

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, SEPTEMBER 23RD

Ushers AM Larry Plugger (Northeast), Den Heuker (Southeast),
Kathy Spoelma

Nursery AM Juli Tacoma, Sharon Van Houten, Karlie Heuker

Greeters AM West—Dan & Lindsay Zuiderveen
East—Doug & Vonn Benthem

Coffee Servers: Larry & Sandy Plugger, Greg & Sandy Plugger,
Mike & Rose Nederhood

Please bring 5 dozen cookies each

Children & Worship Leader/Teacher: Karen Benthem

Children & Worship Adult Helper: Sherry Zuiderveen

Children & Worship Child Helper: Sydney Heuker

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

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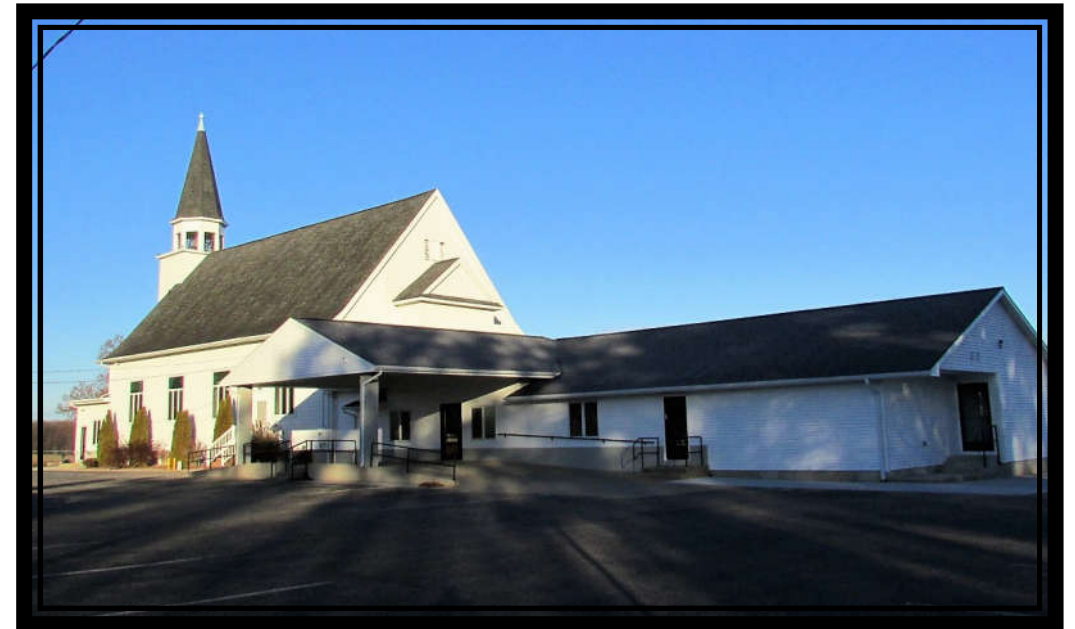
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Welcome To Lucas Christian Reformed Church

Safe Church/Abuse Prevention Sunday

September 23, 2018



Worship Serve Love

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

SERMON SERIES:

****Morning Services:** From now until the beginning of Advent, we will focus on the **Sermon on the Mount** in a **Sermon Series** called *Living Upside-Down*.

****Evening Services:** As we continue through the book of **Revelation** in our **Sermon Series** *The Dragon-Slayer Saga*, we will likely finish **Chapter 11 TONIGHT**, after which we will take a break from this Series. Beginning **Sunday, October 7th**, Pastor Todd will have a new Evening Sermon Series that will go until **Advent**. More details to come soon!

UPCOMING SERVICES:

****Next Sunday, September 30th PM – Pulpit Exchange with Prosper CRC.** Pastor Dirk Koetje will be preaching for us. Pastor Todd will be at Prosper CRC.

****Sunday, October 21st AM & PM – Seminarian Seth Atsma** will be leading and preaching for both of our Services.

****Sunday, November 11th AM – Pastor Todd** will be on a **Classis Preaching Assignment** at **Ellsworth CRC**. Pastor Rich Langton will be leading our **Morning Worship Service**.

