

*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 16TH**

**Ushers AM** Ron Brouwer (Northeast), Darrell Kuiper (Southeast),  
Garrett Prince, Braylin Stahl

**Nursery AM** Talli Bode, Jennifer Van Houten, Karlie Heuker

**Greeters AM** **West**—Howard & Nancy Prince  
**East**—Dan & Amy Shaarda

**Coffee Servers:** Jim & JoAnne Benthem, BJ & Molly Plugger,  
Dave & Joyce Zuiderveen

**Please bring 5 dozen cookies each**

**Children & Worship Leader/Teacher:** Ally Brinks

**Children & Worship Adult Helper:** Kurt Brinks

**Children & Worship Child Helper:** Emma Shaarda

<b><u>Elder</u></b>	<b><u>Church Families</u></b>	<b><u>Deacon</u></b>
Bob Zuiderveen	A-B	Marc Plugger
Rocky Schierbeek	C-Kamphouse	Sam Yonkman
Jim Plugger	Kortman – L	Dan Zuiderveen
Jim Benthem	M-Plugger	Shane Stahl
Rog Hoeksema	Pogue-S	Steve Nicholas
Dan Tacoma	T-Z	Greg Plugger

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**LUCAS CRC — DECEMBER 16, 2018**  
**MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30 AM**

**God Gathers Us**

- \*Call to Worship: Psalm 100: 1-5 (On Overhead)  
\*Opening Song (s): Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You  
Joy To The World  
LUYH Book #92 vs. 1-4  
\*God's Greeting & We Greet Each Other  
\*Song: Silent Night  
LUYH Book #85 vs. 1-3

**Advent Reading:** Women's Bible Study Group  
**Song of Advent:** Lord, You Were Rich Beyond All  
Splendor  
LUYH Book #75 vs. 1-3

**Profession of Faith:** Emma Shaarda  
Apostle's Creed (On Overhead)  
LUYH Book #783A

**Song of Profession:** In Christ Alone  
LUYH Book #770 vs. 1-4

**Prayer**

Offering: General Fund/Budget  
Prayer with Children for Children & Worship

**God Speaks To Us In His Word**

**Scripture:** Isaiah 9: 6  
Bible Page: 1072

**Message:** "Everlasting Father"

\*Song of Response:  
Once In Royal David's City  
LUYH Book #87 vs. 1-3

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

\*Benediction  
\*Doxology: Once In Royal David's City  
LUYH Book #87 vs. 4-5

(\*Please stand if you are able)

**THIS MORNING WE WILL BE WITNESSING AND CELEBRATING THE PUBLIC PROFESSION OF FAITH OF EMMA SHARDA.** It is a great joy for us to see God's covenant children come to a place in their faith where they accept the Promises of God and want to join fully in the life of the Church. We praise God for the faith that he has given to Emma and pray that he will continue to strengthen her in her relationship with Christ and his Church. Emma would like to share the following **Testimony** with you, her Church family: ***Growing up in a strong Christian family and always being surrounded by a Community of fellow believers has been a true blessing in my life. Having known my entire life that there is a God who loves me with an unfailing love is the most amazing thing. I've realized how much I truly need a Savior and that without Jesus, I would be unimaginably lost. Thank you to my amazing Parents, Grandparents, Siblings, Sunday School Teachers, and Youth Group Leaders for influencing me and helping me in my journey of faith, and ultimately to Jesus because it is through him alone that I am saved.***

## THOSE SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23RD

**Ushers AM** Dan Zuiderveen (Northeast), Patrick Lavender (Southeast), Rocky Schierbeek, Wyatt Zuiderveen

**Nursery AM** Erin Lavender, Denise Lavender, Jenna Kuperus

**Greeters AM** **West**—Curt & Shirley Van Houten  
**East**—Garrett & DeAnn Prince

**Coffee Servers:** Steve & Becky Nicholas, Kraig & Jennifer Van Houten, Kathy Spoelma

**Please bring 5 dozen cookies each**

**Children & Worship Leader/Teacher:** Off For Christmas

**Children & Worship Adult Helper:** Off For Christmas

**Children & Worship Child Helper:** Off For Christmas

**Praise Team:** Green

**Offering for Next Week:**

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

## **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**WE NEED SHOES! Precious Gems' goal is 2,500 pairs of Shoes but they would love to double or triple that number so clean out those Closets!**

Drop your Shoes off before **Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup>** at the **UPS Store, Evolve, Chemical Bank, Apply Valley Foods, Cadillac Cosmetology, Ebels, or Fox Motors.** Call #231-878-8613 or visit [www.preciousgemshome.org](http://www.preciousgemshome.org) for more Information or to arrange Pickup.

