

*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, MARCH 25TH

Ushers AM Dan Tacoma (northeast), Den Heuker (southeast),
Jim Plugger, Braylin Stahl

Nursery AM Lorraine Martz, Faye Lutke, Kate Shaarda

Greeters AM West – Dan & Jan Van Houten

East – Curt & Shirley Van Houten

Coffee Servers: Darrell & Kim Kuiper, Gerry & MaryJane VandenBerg,
Bernie & Linda Mulder

Please bring 5 dozen cookies each

Children & Worship Leader/Teacher: Karen Benthem

Children & Worship Adult Helper: DeAnn Prince

Children & Worship Child Helper: Dereck Kamphouse

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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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

The "Feed the Need" Program needs your help! Our Church is in need of a new person to handle this Program. *Duties include things like scheduling meals, visits, etc. to Members of our Congregation as the need arises. A full Description is available on the table in the Fellowship Hall.* Any Questions may be directed to **Lindsay Zuiderveen.**

MINISTRIES @ LOCAL CRC'S PARTNERING WITH LUCAS CRC:

- ◆ Family Dinners @ Highland CRC – Apr. 4– 6:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. – **Church Office** #231-825-2171
- ◆ CenterShot (Archery) @ Highland CRC – Apr. 4 - 7:00 p.m. – 8:15 p.m. – **Diane Eisenga** #231-357-6298 – Lesson Day, Theme "Stewardship"
- ◆ Gems @ Highland CRC – Grades 2nd-5th - Apr. 4 - 7:00 p.m. – 8:15 p.m. – **Carrie Thompson** #231-250-7517— Lesson Day, Theme "In His Steps"

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ◇ April 3—Autumnwood Singing
- ◇ April 3—Discipleship Committee Meeting
- ◇ April 16—Elders Meeting
- ◇ April 23—Elders Meeting
- ◇ **April 23 or April 30—Missaukee County Road Clean-Up & Pizza Party**
- ◇ **April 26 & 28—Lucas CRC Diaper Pantry**
- ◇ **May 3—National Day of Prayer**
- ◇ May 8—Communion Sunday
- ◇ May 8—Secret Sisters Reveal Party & Finger Food Potluck
- ◇ May 10—Ascension Day
- ◇ **May 13—Ascension Sunday & Mother's Day**
- ◇ **May 13—Combined Evening Worship Service @ Vogel Center CRC**

THOSE SERVING FRIDAY, MARCH 30TH

Ushers AM Darrell Kuiper (northeast), Rocky Schierbeek (southeast), Patrick Lavender, Sammy Pluger

Nursery AM MaryJane VandenBerg, Cindy Schierbeek, Karlie Heuker

Greeters AM **West** – Elders
East – Elders

THOSE SERVING NEXT SUNDAY,

APRIL 1ST

Ushers AM Paul Taylor (northeast), Curt Van Houten (southeast), Steve Nicholas, Caleb Kamphouse

Nursery AM Heidi Heuker, Shirley Van Houten, Dereck Kamphouse

Greeters AM **West** – Ed & Joyce Van Houten
East – Dan & Juli Tacoma

Coffee Servers: Dan & Amy Shaarda, Patrick & Erin Lavender, Sam & Denise Yonkman

Please bring 5 dozen cookies each

Children & Worship Leader/Teacher:

Off For Easter

Children & Worship Adult Helper:

Off For Easter

Children & Worship Child Helper:

Off For Easter

Praise Team: Red

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 **Palm Sunday**
Morning Worship Service
Children & Worship

2:00 PM **Jail Ministry @ Missaukee County Prison**

6:00 PM Evening Worship Service

MONDAY:

6:30 PM Deacon's Meeting *in the Deacon's Room*

7:30 PM Full Council Meeting *in the Council Room*

WEDNESDAY:

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

FRIDAY:

7:00 PM **Good Friday**
Evening Worship Service

NEXT SUNDAY:

9:30 AM **Easter Sunday**
Morning Worship Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

Because of the busy Easter Weekend, please have any Bulletin Announcements or Details into the Secretary by **5:00 p.m., on Wednesday, March 28th.**

This week is Passion Week or Holy Week in the Church Calendar—the time of the year when we focus in a special way on the Events of Jesus' Suffering and Death. We invite you to join with us this Friday at 7:00 p.m. for our **Good Friday Evening Worship Service** in which we will consider and celebrate Jesus as the ultimate sacrifice. **Communion will be served at this Service** and all who trust in Christ as the one and only sacrifice for their sins are welcome to join in celebrating the **Lord's Supper.** Children of believers are also invited to participate in the Lord's Supper at the discretion of the parents.

