

LUCAS CRC

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, NOVEMBER 29TH:

Ushers: AM Dan Zuiderveen (NE & SE),
Rocky Schierbeek

Nursery: AM Deb Hoeksema,
Sandy (L) Pluger

Greeters: AM West—Darrell & Kim Kuiper
East—Ken & Judy Kamphouse

Coffee Servers: *On Hiatus*

Children & Worship Leader/Teacher: *On Hiatus*

Children & Worship Child Helper: *On Hiatus*

Elder

Darrell Kuiper
Ron Brouwer
Bruce Benthem
Curt Van Houten
Ken Kamphouse
Mike Nederhood

Church Families

A—B
C—Kamphouse
Kortman—L
M—Pluger
Prince—S
T—Z

Deacon

Garrett Prince
Ron Lutke
Kurt Brinks
Scott Dick
Dave Meekhof
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We are so sorry to inform you, but with a lot of discussion and great sadness, the Project Christmas Board has decided to **cancel the Project Christmas Event this year**. It breaks our hearts and we know it is so for hundreds of people. This decision wasn't made lightly and we tried diligently to make it happen but with the increase of the virus happening at a rapid pace, we felt it was the appropriate thing to do. *We pray that God will bless those who need help with another source of assistance this year.* We trust God that we will be able to hold our Event again next year. **Financial gifts will be saved for next year.** Food that has already been ordered or donated will be given to a variety of Charities in Wexford and Missaukee Counties. We appreciate your understanding with this very difficult decision. ~Thanks, Ev Rexford~

Upcoming Events:

- * November 29—First Sunday of Advent Season
 - * November 29—No Evening Worship Service
 - * November 30—Deacon's & Full Council Meeting (s) @ 6:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
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- December 6—Second Sunday of Advent Season
 - December 6—PreK-8th Grade Sunday School Classes @ 10:50 a.m.
 - December 6—High School Catechism Class @ 11:00 a.m.
 - December 6—Adult Sunday School Class @ 11:00 a.m.
 - December 13—Third Sunday of Advent Season
 - December 20—Fourth Sunday of Advent Season
 - December 21—Elder's Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.
 - December 24—Christmas Eve
 - December 25—Christmas Day Morning Worship Service @ 9:30 a.m.
 - December 27—No Evening Worship Service
 - December 31—New Year's Eve
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- ◇ January 1—New Year's Day
 - ◇ January 3—Old Year's Sunday Morning Worship Service @ 9:30 a.m.
 - ◇ January 3—Installation of New Elder's & New Deacon's
 - ◇ January 17—Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
 - ◇ January 24—Calvinist Cadet Sunday
 - ◇ January 28 & 29—Lucas CRC Diaper Pantry @ 4:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

THOSE SERVING NEXT SUNDAY,

DECEMBER 6TH:

- Ushers:** AM Larry Pluger (NE),
Den Heuker (SE),
Dave Zuiderveen
- Nursery:** AM Patti Brouwer,
Lorraine Martz
- Greeters:** AM West—Dave & Joyce
Zuiderveen
East—Ed & Joyce Van Houten

Coffee Servers: Darrell & Kim Kuiper,
Kurt & Ally Brinks,
Curt & Shirley Van Houten
PLEASE BRING 5 DOZEN COOKIES EACH

CHILDREN & WORSHIP LEADER/TEACHER:
On Hiatus

CHILDREN & WORSHIP CHILD HELPER:
On Hiatus

PRAISE TEAM: *On Hiatus*

OFFERINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:
AM 1st: General Fund/Budget
2nd: Lucas CRC Building Fund

MISSIONARY LETTER WRITERS FOR NEXT WEEK:
⇒ Ron & Patti Brouwer

NURSERY CLEANERS FOR DEC. 14 THRU DEC. 19:
⇒ Talli Bode

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!

November 29, 2020



WEEK AT A GLANCE...

SUNDAY:

First Sunday of Advent Season

9:30 AM Morning Worship Service

MONDAY:

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

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

NEXT SUNDAY:

Second Sunday of Advent Season

9:30 AM Morning Worship Service

10:50 AM Sunday School Classes *for Ages PreK to 8th Grade*

11:00 AM High School Catechism Class *meets in the Young Peoples Room*

11:00 AM Adult Sunday School Class *meets in the Council Room*

6:00 PM Evening Worship Service

OFFERINGS FOR TODAY:

AM General Fund/Budget

MISSIONARY LETTER WRITERS TODAY:

- Kurt & Ally Brinks

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY!

TODAY, IS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT.

In years past, we have had **Individuals, Groups, or Families** lead our **Advent Readings**. This year, because of the pandemic, we are looking for **Individuals or Families that would be willing to make a Video of them going through the Advent Reading**. *This Video will then be shown during the Morning Worship Service, and the Candle will be lit by Pastor Todd.* If this is something that you would be willing to do, or if you have Questions; please contact **Pastor Todd**.

AN IMPORTANT SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENT: With a heavy heart it has been decided that due to a recent outbreak of covid in our local School (s), **all Sunday School Classes, including High School and Adult Sunday School are CANCELLED** until Next Sunday, December 6th; and so is the **Sunday School Christmas Program on Sunday, December 13th**. More information will follow as it becomes available. Stay healthy and Stay safe!

