

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, NOVEMBER 22ND:

Ushers: AM Becky Nicholas (NE),
Jim Pluger (SE),
Dan Tacoma

Nursery: AM Talli Bode,
Angie Kamphouse

Greeters: AM West—Larry & Sandy Pluger
East—Bob & Lori Hemmes

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
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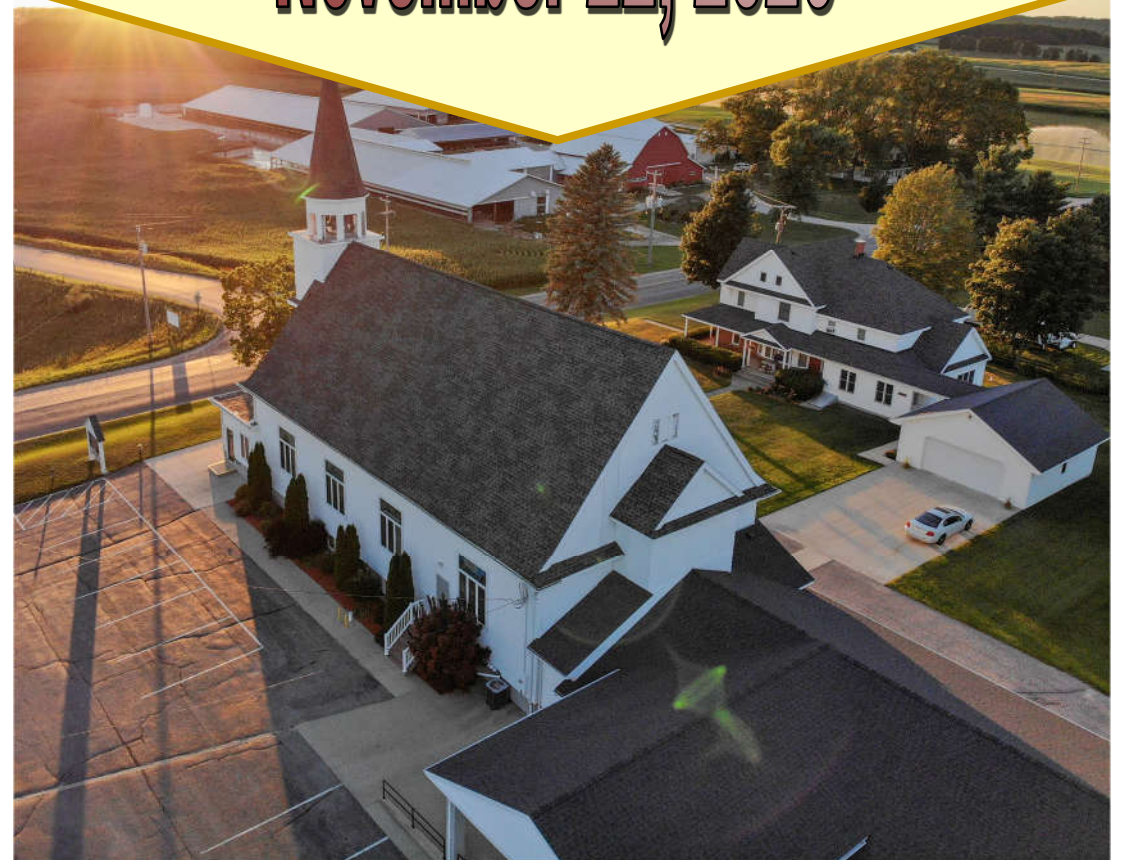
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Lindsay Zuiderveen, Feed The Need Director #231-920-0365 fastforwardfarm@gmail.com

Welcome To Lucas Christian Reformed Church

November 22, 2020



Worship—Serve—Love

God Gathers Us

*Song of Praise:

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon:

*Song: My Soul Finds Rest

God's Law: Romans 12: 9-21

God Speaks To Us In His Word

Scripture: Philippians 4: 1-8

Message: "The Path To Peace

*Song of Response:

We Depart To Serve God And Our Neighbor

*Doxology: Praise God, From Whom All

(*Please stand if you are able)

God Gathers Us

***Profession of Our Faith:**

Psalm Reading: Psalm 141

Psalm Singing:

Pastoral Prayer

*Song of Preparation:

LUYH Book #757 vs. 1-3

God Speaks To Us In His Word

Scripture: Psalm 141

Message: "Prayers, Plows, & Snares"

*Song of Response:

LUYH Book #646 vs. 1-4

We Depart To Serve God And Our Neighbor

*Doxology: Now Blessed Be The Lord Our God

LUYH Book #953 vs. 1-2

(*Please stand if you are able)

SERMON NOTES PM

Upcoming Events:

- * November 23—Elder's Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.
- * **November 26—Thanksgiving Day Morning Worship Service @ 9:30 a.m.**
- * **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.