Thank you for supporting Precious Gems!

**Want to make a difference in the Community? Life Resources is currently accepting Applications for a Part-Time Receptionist to work out of our Cadillac Office.** Please call **Valerie Farr** at #231-775-1545 **Monday -Thursday** from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. for more information. Send **Resumes** to [valerie.farr@liferesourcesnm.org](mailto:valerie.farr@liferesourcesnm.org) **Regular Office Hours** are **10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday - Thursday (28 hrs. per week)** Some Duties include: *scheduling, answering and directing phone calls, assisting clients and volunteers, helping out with other tasks when asked, light cleaning, and event support.*

**W**elcome 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!

## **WEEK AT A GLANCE...**

### **SUNDAY:**

**Third 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

**Annual Sunday School Christmas Program**

### **MONDAY:**

7:00 PM

Elder's Meeting *in the Council Room*

### **WEDNESDAY:**

6:30 PM

Women's Bible Study Group Meets *in the Fellowship Hall*  
Lucas Cadet Club Meeting *Downstairs @ Church*

### **NEXT SUNDAY:**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

9:30 AM

Morning Worship Service

3:30 PM

**Autumnwood Church Service**

6:00 PM

**Candlelight Evening Worship Service**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY:**

**THIS JUST IN, OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM IS TONIGHT, DURING THE EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE.** Please plan on coming to see what our Sunday School Students have been working diligently with for our enjoyment! A

**Collection** will be taken for our **Sunday School Fund** then too! ~Lindsay Zuiderveen, Superintendent~

## **THERE ARE MANY WAYS THAT YOU AND/OR YOUR FAMILY CAN HELP WITH THE UPCOMING CHRISTMAS SERVICES:**

- **Readers** – for both the **Candlelight Service** and **Christmas Day Service.**
- **Musical Talent** – Do you play an **Instrument**? Do you have a **Christmas Song**, which you could **play/sing**?
- **Autumnwood Service** – the Residents at Autumnwood would be blessed by **Songs, Readings, Poems, etc.** The **Service** is **Next Week Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 3:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

If you are willing to help in any of these ways, please contact **Pastor Todd** as soon as possible!

### 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!

### YOUTH GROUP 2019 "GOD'S CREATION" CALENDARS ARE IN!

**THIS SUNDAY** is your last chance to pick yours up, or purchase an Extra one! Calendars are \$7.00 each, and Checks can be made out to Lucas CRC Youth Group. If you have Questions, talk to Dan or Amy Shaarda. 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 **TODAY** if you would like a Book! Payment will be needed by **TODAY** - Checks payable to: **Two On The Town.** Delivery will be on **Next Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>.** Sample Copies of participating Business' are on the Fellowship Hall Table.

DANNY WILBERT HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED TO A REHAB FACILITY IN SAGINAW. If you would like to send a Letter, or a Christmas Card his Address is: **Danny Wilbert c/o Janet Cochran**  
2300 Veterans Memorial Drive Saginaw, MI. 48601.

### DISCIPLESHIP DUTIES:

THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES ON SUNDAY(S), DECEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>, AND DECEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup> FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S BREAKS. We will resume on **Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup>.**

CHILDREN & WORSHIP WILL BE TAKING A BREAK ON NEXT SUNDAY DECEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup> AND AGAIN ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup> FOR THE HOLIDAYS. It will resume on the **first Sunday of the New Year on Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup>.**

### 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 #13 & Read Judges 19: 1—21: 25 —Dec. 19— Michele Kuperus & Renee Pogue*

*Lucas Cadet Club—Boys Ages 1st-5th Grade—6:30-8:30 p.m. Basement, "Bible Study Lessons & Badges"—1 Dozen Homemade Snacks Each = Cadet Counselors - Dec. 19—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" – Jan. 9 – Dan Shaarda & Evie Kamphouse*

### OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES:

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!