Join us Next Sunday Morning, April 1st, as we celebrate our Risen Lord! Jesus is not dead. He is alive! Every Sunday is a celebration of the Resurrection, but **Easter Sunday** is a special time to rejoice in the fact that God raised Jesus from the dead. And don't forget that we have the long-standing tradition of having doughnuts holes during our fellowship time after the Morning Service. **There will not be an Evening Service next week.**

Thank You for the prayers, cards, and visits when I was not feeling well. Thank God, for his faithfulness in our time of need! ~**Wilma Pluger & Family~**

Thank You to everyone who donated to the Pillowcase Dress Mission, and especially to the Workers who came and worked to send **85 dresses with Project Canefire,** and **136 to the DR with the NMCS High School Students,** for a **total of 221 dresses!** Pray that God will use these dresses to help spread His love and further His Kingdom!
~**Lucas CRC Sewing Sisters Group~**

MINISTRIES @ LUCAS

- ★ *Children & Worship*—Ages 3-5—**TODAY**—Classroom #1 studying The Jesus Storybook Bible & Assorted Crafts—**Ally Brinks**
- ★ *Youth Group*—7:00-8:30 p.m. Young Peoples Room studying “King David by David Nasser” - **Mar. 28**—**Evie Kamphouse**

PERIODICALS:

- ⇒ **DISABILITY CONCERNS BREAKING BARRIERS NEWSLETTER**
- ⇒ **JOSH & MANDY SHAARDA'S PRAYER LETTER**
- ⇒ **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!

LUCAS LINK ARTICLES FOR APRIL ARE DUE TODAY. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT **DIANE KORTMAN-KIRT**.

THE NEWEST EDITION OF THE NORTHERN STAR IS AVAILABLE ON THE FELLOWSHIP HALL TABLE. IF YOU DID NOT RECEIVE ONE IN THE MAIL, PLEASE PICK ONE UP TO READ ABOUT THE EVENTS AT NMCS.

BOOSTER CLUB BUSINESS:

NMCS 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament - The Lucas CRC Booster Club will be doing Concessions for the 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament on **Saturday, April 7th**. 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**.

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. **The Booster Club is only excepting Clothes that are in Kids' sizes Newborn through Girls/Boys size 10.** 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.**

Please make the following change in your **PICTORIAL CHURCH DIRECTORY** for **Joe & Kelly Carter's Address:** Their new address is: 1031 East Workman Road Falmouth, MI. 49632.

DISCIPLESHIP DUTIES:

Ladies! Today is the first day to Sign-Up 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.

Children & Worship will be taking a break Next Week Sunday, April 1st, for Easter Sunday and will be resuming the following **Sunday, April 8th**. If you have any Questions, please contact **Ally Brinks**.

There will be no Sunday School for all Ages TODAY and Next Sunday, April 1st for Spring Break, Palm Sunday, and Easter. We will resume the following **Sunday, April 8th**. If you have any Questions, please chat with **Lindsay Zuiderveen, JoAnne Benthem, Pastor Todd Kuperus, or Rog Hoeksema**.

Sunday School Perfect Attendance for the Month of March 2018: Ben Shaarda, Clayton Heuker, Gage & Easton Prince, Mason & Colton Plugger, Cameron & Braylin Stahl, Lia & Sammy Plugger, Wyatt, and Eli, & Silas Zuiderveen.

