

NURSERY:

Oct 10	Cindy Vennema, Becky Bode, Jayden Bode, Patti Koop, Lizelle Bazuin, Aubrynn Bazuin
Oct 17	Julie Dorman, Bev Kamphouse, Claire Thompson Amy Eisenga, Owen Wemple, Kasey McQuestion
Oct 24	Shari Benthem, Karen Oeverman, Addean Oeverman Becky Wemple, Diane Eisenga, Megan Benthem
Oct 31	Melissa Oeverman, Ruth Kulhawick, Kendyn Meyering Emma Oeverman, Nicole Schultz, Maggie Southwick

LITTLE LAMBS / CHILDREN IN WORSHIP:

Oct 10	LL Teacher: Makayla Powers; Helper: Harper Tossey CIW Teacher: Jodi DeHate; Helper: Karianne Smith
Oct 17	LL Teacher: Amy VanPolen; Helper: Alan Thomas CIW Teacher: Maggie Southwick; Helper: Emerson Tossey
Oct 24	LL Teacher: _____; Helper: _____ CIW Teacher: Lizelle Bazuin; Helper: JD Bazuin
Oct 31	LL Teacher: Kasey McQuestion; Helper: Leah Thompson CIW Teacher: Nicole Koetje; Helper: Linda Ellens

SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT:

Oct 10	Kyle Meyering, Dan Ouwinga, Sue Cook
Oct 17	Matt Thompson, Jonathan Ouwinga, Deb Eisenga
Oct 24	Cary Sikkema, Roger Hagerman, Sue Cook
Oct 31	Matt Thompson, Dan Ouwinga, Tami Eisenga

OFFERINGS:

OCTOBER	3: Booster Club	NOVEMBER	7th Booster Club
	10: New Building Fund		14th New Building
	17: Feeding America		21st Benevolence
	24: Oasis Family Resource Center		25th Food Pantry Collection (for Thanksgiving)
31: Friends Ministry		28th: George & Sarah de Vuyst	

USHERS:

October: Ryan McQuestion, Paul Shaarda, Brandon Veddler, Phil VanAssche

November: Kevin Eisenga, Mike Plugger, Al Thomas, Adam Southwick

****If you are unable to serve on your scheduled date, please find your own replacement. Please call the church office (231) 825-2171 if you have any questions. Thank you!**



OCTOBER 10, 2021

HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

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Rev. Neil Jasperse
Sunday Worship: 9:30 AM
Sunday School 10:50 AM

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE – 9:30 AM
Highland Christian Reformed Church
October 10, 2021

The People of God Gather:

Prelude
 Call to worship -Isaiah 55:1, 6
 Welcome
 God's greeting
 Greeting one another

To Praise God:

Psalm 145: 8, 9 & 21 –in unison
“All Creatures of Our God and King”
“I Will Sing of My Redeemer”
 Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God:

Announcements
 Congregational prayer

To Proclaim God's Word:

Children's Message –George de Vuyst
Song of Preparation: “More About Jesus” (vs 1-3)
 Bible Text: **Ezekiel 47:1-12**
 Message: **“The River of Life”**
 Prayer of Response: *“I Know Not Why” (vs 1-4)*
 *Offerings taken during the song; 1st: General Fund; 2nd: New Building

To Go in God's Name:

God's blessing
Parting song: “Sent Forth by God's Blessing”

POSTLUDE

- **Nursery** is available in the basement for children ages infant-3 years old.
- **Children's Church:** Little Lambs is available for ages 3-4 and Children in Worship is for ages 5-Kindergarten. A parent/guardian must pick them up from their classrooms in the basement after the service.
- **LIVE streaming** of our Sunday service is available on our Facebook page
- **Video recordings** are available on USB at the sound booth after the service or on DVD by request the following Monday afternoon from the office.

2021 COUNCIL		
Executive. Board: *		Church Office (231) 825-2171
Elders	District	Deacons
Bob Vennema *Clerk	#1, A-C	Gary Hesselink
Dale Fredin *Pres.	#2, D-E	Greg Tossey *Sec. of Deac.
Ken Meyering	#3, F-L	Tom Ouwinga *V.T.
Ken Roede *V.P.	#4, M-O	Dan Villwock
Jerry Koop	#5, P-T	Doug Mitchell
Bryan Eisenga	#6, V-Z	Adam Swiler
PASTORAL VISITS: If you would appreciate a pastoral visit for whatever reason, please contact Pastor Neil via Sara Bruno in the church office, in person or by email at npjasperse@gmail.com.		

