

NURSERY:

Nov 14	Jodi DeHate, Barb Dore, Evan Wemple Tami Eisenga, Mya Eisenga, Jodi Meyering
Nov 21	Mikayla Powers, Mary Rees, Karsyn Meyering Lindsay Beerens, Bev Taylor, Harper Tossey
Nov 25 Thanksgiving	Jackie Schmid, Brenda Ouwinga, Deborah Ouwinga Megan Pluger, April Villwock, Madelyn Benthem
Nov 28	Cindy Vennema, Lizelle Bazuin, Aubrynn Bazuin Patti Koop, Bev Kamphouse, Claire Thompson

LITTLE LAMBS / CHILDREN IN WORSHIP:

Nov 14	LL Teacher: Nicole Schultz; Helper: Addean Oeverman CIW Teacher: Anne Thomas; Helper: Karsyn Meyering
Nov 21	LL Teacher: Makayla Powers; Helper: Harper Tossey CIW Teacher: Jodi DeHate; Helper: Karianne Smith
Nov 25 Thanksgiving	No Children's Church
Nov 28	LL Teacher: Amy VanPolen; Helper: Alan Thomas CIW Teacher: Lizelle Bazuin; Helper: JD Bazuin

SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT:

Nov 14	Matt Thompson, Jonathan Ouwinga, Deb Eisenga
Nov 21	Matt Thompson, Roger Hagerman, Tami Eisenga
Nov 25 Thanksgiving	Kyle Meyering, Dan Ouwinga, Sue Cook
Nov 28	Cary Sikkema, Jonathan Ouwinga, Jodi DeHate

OFFERINGS:

NOVEMBER	7 th Booster Club	DECEMBER	5 th : Booster Club
	14 th New Building		12 th : New Building
	21 st Benevolence		19 th : Existing Building
	25 th : Marion Food Pantry (food collection on Thanksgiving)		26 th : Life Resources
	28 th : George & Sarah de Vuyst		

USHERS:

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

November: Kevin Eisenga, Mike Pluger, 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!**



NOVEMBER 14, 2021

HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

Highland's 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.*

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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
November 14, 2021

The People of God Gather:

Prelude
 Call to worship
 Welcome
 God's greeting:
 Greeting one another

To Praise God:

I Love You Lord (2x)
My Jesus, I Love Thee (vs 1, 2, 4)
 Prayer of praise

To Pray and Serve God:

Announcements:
 Congregational prayer

To Proclaim God's Word:

Children's message: Al Thomas
 Song of preparation: *Lord Speak to Me (vs 1, 3, 4)*
 Scripture: **Daniel 1:1-8**
 Message: ***Standing Firm in Babylon***
 Prayer of response
 Song of response & Offertory: *A Mighty Fortress is Our God (1, 2, 4)*
 Offering: 1st: General Fund, 2nd: New Building
 (Please remain seated during the song of response and offering)

To Go in God's Name:

God's blessing:
 Parting song: *Revive Us Again (vs 3-4)*
 Postlude

****Please join us for a Q&A with Pastor Mark after the service during the Sunday school hour.**

- **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.

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
<p>PASTORAL CARE VISITS: If you would appreciate a pastoral visit for whatever reason, please contact your district elder or Pastor Neil via Sara Bruno in the church office by calling (231) 825-2171. To reach Pastor Neil directly, his email is npjasperse@gmail.com.</p>		

Upcoming Council Meetings:

November 21	10:50 am	Congregational Meeting
December 6	6:30 pm	Elders Meeting
December 6	7:00 pm	Deacons Meeting
December 6	7:30 pm	Council Meeting - <i>Incoming council to attend also</i>

<p><u>CHURCH OFFICE</u> (231) 825-2171 office@highlandcrc.org Normal Hours: Mon-Thurs: 8:30 am – 2:00 pm Fri-Sun: Closed **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

Thanksgiving Day Food Collection –The Marion Food Pantry has expressed a specific need for canned green beans, canned fruit, snacks (granola bars, energy bars, fruit snacks, etc.), peanut butter, jelly, mayo, ketchup, mustard, canned soup and boxes of cereal. Items may be brought in at our Thanksgiving Day service.

Save the Date – All senior citizens are invited to a luncheon on December 7, 2021. More details to follow.

Thank you to all the “trunkers”, kitchen staff, and volunteers that helped to make our Trunk or Treat event a success!

In case you missed it, there is a list of service opportunities that Highland is supporting through November and December, posted above the drop-off table in the east wing. Please make a point of checking it out!

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

The Highland Booster Club is selling wreaths and poinsettias again this year. They will be available for pick up at the youth building Saturday November 27th. If you need your order delivered please specify when you order. Please check the order sheet for item details or contact a booster club member. Orders are due November 22. ****Memorial Poinsettias:** If you would like to purchase a Poinsettia in memory of a loved one to be placed at the front of church through the Christmas season, please contact Jodi Meyering at (231) 920-0171. The 6.5” are \$8.00 and the 8” are \$12.00.

