

*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 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

<u>Elder</u>	<u>Church Families</u>	<u>Deacon</u>
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 23, 2018
MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30 AM

God Gathers Us

- Call to Worship: Luke 2: 13-14
*Song (s) of Praise: Agnus Dei
O Holy Night
- *God's Greeting & We Greet Each Other
*Song (s): My Soul Cries Out With A Joyful Shout
LUYH Book #69 vs. 1, 3-4
O Little Town Of Bethlehem
LUYH Book #88 vs. 1-4
- Advent Reading:** Lucas CRC Council Members
*Song of Advent: Savior Of The Nations, Come
LUYH Book #74 vs. 1-4

Prayer

- Offering: 1st: General Fund/Budget
2nd: Christian Education Fund

God Speaks To Us In His Word

- Scripture: Isaiah 9: 6
Bible Page: 1072
- Message:** "Prince of Prince"
- *Song of Response:
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
LUYH Book #80 vs. 1-3

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)

In Memory:

The Flowers in the front of church are donated in memory of those loved ones that are celebrating this Christmas Season with our Lord in Heaven.

Loved one:

Aaron Kramer
Adeline Prince
Anne Austin
Anne Zuiderveen
Babe Schierbeek
Betty Spoelma
Bob Van Houten
Bud Hemmes
Clarice Meekhof
Crystal Meekhof
Delores Van Houten
Dennie Swick
Esther Van Houten
George Meekhof
Harvey Kortman
Helena DeRuiter
Hennriette Hemmes
Herm Zuiderveen
Irene Kieldsen
Irene Van Houten
Irene Van Houten
Jay Plugger
Jim Austin
John DeRuiter
John Kieldsen
John Schierbeek
John Van Houten
Joshua Kamphouse
Kelly Van Houten
Marg Plugger
Maxine Meekhof
Maxine Meekhof
Pauline DeGood Baldwin

Donated by:

Larry & Sandy Plugger
Howard & Nancy Prince
Sharon Van Houten
Dave & Joyce Zuiderveen
Bob & Lori Hemmes
Kathy Spoelma
Ed & Joyce Van Houten
Bob & Lori Hemmes
Dave & Joyce Zuiderveen
David Meekhof & Family
Ed & Joyce Van Houten
Jim & Angie Kamphouse
Larry & Bonnie Bouza
Dave & Joyce Zuiderveen
Margaret Kortman
Kathy Spoelma
Bob & Lori Hemmes
Dave & Joyce Zuiderveen
Larry & Bonnie Bouza
Larry & Bonnie Bouza
Sharon Van Houten
Garry & Lorraine Martz
Sharon Van Houten
Kathy Spoelma
Larry & Bonnie Bouza
Bob & Lori Hemmes
Larry & Bonnie Bouza
The Kamphouse Family
Sharon Van Houten
Garry & Lorraine Martz
David & Carol Nielsen
Don Meekhof
Larry & Sandy Plugger

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Loved one:

Paul Spoelma

Reka Van Houten

Richard Van Houten

Richard Van Houten

Roger Spoelma

Ruth Austin

Walter DeYoung

Donated by:

Kathy Spoelma

Larry & Bonnie Bouza

Larry & Bonnie Bouza

Sharon Van Houten

Kathy Spoelma

Sharon Van Houten

Howard & Nancy Prince

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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), until Sunday, January 6th. 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.

Project Canefire Update: Thanks and praise to God for his generosity through all of you! The **Team of 20 Volunteers** is preparing to leave for the **Dominican Republic on January 22, 2019** to provide water wells, housing, income opportunities, education, sewing machines, and discipleship to God's people. The blessings of Jesus are already being poured out on all involved. **The financial goal for this year is \$75,000. The Lord has already provided \$68,000 of this, leaving a balance of \$7,000 yet to raise. If you feel led to give to this Ministry, please send your tax deductible Donations to: Project Canefire P.O. Box 556, Lake City, MI. 49651.**

Welcome 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: Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:30 AM Morning Worship Service

3:30 PM Autumnwood Church Service

6:00 PM Candlelight Evening Worship Service

MONDAY:

All Day Christmas Eve

TUESDAY:

9:30 AM Christmas Day Morning Worship Service

12:00 PM Private Event @ Church

NEXT SUNDAY:

9:30 AM Old Year's Morning Worship Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

CHRISTMAS SERVICE (S): Please join us TODAY at 9:30 a.m. for our **Christmas Weekend Morning Worship Service** and on Tuesday, December 25th at 9:30 a.m. for our **Christmas Day Morning Worship Service**. Please invite your family, friends, and neighbors! We will have a **Candlelight Evening Worship Service TONIGHT at 6:00 p.m. at Lucas!**

WE ARE SO THANKFUL FOR YOUR PRAYERS, TEXTS, CARDS AND VISITS as Donna went through yet another surgery. We praise God for a successful surgery and the relief from pain it has provided. A period of extended physical therapy has begun in order to build strength and better mobility. Our God is an awesome God! Thanks, ~Donna & Jerry Lutke~

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK PASTOR TODD AND THE CONGREGATION for the words of encouragement during Dad's recent illness and passing. Your visits to the funeral home, cards, hugs, and especially your prayers, meant a great deal to us. Thank You! ~David & Carol Nielsen~

KHUSA MENTORS AND PRAYER PARTNERS GIFTS: As the year closes and we take a few weeks break, I just want to thank you all so very much for your diligence, time, and commitment to the KHUSA Program! As seen at our recent **Christmas Party**, these children love and look forward each week spending time with their Mentor! I am so very thankful and grateful for each and every one of you! As a small token of my thanks, please see the **Table in Fellowship for a small Gift** from me! MERRY CHRISTMAS! ~Heidi Heuker, Kids Hope Director~

PERIODICALS:

- ** JARED & SUSAN BENTHEM'S PRAYER LETTER
- ** 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!