September		2nd Offering	
5th	4,503.00	Highland Booster Club	537.00
12th	5,894.00	New Building Fund	3,429.00
19th	5,248.00	Church Building Fund	700.00
26th	5,291.00	Highland GEMS	535.00
Budget needed weekly	5,765.14	CRC Loan Fund - Beginning Balance	187,213.38
Times 39 weeks	224,840.40	Principal Paid to Date	30,186.14
Received to date	212,436.80	CRC Loan Fund -Ending Balance	157,027.24
Balance	(12,403.60)		
		Interest paid to date	5,998.90

<p><u>CHURCH OFFICE</u> (231) 825-2171 office@highlandcrc.org Normal Hours: Mon-Thurs: 8:30 am – 2:00 pm Fri-Sun: Closed</p> <p>**All bulletin content due by noon on Thursdays**</p>	<p><u>MINISTRY TEAM LEADERS</u> Care & Fellowship Team (Cindy Vennema) Education Team (Megan Pluger) Facilities Team (Greg Hesselink) Outreach Team (Jodi DeHate) Prayer Team (Sandy Rice) Service Team (Carrie Thompson) Worship Team (DaNay Tossey)</p>
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ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

Service Team Update: We have had many members indicate that they would be willing to help with yard work, wood cutting, garden clean up, general home upkeep, etc. and also offering rides to/from medical appointments. Please let Carrie Thompson know if you need any assistance in these areas!

Highland & Friends Wreath Making Night- Wednesday, October 13th at 6:30 pm at Jason & Shari Benthem's home. To reserve your ticket, call or text Maggie Southwick at (231) 942-290. Bring a friend or family member for a fun night of crafting and fellowship. Bring an appetizer to share.

Wreath Sizes	Wreath kit	Just the wreath
24"	\$60.00	\$15.00
18"	\$50.00	\$10.00
16"	\$40.00	\$8.00

The AMEN Chorus will start rehearsing on Saturday nights beginning October 23 from 5:00-7:00 P.M. We will practice for 6 weeks and then put on an evening Christmas Program on December 4 at Rehoboth Reformed Church in Lucas. If you are a gentleman that loves to sing and worship through music we would love to have you join us. All practices will also be held at Rehoboth. If you have any questions, please contact director Angela Warner at 231-330-0894 or kirkangelawarner@hotmail.com. Please bring \$10 to the first rehearsal to cover the cost of the music.

HIGHLAND'S OCTOBER COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

Highland's Council met again on October 4, 2021.

1. Adopted some recommendations from a five-person Vision Task Force, including a slightly revised and expanded mission statement and a set of seven core values (see bulletin insert).
2. Scheduled the two teaching forums on women in church leadership for the first two Sundays in December, 4:30-6:00pm. The third forum, a listening circle, will be scheduled in early January.
3. Heard a report that our Sunday School program is off to a fine start, with teachers for each age level. Attendance in our middle school class is so large that additional curriculum was ordered.
4. The following nominees have agreed to let their name stand as candidates for council. **For Elder:** Paul Shaarda, Jon Dracht, Don Eisenga, Don Ellens, Bob Lee, & Den Kamphouse. **For Deacon:** Kasey Rees, Devon Dracht, Curt Wemple, Scott Oeverman, David Wing, and Jonathon Ouwinga.

Special Guests: George & Sarah de Vuyst Family Missionaries to Ukraine

Our Mission:

By God's grace and the Spirit's working we are facilitating the transformation of lives, families, churches and communities in Ukraine and around the world.

Three key ministries are our tools to fulfill this mission:

- **Healing Hearts, Transforming Nations** is a practical event that takes people through the process of healing and reconciliation. We are actively leading these events with partner churches in eastern Ukraine. The International School of Reconciliation and the Eurasian School of Reconciliation are international venues in which we, together with our partners, train others to develop and lead healing and reconciliation ministries in their own contexts.
- **Timothy Leadership Training Institute** equips church leaders to develop healthy congregations and effectively train their own leaders.
- In addition to these ministries we are helping facilitate the introduction of **Educational Care and Global Coffee Break** to Ukraine and the Russian speaking world.

Prayer and Praise:

Thanksgiving for:

- Safe & smooth move to the U.S.
- Vaccinations for Sarah, Matthew & Elizabeth (George & Abigail were vaccinated in April)
- Celebration of Abigail's graduation from high school
- Generous provisions of furniture and supplies for our house
- Opportunities to plan ahead with reconciliation team in Ukraine & their increased leadership
- Our partners and supporters for again meeting our fundraising goal for the past fiscal year.