Adoption Fundraiser- Brad and Abby Pluger will be having a Thanksgiving Pie Sale to raise funds for their adoption. Brad and Abby are approved for a direct adoption and are seeking to connect with a birth family. This will help cover the monthly fees to their adoption agency and other state fees. Brad's mother Pam Pluger has agreed to come out of retirement to assist! A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board with pie options or you can contact Abby at (231)884-6422 or abigailjo16@gmail.com to order a pie. Pies are \$25 and orders are due Sunday, November 14. Pick up is Wednesday November 24, 2-6pm in the Northland Community Church Youth Building at 5855 S. Morey Road, McBain.

PRAYER CORNER

“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”
 ~ **Isaiah 41:10**

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

Prayer Requests:

Please pray for Highland church as we prepare for the upcoming congregational meeting. Please pray that the Holy Spirit guides us through the process of selecting new council members, voting on the budget and addressing the position of Pastor for Highland Church.

DAILY PRAYER FOCUS

“Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.”
Psalms 51:10

God, you are perfect and perfectly pure. My heart is not. I battle against wrong thoughts all the time. I desire a pure heart. Please, by your Spirit, make my spirit steadfast. -Amen

Missions	<p>Josh & Mandy Shaarda & Family Serving in Uganda Email: jshaarda@crcnapartners.org Blog: http://shaarda.blogspot.com/</p>	<p>George & Sarah de Vuyst & Family Serving in Ukraine Email: gdevuyst@crcna.org Website: http://www.devuysts.com</p>
Military	<p>Tyler Bode (Staff Sargent, U.S. Air Force) Davis Monthan Airforce Base, Tucson, AZ</p>	

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

The following are highlights of the brief council meeting that was held on October 31 following the morning worship service:

- 1) The Highland council approved a 2022 budget to present at our congregational meeting on November 21.
- 2) The council also approved four recommendations from the Pastor Search Team:
 - a) To proceed with Rev. Mark Pluimer's visit as the sole prospect in our search;
 - b) To set a 75% bar for a congregational vote to call him;
 - c) Should we extend a call to Rev. Pluimer, to offer a salary in the upper half of our stated salary range;
 - d) To include professing members under the age of 18 now be included in voting on matters pertaining to the call of a pastor, the budget and the election of elders and deacons.

FALL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:

Our Fall Congregational Meeting is scheduled for next Sunday, November 21, following the worship hour. There will be a Thanksgiving craft downstairs for the kids during the congregational meeting to free up teachers to attend. The agenda will include:

- 1) Electing three new elders and three new deacons. An explanation of how the voting will blend with drawing lots was placed in mailboxes several weeks ago.
 - a. **Candidates for Elder:** Paul Shaarda, Jon Dracht, Don Eisenga, Don Ellens, Bob Lee and Den Kamphouse.
 - b. **Candidates for Deacon:** Kasey Rees, Devon Dracht, Jonathon Ouwinga, Curt Wemple, Scott Oeverman, and David Wing.
- 2) We will be discussing and voting on whether to extend a call to Rev. Mark Pluimer to serve with us as our next senior pastor.
- 3) A proposed 2022 budget will be voted on for approval.
- 4) Finally Jeff Bolt will give a five-minute presentation about the kingdom impact of our ministry shares.

Absentee Ballots: If for any reason you are unable to attend this meeting, please pick up an absentee ballot in the office. All completed absentee ballots must be returned to the office and placed in the designated blue box on the desk prior to the Congregational Meeting.

OUR CHURCH WEEK: NOVEMBER 14-20

SUN 11/14	9:15 AM 9:30 AM 10:50 AM 4:30 PM	A time of prayer in the prayer room Morning Worship Service Q&A with Pastor Mark Pluimer Sunday School: Shoebox Packing Party MS & HS Catechism: Attend Q&A Mark Manuscript Study (Session #7)
TUES 11/16	7:00 PM	MOPS Steering Team
WED 11/17	9:30 AM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Ladies Bible Study –Lesson 9 Family Night Dinner GEMS/Centershot Prayer Meeting
THURS 11/18	2:30 PM	Tea Time: At parsonage for widows

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

This Morning we welcome special guests, Rev. Mark and Laurie Pluimer and their family. Pastor Mark will lead our worship this morning followed by a brief Q&A.

Today- Sunday School kids will be meeting in the basement to pack shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. There will not be any singing either before or after so please send kids directly to the basement once the bell rings.

Family Night Dinner this week will feature meatballs with buttered noodles. Dinner starts at 6:30 pm. GEMS, Centershot and Prayer Meeting will be at 7:00 pm.

Tea Time: Pastor Neil and Ruth will be hosting a tea time at the parsonage on Thursday, November 18 at 2:30pm for any and all widows in the Highland congregation. We look forward to a hearty time together.

Next Sunday, November 21st at 1:00 pm is our Annual Thanksgiving Potluck. Please check the sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall if you are able to bring a crockpot of mashed potatoes (7 needed). Turkey, ham, table service and drinks will be provided. Bring the family and a dish or two to pass.

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