THOSE SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH

Ushers AM Jim Pluger (Northeast), Darrell Kuiper (Southeast), Garrett Prince

Nursery AM Deb Hoeksema, Angie Kamphouse, Mason Heuker

Greeters AM **West**—Bob & Lori Hemmes
East—Reeves & Courtney Box

Coffee Servers: Rog & Deb Hoeksema, Ron & Patti Brouwer, Dan & Lindsay Zuiderveen

Please bring 5 dozen cookies each

Children & Worship Leader/Teacher:

Renee Pogue

Children & Worship Adult Helper:

DeAnn Prince

Children & Worship Child Helper:

Dereck Kamphouse

Praise Team: Green

Offering for Next Week:

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ◆ October 1—Deacon's & Full Council Meetings
- ◆ **October 2—Autumnwood Singing**
- ◆ October 3—Finance Committee Meeting
- ◆ October 10—Fellowship Committee Meeting
- ◆ October 12—Private Event @ Church
- ◆ October 15—Private Event @ Church
- ◆ **October 21—Disability Concerns Sunday**
- ◆ **October 25 & 27—Lucas CRC Diaper Pantry**
- ◆ **October 28—Reformation Sunday**
- ◆ **October 28—Church Education**
- ◆ **October 28—Sunday School Parent's Sunday**

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...

NEXT SUNDAY:

Safe Church/Abuse Prevention Sunday

9:30 AM Morning Worship Service
Children & Worship

10:50 AM Sunday School for all Ages

6:00 PM Evening Worship Service

MONDAY:

7:00 PM Elder's Meeting *in the Council Room*

TUESDAY:

ALL DAY Classis Northern Michigan Fall Meeting @ Lucas CRC

WEDNESDAY:

6:30 PM Women's Bible Study Group
Meets in the Fellowship Hall

NEXT SUNDAY:

All Nations Heritage Sunday

9:30 AM Morning Worship Service
Children & Worship

10:50 AM Sunday School for all Ages

11:00 AM Adult Sunday School

3:30 PM Autumnwood Church Service

6:00 PM Evening Worship Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

Lucas CRC will be hosting the Classis Northern Michigan Fall Meeting on this Tuesday, September 25th. A *Classis* is a regional group of Churches within our Denomination, which meets twice a year to discuss and take care of joint Ministry and business. At this Classis Meeting, *Pastor Todd* will be examined by Classis for **Ordination as Minister of the Word**. **The Examination is open to anyone who would like to come and will most likely take place around 1:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.**

THE KITCHEN CART - THAT IS BY THE CHURCH MAILBOXES - HAS LOTS OF VARIOUS CONTAINERS, DISHES, AND OTHER THINGS. If something is yours, it would be appreciated if you would take the item home with you! Thanks!

A Big Thank You to all those who hosted our Summer Bonfires! We all had a wonderful time, with great food and fellowship from all of those who attended! Thank You! ~**Fellowship Committee**~

To our Church Family & Friends, Thank You sincerely for your expressions of sympathy, thoughtfulness, prayers, cards. It is deeply appreciated and will always be remembered. ~**Ken & Judy Kamphouse & Family of our Grandson Joshua Kamphouse**~

PERIODICALS:

**** SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER TODAY'S**
**** NMCS COMET CONNECTION**
**** JOSH & MANDY SHAARDA'S PRAYER LETTER**

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

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

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES:

SEWING SISTERS GROUP

UPDATE: The next get-togethers are on **Monday (s), October 8th, November 5th, and December 3rd** 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.**

FINANCIAL FACTS:

BUDGET NEWS: Don't forget! All 2019 Committee Budgets are due to Jennifer Van Houten TODAY!

FELLOWSHIP FUNCTIONS:

Fall "Pastor Appreciation" Potluck - We will be having a Potluck on Sunday, October 14th, at Noon. Please bring your Favorite Casserole dish or a Dessert dish to share. *To ensure that we have enough food for everyone, please consider the size of your family, when deciding how much food to bring. Thank you!* Fellowship Committee will provide the **disposable tableware**, unless you want to bring your own from home. **Lemonade and Coffee** provided as well. Any Questions, talk to any Fellowship Committee Member. See you there!!!