Pray for:

- Plans for introducing Healing Hearts, Transforming Nations to North America
- Smooth adjustment to living in the U.S., especially for the kids as this is a major transition for them
- Safe travel as we visit churches and family around the U.S. over the next several months.

PRAYER CORNER

We lift up in prayer those that need healing: Please pray for Ruth Jasperse, Ken VanPolen, Dick Bruno, Carol Niver, Marilyn Ouwinga, Jean Kriebel, and BJ & Sue Cook. Lord, give them the healing and the patience they need and bless each of them in ways only you can do.

- We extend our heartfelt condolences to the Kirkby family in the passing of Del’s dad, **Edward Kirkby**. Ed passed away on Thursday, September 30th as a result of respiratory failure. He was 84.
- Kelly Seitter’s mother, **Jean Kriebel**, is now home after spending 6 long weeks, first in the hospital, then in a rehab facility due to multiple health concerns. Please pray for renewed health and strength for Jean.
- **Update on Ruth Jasperse:** The labs results from Ruth’s surgery came back this past Monday and indicate that the cancer was completely removed from her tongue. The lymph nodes that were removed from her neck are also clear of cancer. These results mean that she will not need chemo or radiation and she is now clear of cancer. Praise the Lord! God is good!

DAILY PRAYER FOCUS

Isaiah 6:3 “And one called to another and said, ‘Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory’”

Holy God, this time of year, even the trees of the fields fill the earth with your glory. Hear us as we proclaim your glory to each other and give you praise.

*Content for the Daily Prayer Focus is provided by the Highland Prayer Team

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	Tyler Bode (Staff Sargent, U.S. Air Force) Davis Monthan Airforce Base, Tucson, AZ	
Militar		

OUR CHURCH WEEK: OCTOBE 10-16

SUN 10/10	9:15 AM 9:30 AM 10:50 AM 4:30 PM	A time of prayer in the prayer room Morning Worship Service & Baptism Sunday School & Catechism (MS & HS) Mark Manuscript Study (session #3) & Potluck
TUES 10/12	5:45 PM	MOPS
WED 10/13	9:30 AM 1-7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Ladies Bible Study –Lesson 4 Versiti Blood Drive Prayer Meeting
FRI & SAT 10/15 & 10/16	Church Use	

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ladies Wednesday Morning Bible Study- This year, the group is looking at a study titled, *“I AM -Discovering Who Jesus Is”*. This week we will be looking at Lesson 4.

Our MOPS group has a food sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall for their next meeting this Tuesday. Our goal is to bless these moms with a hot meal they don’t have to cook themselves and to show these moms we appreciate them.

Youth Group Leaders for small and large Group settings are still needed. There is minimal prep required. Please contact Megan Plugger or Shari Benthem.

Little Lambs and Children in Worship We still need one more teacher and 2 more helpers. Please contact Anne Thomas or the church office if you are willing to help with these needs.

Service Team Request: We have been asked to form a small "team" of people to fill bags of food for kids at the Marion Elementary School for their “Grub to Go” weekend food program. The time commitment would be approximately one time per month for a couple hours on a Friday morning. Please more information, please contact Carrie Thompson.

****Please keep this insert for your own personal reference****

In August our council approved forming a Vision Task Force. It was led by Pastor Neil and included Sue Cook, David Lee, Bev Taylor, and Margaret Westmaas. The mandate was three-fold: to review Highland's mission statement, articulate our core values, and suggest an inspiring motto.

At its October meeting our council adopted a slightly revised and expanded mission statement. It also adopted seven core values. Council decided to table discussion about a possible motto till next meeting.

REVISED MISSION STATEMENT:

“Centered on Jesus Christ and his Word, Highland Church seeks to glorify God with joyful and reverent worship; nurture our children and people of all ages through biblical teaching; promote Spirit-filled fellowship through acceptance and respect, healing and love; and share the good news of Jesus both individually and together.”

HIGHLAND CHURCH CORE VALUES

- 1. Worship joyfully and reverently.**
- 2. Treasure familiar neighbors and warmly welcome new relationships.**
- 3. Nurture our covenant children and serve our community.**
- 4. Earnestly pray and eagerly work.**
- 5. Embrace diversity and emphasize unity.**
- 6. Empower ministry staff and employ the ministry gifts of all.**
- 7. Give generously and invest globally.**

Some values reflect long-standing strengths of our church. Others are aspirational-pointing to what we want to be by God's grace. Each value features a “both-and” balance. These core values can help shape decisions and investments we make in our kingdom work.