- **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 Begins @ 11:00 a.m.
- December 6—Adult Sunday School Class @ 11:00 a.m.
- **December 13—Third Sunday of Advent Season**
- December 13—Sunday School Christmas Program @ 6:00 p.m.
- **December 20—Fourth Sunday of Advent Season**
- **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**

THOSE SERVING THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH:

Ushers: AM Darrell Kuiper (NE & SE),
Garrett Prince

Nursery: AM Ally Brinks,
Michele Kuperus

Greeters: AM West—Garry & Lorraine Martz
East—Dan & Juli Tacoma

OFFERINGS FOR THURSDAY:

AM 1st: Thanksgiving Collection Envelopes
2nd: Cooperative Ministries Food Donations
3rd: Notecards of Thankfulness

THOSE SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH:

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

Nursery: AM Erin Lavender,
Sandy (L) Pluger

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

Coffee Servers: Bob & Lori Hemmes,
Reeves & Courtney Box,
Dave & Joyce Zuiderveen

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 General Fund/Budget

MISSIONARY LETTER WRITERS FOR

NEXT WEEK:

⇒ Kurt & Ally Brinks

NURSERY CLEANERS FOR DEC. 14 THRU DEC. 19:

⇒ Talli Bode

Welcome to Lucas CRC! One of the greatest blessings imaginable is that God would allow us to spend time with him as his people all because of Jesus. We are here to meet with the Triune God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and for him to feed us spiritually through his Word. If you have any questions about who we are, what we believe, or why we do what we do, please don't hesitate to ask.

November 22, 2020



WEEK AT A GLANCE...

SUNDAY:

9:30 AM Morning Worship Service
6:00 PM Evening Worship Service

MONDAY:

6:00 PM Elder's Meeting *in the Council Room Downstairs*

THURSDAY:

Thanksgiving Day
9:30 AM Morning Worship Service

NEXT SUNDAY:

First Sunday of Advent Season
9:30 AM Morning Worship Service

OFFERINGS FOR TODAY:

AM 1st: General Fund/Budget
2nd: Special Service Projects

MISSIONARY LETTER WRITERS TODAY:

- Reeves & Courtney Box

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY!

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 Sunday, December 6th. More information will follow as it becomes available. Stay healthy and Stay safe!
~Lindsay Zuiderveen, Superintendent~

OUR ELDERS ARE MEETING

TOMORROW NIGHT, November 23rd at 6:00 p.m. in the Council 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.

AT OUR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING RECENTLY, THE PROPOSED BUDGET AND OFFERING SCHEDULE FOR 2021 WERE BOTH APPROVED. We also had the final selection for

Elders and Deacons for a two-year term. Those selected for Elder were: **Paul Benthem, Rog Hoeksema, and Jim Pluger**. Those selected for Deacon were: **Greg Pluger, Kevin Pluger, and Dan Zuiderveen**. Give thanks to God for the gifts that He has given to these men, and pray that God will continue to prepare and equip them for the work that they are called to do.

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 LUCAS LINK ARTICLES**—Due Next Sunday, **November 29th = Diane Kortman**
- ♦ **NMCS COMET CONNECTION**
- ♦ **NOVEMBER/DECEMBER TODAY'S**
- ♦ **PASTOR'S BIBLE READING PLAN NOV./DEC. 2020**
- ♦ **PROJECT CANEFIRE NEWSLETTER**

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!

Discipleship Duties:

WOMEN'S ADVENT (ONLINE) BIBLE STUDY!

You are invited to join us for an Advent Bible Study, "*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.*" The Study will begin via a **Facebook Group** Next Sunday, **November 29th**, and continue through the Advent Season. This Study, put out by **Lifeway Women**, will feature **5 days of Lessons** each Week, as well as creative *Advent Ideas for Adults, Teens, and Kids* - all with the goal of helping us to keep our focus on Jesus! To purchase the Study Guide, go to <https://www.lifeway.com/en/product/o-come-o-come-emmanuel-P005826668>. **Cost is \$9.99 plus shipping.** Contact **Andrea Shoaf** (#989-370-0194 - call or text; or email @ jshoaffamily@aol.com) to Sign-Up or with Questions.

THANKSGIVING THOUGHTS

THANKSGIVING OFFERING: There are **Thanksgiving Envelopes** in everyone's Church Mailbox. If you didn't get one, contact your District Deacon, or check the Fellowship Hall Table for extras. The Lists on the Envelopes are just Suggestions, if you want to donate to something else, just write it into the "**Other**" **Section on the bottom**. If you want it to be recorded, please write your **Budget Number** on the **Offering Envelope in the space provided**. Please place the **completed Envelopes** in the **Offering Plates** provided on either this **Sunday Morning** or **Thanksgiving Day Morning**. If you have any Questions, please contact your **District Deacon**.