Attention Ladies: The Fellowship Committee has planned a Ladies Outing for Lunch at Lakeside Charlie's in Cadillac on Wednesday, October 17th at 12:00 p.m. Please Sign the list on the Fellowship Hall Table if you plan to go, and if you would like to **Carpool or Drive** and from where. So we can make Reservations! We will all be Meeting at Church at **11:30 a.m.**, to make Carpooling easy. If you have any Questions, please feel free to talk to **Jennifer Van Houten.** Enjoy!

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES:

NEXT WEEK SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH, OUR CHURCH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR LEADING THE AFTERNOON WORSHIP SERVICE AT AUTUMNWOOD. These Services are a blessing to the Residents at Autumnwood and are an important Ministry that we provide for them. Would you be willing to **lead a portion of the Service? Sing a Song? Read Scripture? Even give a Short Meditation?** Contact Pastor Todd if you would like to be part of this Ministry.

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 "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" – Sept. 30 – Rog Hoeksema

Women's Bible Study Group—6:30-8:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall, studying "Judges For You by Timothy Keller" - Complete Lesson #3 & Read Judges 3:7-31—Sept. 26— Michele Kuperus & Renee Pogue

DISCIPLESHIP DUTIES:

YOUTH GROUP RESUMES ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT, OCTOBER 10TH, AT CHURCH FROM 7:00 P.M. - 8:30 P.M. We will be Meeting in the Young Peoples' Room downstairs. Please contact **Dan Shaarda** or **Evie Kamphouse** with any Questions.

LUCAS CADET CLUB BEGINS NEXT MONTH! The Lucas Cadet Club for Boys ages 1st Grade - 5th Grade, will be Meeting at Lucas CRC from **6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.** On the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the Month starting on **Wednesday, October 3rd.** Contact **Kraig Van Houten, Dan Zuiderveen, or Kurt Brinks** for more Information!

FOR THE YOUNG LADIES @ LUCAS CRC - GEMS PROGRAM @ HIGHLAND CRC begins on Wednesday, October 3rd, for Grades 1st-5th in the Youth Building at 7:00 p.m. We are planning on just a fun night of activities with getting the Girls to get to know each other, via a game or two, making t-shirts, and maybe some singing. Contact **Lizelle Bazuin** with any Questions at jlbazuin@live.com or #231-342-5164.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Safe Church or Abuse Prevention Sunday – TODAY, September 23rd - Please join Safe Church Ministry and Congregations across the U.S. and Canada in promoting Abuse Awareness on TODAY. The reality of abuse must come out of hiding and be exposed to the light. We, as the Body of Christ, can play an active role in addressing it. Take some time today to pray for those who have suffered abuse and pray that God will use us to bring health, healing, and safety to those around us. Resources and support are available from Safe Church Ministry by visiting: www.crcna.org/safechurch or checking out the **Bulletin Insert in your Church Mailboxes or Bulletins TODAY**, entitled **“Healing Path.”** The Offering TODAY goes toward the **Safe Church Counseling Fund**, set up to **help those who suffer from abuse and have no-where else to turn to for assistance.**

Windmill Tours of McBain invites you to join them November 26th - December 1st for a Bus Trip to Branson, MO. You will enjoy wonderful family **Christmas Shows and Samson at the Sight & Sound Theatre** plus more. **Sign-Up deadline is Monday, October 1st.** Call **Ruth** at #231-878-4961 or visit windmilltoursmi.com for additional information!

SAVE THE DATE---Project Canefire Taco Dinner Fundraiser on Friday, October 12th from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Lucas Christian Reformed Church (10479 S Lucas Rd., McBain, MI. 49657) Free Will Offering-Come One-Come All!!! Call **Paul Benthem** for more Information at #231-667-7200.