Congrats to all our Sunday School Students who Memorized & Recited Romans 12:14!
It's so exciting to know these kids are tucking God's word into their hearts! Renee Kuperus, Clayton Heuker, Brendon Box, Colton Plugger, Bella Lavender, Braylin Stahl, Sammy & Lia Plugger, Connor & Emery Brinks, Gage & Easton Prince, and Wyatt & Eli Zuiderveen.

DECORATION DIRECTIVES:

Easter Flowers: Would you like to donate a Spring Flower for Easter Sunday in memory of a loved one? It is a wonderful way to make our church look beautiful!!!! Non-memorial donations are welcome as well. Please have the flowers to Church by no later than this coming **Saturday, March 31st, 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." **Please don't place the info in the flower pot, Thank You!**

Attention Lucas CRC Sisters!! It's time for our Special SECRET SISTERS to gather together and bless one another with prayers, cards, and small gifts. Any Lady ages 18 and over is encouraged to participate! Look in your mailboxes for the Sign-up Flyer! Detach the bottom half of the Flyer once you have filled it out, and return it to me or my mailbox.

~Lindsay Zuiderveen~

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES:

Jail Ministry: It would be greatly appreciated if you would like to join a few others in Ministry at the Missaukee County Jail TODAY. Let **Jim Plugger** know if you are available.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Please join us for a Maundy Thursday Communion Evening Service on this coming Thursday, March 29th at 7:30 p.m. at Prosper Christian Reformed Church, 1975 E. Prosper Road, Falmouth, MI. This Communion Service will include a Message that tells about the incredible suffering of Jesus, and His COMPLETE obedience to the Father, which gives us the assurance of eternal life when our hope and trust is in the Lord! **Nursery is provided.**

Community Easter Egg Hunt at the Falmouth Community Center is on this coming Saturday, March 31st at 10:00 a.m.! This egg hunt is for kids ages 10 and under. Free Family Fun with tons of Prizes! Hosted by **Prosper Christian Reformed Church.**

Son-rise Morning Service is on Next Sunday, April 1st at 7:15 a.m. in the Falmouth Cemetery; a light Breakfast will be served in Prosper CRC Fellowship Room beginning at 8:00 a.m.

The Northern Michigan 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament is a fun day for all! Come to the Tournament at NMCS on Next Saturday, April 7th to cheer on your favorite teams and enjoy great food! Join us for an exciting day!!! **This event is sponsored by the Vogel Center Christian Education Club.**

The AMEN Chorus Rehearsals have begun. Rehearsals will be held every Saturday from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Rehoboth Reformed Church in Lucas until the Concert Dates (Saturday, April 28th and Sunday, April 29th). If you are a gentleman that loves to sing and worship God through song and fellowship, we invite you to come. We ask that you **bring \$10 to cover the cost of music and supplies.** For further information please contact Angela at #231-330-0894, kirkangelawarner@hotmail.com, or visit www.amenchorus.org. The Amen Chorus is **directed by Angela Warner and accompanied by Sandy Bode.**

Are you looking for an opportunity to grow in your faith? The Philadelphia Conference on Reformed Theology (PCRT) [Pastor Todd's favorite conference!] is coming once again to the Grand Rapids area on Friday, April 13th – Saturday, 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.

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!

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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: Thursdays, April 5th - May 10th, from 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 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**

The Deadline to Sign-up for Secret Church is Next Sunday, April 1st! Prosper CRC will be hosting 2018 Simulcast Secret Church on Friday, April 20th, 7:00 p.m. - 12:30 a.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 is a great opportunity to worship with other believers from around the world—some of whom have to meet in secret! **This Year's Topic – Cults and Counterfeit Gospels!** 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." We will consider the claims of Jehovah's Witnesses, Mormons, and other groups that claim to teach the truth. We will also explore more subtle distortions of the gospel, including prosperity teaching that is rampant across the church. In the end, our goal is to walk away from this Secret Church not only enabled to discern false gospels, but also equipped to share the true gospel with people around us and with peoples around the world. **Cost is \$10. Contact Alex Dodde at #231-349-2806 or adodde@gmail.com with Questions or to Sign-up.**

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.

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 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.rgtiny.com/E/blessed> **The DEADLINE to Sign-up is 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