~Lindsay Zuiderveen, Superintendent~

OUR FULL COUNCIL IS MEETING TOMORROW NIGHT, November 30th, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Room downstairs at Church.

OUR DEACONS ARE MEETING at 6:30 p.m. **TOMORROW NIGHT, November 30th**, in the Deacon's Room downstairs at Church.

CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY NOTE: The Landline Phone at the Parsonage is being **disconnected**. To contact **Pastor Todd**, use his Cell Phone # (231-667-0181). You can also find **Michele's Cell Phone Number** in the **Pictorial Church Directory**.

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES:

PROJECT CHRISTMAS HAS BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19 THIS YEAR.

However, all **Pajama Donations** received this year will be kept until this time next year. Any Questions, talk to **Cindy Schierbeek**. Thank You!!!

Periodicals:

- ♦ **DECEMBER ISSUE LUCAS LINK ARTICLES**—Due TODAY = **Diane Kortman**
- ♦ **NEW HOPE CENTER/SHELTER UPDATE**
- ♦ **NMCS COMET CONNECTION**
- ♦ **NOVEMBER/DECEMBER TODAY'S**

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!

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS:

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS: WOULD YOU LIKE TO DONATE A POINSETTIA FOR CHRISTMAS IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE? IT IS A WONDERFUL WAY TO MAKE OUR CHURCH SANCTUARY LOOK GLORIOUS!!! Non-memorial donations are welcome as well. Please have the **Poinsettias to Church** by this coming **Friday, December 4th, before 5:00 p.m.** Please give **Jennifer Van Houten** the **information for Memorials** so she can put it in the **Bulletin on Christmas Day**; either via phone-call, email, or the box marked "Secretary".

DEAR FRIENDS. WE REGRETFULLY HAVE CANCELLED OUR ANNUAL BOOSTER CLUB AUCTION DUE TO COVID. The December Auction is one of our main Fundraisers and provides significant support in helping our group meet their commitments to Christian School tuition. Though disappointed to not share with you an Evening of fun and food to the tune of Jim Lambert's bid-calling cadence, we would still greatly appreciate your support as we seek to provide a formal education to our kids through a Christ-centered worldview. **More than anything else we ask your consideration in praying for the Families and children in our Church and Community.** It takes a vibrant Community of brothers and sisters in Christ to raise Families steeped in His love and grace. Regardless of where education is received, blanketing our area's Families in prayer is a crucial and precious gift. Please join us in praying daily for our kids, that they may seek and know His blessed presence in their lives – nothing is more precious than knowing Him. Far less important than lifting Families and children up in prayer but still necessary, if you're willing and able, we ask your financial support. **Please consider making a financial donation to the CEF or with a Check made out to "Lucas CRC Booster Club" and either mail to Church or place it in Garrett and DeAnn's Church Mailbox.** Thank you very much for your faithfulness over the years, and for your consideration in supporting the Booster Club this year! ~Sincerely, Lucas Booster Club~

Community Announcements:

PROJECT CANEFIRE UPDATE:

The **in-person Volunteer Trip to the Dominican Republic** will not take place this year due to the covid crisis both here in the U.S. and in the Dominican. Your financial gifts are still needed this year to keep the **Home Repairs and Microenterprise Projects** alive through the local Pastors, to provide **basic Food Items** during the covid crisis for needy Families, and to **send a Container, on a Ship, filled with the needed but costly Supplies** for the next 3 years for **Well Drilling, and Construction**. We will also be sending **36 new Sewing Machines and 20 Computers** for the Scholarship Students to continue their Virtual Online Classes. Please remember this Mission as you make your **End of The Year Donations**. ~Gratefully, the **Project Canefire Board**~

BUILDING THE FUTURE AUCTION AND D.R. MISSION TRIP AUCTION

UPDATE: Check out the hundreds of Items online!

- ⇒ Auction Items can be seen now by going to our website, www.nmcs.us and clicking on: **Events/Auction/Sale Bill**.
- ⇒ You may pre-register by "Creating an Account" at <https://www.32auctions.com/NMCSAuction2020>
- ⇒ Registering to Bid between **now and Wednesday, December 2nd** gives you an **Entry into our Door Prize Giveaway!**
- ⇒ Bidding will begin at **Noon on Thursday, December 3rd** and continue until **9:00 p.m. on Friday, December 4th**.
- ⇒ All Items should be picked up at NMCS on **Saturday, December 5th from Noon—4:00 p.m.**

BIBLE LEAGUE INTERNATIONAL HAS A VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY for a **Spanish/English Translator** to assist BLI with the **translation of documents or other forms of communication between English and Spanish** in order to engage more *Donors and Partners in Bible League's Ministry in Latin America*. Contact **Deanna Van Swol @ DVanSwol@bibleleague.org** with Questions.

MISSISSIPPI SPRING BREAK MISSION TRIP UPDATE:

With the uptick of covid-19 and the increase in precaution to phase 3 the **Mississippi Trip for Spring 2021 is cancelled**. We hope and pray that by **Spring 2022** the pandemic will be behind us, and we can do the Mission Trip once again. ~Thank You, **Dennis Anderson**~