We invite you to attend Mission French Africa’s Fifth Annual Gala – Transforming Light: Muhammad to Christ on Wednesday, October 17th with Registration at 6:30 p.m. and Dinner at 7:00 p.m. at Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park Grand Rapids, MI. We welcome you to bring a Guest! **R.S.V.P. by this coming Wednesday, September 26th** by either visiting the website: www.missionfrenchafrica.eventbrite.com or calling #616-285-5906. Celebrating God’s Goodness bringing the Gospel of Christ to French Africa!

What is God doing with your time and talent this year? There is a place for you in Project Canefire! By God’s grace Project Canefire will be installing water wells, building houses, supporting micro enterprise businesses, education, sewing, and Bibles. Join us in praising God in the **Dominican Republic January 22, 2019 – February 5, 2019.** **Team Meetings are at 7:00 p.m. every fourth Tuesday at Friends Ministry – 3728 S. Morey Lake City. MI. 49651 - beginning September 25th; October 23rd, November 27th.** For more information call **Mark Mogan** #231-429-2974, **Dave VanHouten** #231-878-2314, or **Paul Benthem** #231-667-7200. Experience Christ Together As We Join Him In His Work! The **total Budget for this year’s trip is \$75,000.** As usual team members cover their own travel expenses and become fund raisers for God’s work. **If you want to participate with a financial gift, please send your tax deductible donation to Project Canefire, P.O. Box 556, Lake City, MI. 49651.**

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Soup Cook Off and YOU are invited! Please join us for a fun time at Project Christmas’ Soup Cook-Off on Saturday, October 6th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (while supplies last) at the **Cadillac Christian Reformed Church** on East M55 in Cadillac. For a suggested **Donation of \$5 for kids and \$8 for adults**, you’ll have an opportunity to taste test (and fill up on) a variety of **soups, breads, crackers, desserts, and beverages** as well as meet some of our local Fire Fighters and Police. For the children, we will have **Face Painting for \$1-5** and a chance to make a **Christmas Card** for someone who attends Project Christmas. ALL proceeds will go directly to Project Christmas which is serving Wexford and Missaukee Counties for their 30th year this December. This Project: through YOUR help, supplies gifts, food, clothing and much more to 800-1,000 Families each year. We hope you can join us!

Singles Event (ages 23-39) will be meeting Saturday, October 6th. We'll be having a **Bonfire at Alex’s House around 7:00 p.m.** Come whenever, **and bring a snack or drink to share!** It'll be a great kick off to another great year! Invite friends! The more the merrier! Text **Alex Dodde** at #231-349-2806 or email at adodde@gmail.com

New Hope Shelter is having its Annual Sportsman's Banquet on Friday, October 5th, at The Wexford Civic Center. The doors open at **5:00 p.m. with Dinner served at 6:30 p.m.** Raffles, live auction, and door prizes throughout the night. **Bring in canned goods for a chance to win a 22 Long Rifle.** Tickets may be purchased by contacting **Jim Ransom** at #231-884-2306 or by going to our website at www.newhopecadillac.org.

Highland CRC is hosting the Feeding America Mobile Food Truck at the Marion VFW from 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 13th. Registration begins at 9:45 a.m., with **Food Distribution** beginning at 10:00 a.m. Please enter from First Street. Participants must be present to receive food. EVERYONE is welcome!

Diabetes Self-Management Workshop: Six-session, evidence-based program developed by Stanford University that empowers people to take an active role in managing prediabetes or diabetes. Family caregivers are welcome to attend. **Date: Mondays, October 1st - November 5th from 1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Location: Michigan State University Extension Office, Large Conference Room (401 N. Lake St. #400, Cadillac, MI. 49601).**

Creating Confident Caregivers: Six-session, evidence-based program designed to help family caregivers of someone living with memory loss at home. Provides tools, strategies, and activities to build the caregiver’s skills and knowledge. Stress reduction and self-care is emphasized. Respite care may be available. **Date: Mondays, October 29th - December 3rd from 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Location: Wexford County Council on Aging, (714 W 13th Street Cadillac, MI. 49601.) Space is limited and pre-registration is required. Call Sharon at #1-800-442-1713 to register or for more information, or visit online at www.aaanm.org/workshop-registration**