THANKSGIVING THOUGHTS

THANKSGIVING DAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE:

We are planning on gathering together to praise and thank our great God on this coming **Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 26th at 9:30 a.m.** We hope many of you will be able to join us for that Service. For those who will be unable to join us in person, **the Service will be Live-Streamed on our Facebook Page**. We will be doing the **Thanksgiving Food Offering** again this year. Any Items left over after one week will be given to **Cooperative Ministries**. We invite any and all **Non-Perishables** and **Household Items**. However, *Cooperative Ministries has a short supply of the following Baking Items: Flours, Sugars, Baking Mixes, Pancake Mixes, Shortening, Muffin Mixes, Cookie Mixes, Bar Mixes, Brownie Mixes, Bread Mixes, Cake Mixes, Dessert Mixes, Powdered Milk, Frostings, and Dried Peas or Dried Beans, etc.; these Items will go straight to them.* Please place your **Food Donations** on the **marked Tables** in either the **Fellowship Hall** or the **West Entry**, before the **Morning Worship Service** on either **this Sunday** or on **Thanksgiving Day**. Thanks, from the **Lucas CRC Deacons**. We will not have an **Evening Worship Service** Next Sunday, **November 29th**.

WITH ALL THAT IS GOING ON IN OUR WORLD RIGHT NOW, THIS IS AN IMPORTANT TIME FOR US TO THINK ABOUT ALL THAT WE ARE THANKFUL FOR—ALL OF THE BLESSINGS THAT WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM OUR HEAVENLY FATHER. We would love to celebrate all of these blessings at our **Thanksgiving Day Service** this week. You can **1) Write down the things that you are thankful for on an Index Card or on several Index Cards, and place those Cards in the Baskets on the Tables either this Morning or on Thanksgiving Morning; or 2) Email Pastor Todd the things that you are thankful for (pastortodd@lucasrc.com); or 3) Go to our Church's Facebook Page and look for the Giving Thanks Post and make a Comment with the things that you are thankful for.** Let's pour out our thankfulness to God and encourage one another as we think about all the blessings, He has given us!!!

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS:

NEXT WEEK SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH, 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**.

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, November 27th, 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".

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 US and in the Dominican. Your financial gifts are still needed this year to keep the **Home Repairs** and **Micro-Enterprise 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 on-line Classes. Please remember this Mission as you make your **Thanksgiving Offerings** and your **End of The Year Donations**.
Gratefully, the **Project Canefire Board**.

Community Announcements:

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

We are moving our Auction ONLINE!

- * Auction Items can be seen now by going to our Website, www.nmcs.us and clicking on: **Events/Auction/Sale Bill** or via here: <https://www.nmcs.us/auction>.
- * On Friday, November 27th you may pre-register by "Creating an Account" at <https://www.32auctions.com/NMCSAuction2020>
- * Registering to Bid between **Friday, November 27th 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.**

FROM THE PROJECT CHRISTMAS BOARD:

We are so sorry to inform you, but as of this past **Monday, November 16th**, 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~

CANCELLED COMMUNITY EVENTS:

- * Highland Holiday Craft Market @ Highland CRC on Saturday, November 28th is cancelled. Questions, speak with Sarah Bruno @ office@highlandcrc.org.
- * Lucas Rehoboth Christmas Marketplace @ Rehoboth Reformed Church of McBain on Saturday, December 5th is cancelled. Questions, talk to Sarah Eisenga @ sarah@rehoboth.church.

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~

Community Announcements:

NEW HOPE CENTER UPDATE:

The Walls are up and the Roof is on and we are close to having the Building closed in. Interior walls are in process, plumbing and electrical will start soon. We had some delays; hurricanes, wild fires, Covid, material shortages, construction boom, and winter is coming so... we need to push back our Schedule. We will continue erecting interior walls for the next several weeks. Our typical work plan

is **Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. (except Holidays)**. We have been blessed and are extremely grateful for the help received from many Churches and Organizations. We will exceed 5000 Volunteer hours this month. Please come along side us, enjoy the build, and you will meet a lot of great People. Below is the **General Volunteer Schedule**, please look it over. If you would like your Group to have an isolated Event (your Team only) at a time of your choosing, please let us know. We can accommodate **2-hour Events, 4-hour, 8-hour, or 24-hour (24-hour is our specialty)**. Please come by the site at 1125 Lincoln St. in Cadillac, and say a prayer for us! Questions or need additional info, contact **Mark Mogan, the New Hope Board Secretary**, @ m_mogan@outlook.com or #231-429-2974.

SCHEDULE:

- ◇ Erecting Interior Walls – November; Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, & Saturday 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. (except Holidays).
- ◇ Assist with Plumbing and Electrical – December & January specific dates to follow.
- ◇ Insulation Attic blown-in and Sound Proofing Walls – January specific dates to follow.
- ◇ Painting – February & March.
- ◇ Doors, Trim, Cabinetry, and Counter Tops – March & April.
- ◇ Plumbing Fixtures installation – April.
- ◇ Appliance and Furniture move-in – May.
- ◇ Siding & Landscape – May.
- ◇ **ONE EXTRA PROJECT:** We have 30 Interior Wood Doors. They need to be varnished and the door jams painted, New Hope will supply material, will deliver, and pick-up. If you have a warm place to work and are looking for another Project please call us!
- ◇ Please see the **Bulletin Board** or the **Fellowship Hall Table** for additional information.

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.