## PASTOR'S PREVIEW

**NOW THAT PASTOR TODD'S SCHOOL WORK HAS ALL BEEN COMPLETED, HE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE TIME TO FOCUS ON GETTING TO KNOW YOU, THE PEOPLE OF LUCAS CRC, EVEN BETTER.** He has created a **Schedule of Dates and Times** that he is available for Visits. Would you be willing to open up your home to him for a **30-45 minute** Visit? Or maybe spend some time together over **Lunch or for Coffee at a Restaurant?** His goal is to make sure that he has spent time with every **Individual and Family** of our Church in January and February of the New Year.

## HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS:

**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 this coming **Saturday, December 22<sup>nd</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"**.

**CHRISTMAS SERVICE (S):** Please join us **Next Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30 a.m.** for our **Christmas Weekend Morning Worship Service** and **Tuesday, December 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.** for our **Christmas Day Morning Worship Service.** Please invite your family, friends, and neighbors! We will have an **Evening Worship Service on Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>,** our **Candlelight Service.**

**UPCOMING SERVICE DETAILS:** **Sunday, December 30<sup>th</sup> – Missionaries Eric & Stacey Hoeksema** will be with us to share a **Presentation** of their work in the **Ukraine** with **International Christian Community Development;** immediately after the **Morning Worship Service** during the **Sunday School hour** in the **Sanctuary.** Make plans to stay and hear what God is doing through their work! **Thank You Eric & Stacey!**

**A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL WHO CAME OUT TO AND SUPPORTED US AT THE ANNUAL BOOSTER CLUB CHRISTMAS AUCTION RECENTLY.** We appreciate all the support in making this such a huge success! Thank you for your continued support of Christian Education!  
~The Lucas CRC Booster Club Families~

## OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES:

**SEWING SISTERS GROUP UPDATE:** The next get-together is on **Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup>** 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 **Rhonda Nederhood.**

## UPCOMING SERVICES:

- ★ **Next Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> – Afternoon Worship Service @ Autumnwood**
- ★ **Next Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> PM – Candlelight Evening Worship Service**
- ★ **Tuesday, December 25<sup>th</sup> – 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 – NO EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE**
- ★ **Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup> AM – Installation of New Elders and New Deacons**
- ★ **Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup> AM – Ordination Service for Pastor Todd**

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ◇ **December 24—Christmas Eve**
  - ◇ **December 25—Private Event @ Church**
  - ◇ **December 31—New Year's Eve**
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- ◆ **January 1—New Year's Day**
- ◆ **January 1—Autumnwood Singing**
- ◆ **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 NOTES AM

### **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

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

**Northern Michigan Christian School is seeking a Middle School Teacher. This person should have Michigan Certification with Endorsement in Language Arts.** They must attend a Bible believing Church and be committed to teach from a reformed worldview. This position runs from **January 3<sup>rd</sup> - June 7<sup>th</sup>.** Please send **Cover Letter and Resume** by Friday, **December 21<sup>st</sup>** to: **Scott Curell, Superintendent** of Northern Michigan Christian School 128 S. Martin Street McBain, MI. 49657 or [scurell@nmcs.us](mailto:scurell@nmcs.us) #231-825-2492.

**Attention Quilters and Ladies who Sew: Project Canefire is in need of your unused or unwanted Fabric and Notions for the 2019 Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic.** Please consider donating pieces of **Fabric that are 1/2 yard or larger (bright cotton prints or solids).** On this Trip, **12 new Sewing Machines** will be distributed to the local women who will practice their sewing skills by making a **Bag.** In learning to sew, these women are developing skills to promote autonomy, micro-enterprise, and improvement of their homes. Contact **Betsy Diemer** with any Questions at #231-825-2203 or [betsydiemer@gmail.com](mailto:betsydiemer@gmail.com).

**New Hope Shelter needs your support and presence at several Public Hearings in regards to rezoning and special use for the construction of a New Homeless Shelter.** The next Public Hearing is **Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup>** at **Cadillac City Hall** beginning at **6:00 p.m.** They currently operate out of five old houses and would like to centralize their services into one shelter to better serve their guests. They are hoping to be **open 24/7** for everyone. They provide counseling, training, housing, employment information and more. Please show your support by attending this Next Meeting!