LUCAS LINK ARTICLES FOR JANUARY ARE DUE NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30TH. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT DIANE KORTMAN-KIRT.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEND CARDS OR GIFTS TO ZACH OR TO GREG & SANDY PLUGER AT THE HOSPITAL, the New Address is: Zach Pluger Select Specialty Hospital Spectrum Health 1840 Wealthy Street SE 5th floor Room 531 Grand Rapids MI. 49506.

PICTORIAL CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE(S):

Deb Deur's New Address is Post Office Box 188 McBain, MI. 49657.
Faith Lawson's Email Address should be: fdlawson@sbcglobal.com.

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

DISCIPLESHIP DUTIES:

CHILDREN & WORSHIP WILL BE TAKING A BREAK TODAY, AND AGAIN NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30TH FOR THE HOLIDAYS. It will resume on the first Sunday of the New Year on Sunday, January 6th. If you have any Questions, please contact Ally Brinks.

THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES TODAY, AND NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30TH FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S BREAKS. We will resume on Sunday, January 6th. If you have any Questions, please contact Lindsay Zuiderveen, JoAnne Benthem, Pastor Todd Kuperus, and Rog Hoeksema.

MINISTRIES @ LUCAS

Lucas Cadet Club—Boys Ages 1st-5th Grade—6:30-8:30 p.m.
Basement, "Bible Study Lessons & Badges"—2 Dozen
Homemade Snacks = Connor Brinks - Jan. 2—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:

WE HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF LEADING THE AFTERNOON WORSHIP SERVICE TODAY AT AUTUMNWOOD AT 3:30 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. Do you have a Song that you can play or sing? Or a Christmas Poem or Story to read? This is a simple but great way for us to bless others in our Community. Talk to Pastor Todd if you would be willing to help out.

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!

SEWING SISTERS GROUP UPDATE: The next get-together is on Monday, January 7th 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.

PRIVATE EVENT: this coming Tuesday, December 25th at Church in the Fellowship Hall all Afternoon. So please plan accordingly!

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~

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 next year.

Newly elected Elders and Deacons are cordially invited to the Full Council Meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 3rd. Attendance facilitates a smooth transition as Council Positions, Committee Representatives, and other important items are addressed. **Deacons will be Meeting prior to this at 6:30 p.m.**

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. Thank you to the outgoing Elders and Deacons, for your Service these past two years! The **Installation Service** will be **Sunday, January 6th.**

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS:

WE WILL BE CELEBRATING THE OLD YEAR AND THE NEW YEAR DURING OUR MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30TH, AT LUCAS CRC; which

will include a look back at some of the Events and People of **2018**. We will not have an **Evening Worship Service** on that Sunday.

NEXT WEEK SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30TH, ERIC & STACEY HOEKSEMA WILL BE WITH US. They will be giving a **Presentation after the Morning Worship Service (during the normal Sunday School hour in the Sanctuary)** of their continued work in **Ukraine with International Christian Community Development**. We encourage you to make plans to stay and hear about this important work that they do, which we are privileged to support! **Thank You, Eric & Stacey!**

AS THE YEAR WINDS DOWN AND WE ARE THINKING ABOUT A NEW YEAR COMING UP, WE ALSO ARE THINKING ABOUT WAYS THAT WE CAN IMPROVE.

We would like to do some work on our **Church Website** to make sure it is all that it can be for our Members and Visitors. This is too much work than can be done just by one person. We would like to form a **Website Team** that would be responsible for Form and Content of the Website. We are looking for a **handful of Individuals** to do one or more of the following: **1) Have some skills in Graphic or Web Design to make the site work well and look good; 2) Help to ensure that the Content of the Website is up-to-date by tracking down needed Information; 3) or have some Skills or Knowledge of the Technical Aspects of the Website so as to continue to improve its usability.** If you have any interest in being part of this Website Team, contact **Pastor Todd** or **Kraig Van Houten**.

UPCOMING SERVICES:

- **Tuesday, December 25th AM – Christmas Day Morning Worship Service**
- **Next Sunday, December 30th AM – Old Year's Morning Worship and Eric & Stacey Hoeksema Presentation after the Morning Worship Service**
- **Next Sunday, December 30th PM – NO EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE**
- **Sunday, January 6th AM – Installation of New Elders and New Deacons**
- **Sunday, January 13th AM – Ordination Service for Pastor Todd**

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ◇ **December 31—New Year's Eve**
- ◆ **January 1—New Year's Day**
- ◆ **January 1—Autumnwood Singing**
- ◆ **January 20—Winter Soup Potluck**
- ◆ **January 20—Sanctity of Human Life Sunday**
- ◆ **January 21—Elder's Meeting**
- ◆ **January 24 & 26—Lucas CRC Diaper Pantry**
- ◆ **January 27—Cadet Sunday**
- ◆ **January 27—Jail Ministry @ Missaukee County Jail**

