Grade—7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.—Youth Group Room, studying “James”—Mar. 11– Dan Shaarda*
- ⇒ *Lucas Cadet Club—Boys Ages 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grades—6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m. Downstairs—“Bible Study Lessons & Badges”— 2 Dozen Homemade Snacks = Silas Zuiderveen—Mar. 18—Kraig Van Houten*

**MEN YOUNG AND OLD:**

The **Higher Call Men's Conference “River Wild - Chart a New Course”** is scheduled for this coming Saturday, **March 14<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.ahighercall.com). This Site also gives **Times and Speaker Profiles.** Price is now **\$45 and thereafter.** Talk to **Gerry Vandenberg** for any further Questions, or speak with **Jim Pluger 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](http://www.projectcanefire.org) or [www.facebook.com/Project-Canefire-Inc](https://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 16<sup>TH</sup>** - At the NMCS Association Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 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 16<sup>th</sup>. (NOTE: Seal and sign an envelope for each Person submitting an Absentee Ballot.)

**LIFE RESOURCES IRISH DINNER AND AUCTION ON TUESDAY, MARCH 17<sup>TH</sup> AT ST. ANN SCHOOL (800 W. 13<sup>TH</sup> ST, CADILLAC).** This is a family-friendly Event which will include the Northern Lights Irish Dancers. Dinner (*Cornd 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 24<sup>TH</sup>, 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](mailto:adodde@gmail.com).

**MEN: PLEASE JOIN US AT VOGEL CENTER CRC ON MONDAY, APRIL 6<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:00 P.M. FOR OUR 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL MEN'S NIGHT.** This year's speaker is Alan Seaborn (see below) from Winning At Home, a Ministry in Zeeland, MI. Tickets are \$15 per seat and seating is limited so you will want to purchase your Tickets soon (Tickets needed for Entry). Contact the Church Office at #231-825-2053 to arrange to purchase your Tickets. **Tickets must be purchased by Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>** so we can order the proper amount of Food. **Dinner begins at 6:00 p.m.**

**ALAN SEABORN IS COMMITTED TO HELPING BRING HARMONY TO PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIPS.** As a grown son of a family-focused speaking father, Alan is uniquely positioned to get the message out. By sharing stories from Scripture and the world around him, Alan shares about the things that are close to God's heart – our attitudes and the decisions we make – all viewed through the lens of a family relationship. Alan addresses issues like finding common ground, focusing on doing the little things right, and realizing the legacy that we're creating by the choices we're making in the here and now.

## **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**VOGEL CENTER CRC IS HOSTING THE ANNUAL SPRING DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE ON THIS COMING WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11<sup>TH</sup> @ 7:00 P.M.** As our farmers and agricultural workers get ready to head out into the fields, let's commit the Season ahead to the Lord!

**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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 this coming Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>TH</sup>, 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!

**IT'S TIME FOR NORTHERN MICHIGAN 3 ON 3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT.** All Players (4<sup>th</sup> grade through Adults) are welcome. The Tournament is on Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at Northern Michigan Christian School in McBain and is sponsored by the Vogel Center Christian Education Club. Entry Forms are available at NMCS or local area Schools Athletic Departments. Questions should be sent to [sjenema@gmail.com](mailto:sjenema@gmail.com), or by leaving a message at #231-825-9819. **Entry deadline is Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>.**