#### NURSERY:

Nov 28	Cindy Vennema, Lizelle Bazuin, Aubrynn Bazuin Patti Koop, Bev Kamphouse, Claire Thompson
Dec 5	Amy Eisenga, Kasey McQuestion, Addean Oeverman, Shari Benthem, Jayden Benthem, Dana Baas
Dec 12	Becky Wemple, Diane Eisenga, Franklin Baas Megan Benthem, Melissa Oeverman, Evan Wemple
Dec 19	Stephanie VanHouten, Ruth Kulhawick, Emma Oeverman Sue Cook, Nicole Schultz, Kendyn Meyering

## LITTLE LAMBS / CHILDREN IN WORSHIP:

Nov 28	LL Teacher: Amy VanPolen; Helper: Alan Thomas CIW Teacher: Lizelle Bazuin; Helper: JD Bazuin
Dec 5	LL Teacher: Cindy Vennema; Helper: CIW Teacher: Maggie Southwick; Helper: Emerson Tossey
Dec 12	LL Teacher: Kasey McQuestion; Helper: Leah Thompson CIW Teacher: Nicole Koetje; Helper: Linda Ellens
Dec 19	LL Teacher: Sara Bruno; Helper: Lindsay Beerens CIW Teacher: Hillary Dracht; Helper: Linda Wing

#### SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT:

Nov 28	Cary Sikkema, Jonathan Ouwinga, Jodi DeHate	
Dec 5	Matt Thompson, Dan Ouwinga, Deb Eisenga	
Dec 12	Matt Thompson, Jonathan Ouwinga, Sue Cook	
Dec 19	Kyle Meyering, Roger Hagerman, Jodi DeHate	

#### **OFFERINGS**:

- 7<sup>th</sup> Booster Club R
- 14<sup>th</sup> New Building
- NOVEMBE 21<sup>st</sup> Benevolence
- **25<sup>th</sup>:** Thanksgiving Envelopes
- 28<sup>th</sup>: George & Sarah de Vuyst

### **USHERS:**

November: Kevin Eisenga, Mike Pluger, Al Thomas, Adam Southwick December: James Bazuin, Al Baas, Kyle Meyering, Jason Benthem

\*\*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!

DECEMBER

5<sup>th</sup>: Booster Club

12<sup>th</sup>: New Building

**19<sup>th</sup>:** Existing Building

**26<sup>th</sup>:** Life Resources



# **NOVEMBER 28, 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 28, 2021

## The People of God Gather:

Call to worship –Psalm 90: 1-2 Welcome God's greeting: Greeting one another



## To Praise God:

Build my Life Raise a Hallelujah Prayer of Praise Fírst Sunday of Advent: HOPE

## To Prepare Our Hearts For Christ's Coming:

Reading of Isaiah 7:14 Lighting of the Advent Candle -HOPE Prayer *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus* 

## To Pray and Serve God:

Announcements: Congregational prayer

## To Proclaim God's Word:

Children's message: Pam Pluger Song of preparation: *Lord I Need You* Scripture: **Genesis 21: 22-34** Message: **Foreshadowing Jesus:** "*El Olam*: **Everlasting God**" Prayer of response Song of response & Offertory: *Even So Come* Offering: 1<sup>st</sup>: General Fund, 2<sup>nd</sup>: George & Sarah de Vuyst

#### To Go in God's Name:

God's blessing: Closing song: *Hosanna, Praise is Rising* 

- 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

**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.

#### **Upcoming Council Meetings:**

December 6 6:	:30 pm 🛛 🛛 🛛	Elders Meeting
December 6 7:	:00 pm 🛛 🛛	Deacons Meeting
December 6 7:	:30 pm (	Council Meeting - Incoming council to attend also

## **CHURCH OFFICE**

(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\*\*

## **MINISTRY TEAM LEADERS**

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)

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED**

**Lucas CRC Booster Club** would like to invite everyone to their **Annual Christmas Auction** on Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Dinner is at 6:00 p.m. with the Auction following at 6:30 p.m. Please join us for a time of food, fellowship, and ambitious bidding! All proceeds go to the Lucas CRC Booster Club.

**Thank you-** We are so grateful to all who gave to the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes! The Sunday school kids packed 50 shoeboxes in addition to those packed by individual families for a <u>total of 67</u>!!! Thank you for being a part of this amazing project! We'd also like to thank Becky Wemple for coordinating this event!

**God's Creation Calendars:** Highland CRC MOPS (a program for moms to get together to support and encourage each other through motherhood) is selling 2022 God's Creation Calendar's. The money made from the calendars will help pay for the attending moms fees. If you are interested in buying one please contact Deborah Ouwinga.

**The AMEN Chorus** will be presenting a Christmas Concert this Saturday, December 4, at 7:00 pm at Rehoboth Reformed Church in Lucas. The Rehoboth Bell Choir will begin prelude music at 6:50. We invite you to join us for this time of praise and worship.

**The Women's Ministry of Lucas Rehoboth Reformed Church** will be hosting a "Christmas Marketplace" on December 4, 2021, 10 AM – 2 PM in the church fellowship hall. There will be a cookie walk, coffee and cinnamon rolls, assorted baked goods, and lunch at noon. There will be many vendors and crafters present to help you find that perfect Christmas gift! All proceeds will go to support local missions and needs.

**Project Canefire Supporters:** an update of ongoing projects and present needs is available for you to read in your mailbox. The in-person mission trip to the Dominican Republic has again been put on hold this year but the needs are many and the projects to bring hope continue through the faithful work of our DR volunteers. Please read the newsletter and find out how you can help too.

**Gifts for Kids:** Do you, or someone you know, need a source of encouragement for Christmas this year? Love INC would love to help! The "Gifts for Kids" program offers help with gifts for children, food, etc. and is accepting calls Monday-Friday from 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM until **December 3**. Please call 231-779-5205 OR 231-468-3204 to apply. You will need Social Security numbers for everyone in your home, MDHHS case number (IF you have one) and job supervisor's names (for those in the household who have a job). You do NOT need to have children in the home to apply. We look forward to helping as many households as we can.

## SERMON OUTLINE

Title: El Olam: The Everlasting God

## Text: Genesis 21:22-34

Theme: Abraham learned a new name of the Lord- El Olam: the everlasting God.

Introduction: The Great Lakes Compact

- 1. The trouble: the well that was seized (Genesis 21:25)
- 2. The treaty: the oath of friendship (Genesis 21:22-24; 27-31)
- 3. The tree: the tamarisk (Genesis 21:33a)
- 4. The name: El Olam (Genesis 21:33b-34)

#### Notes:

## PRAYER CORNER

We lift up in prayer those that need healing: Please pray for 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.

## We Want To Pray For You!

- If you have a prayer request, please contact Sara Bruno or your district elder.
- The prayer request will be sent to everyone on the "General Prayer Chain" via the Bright Arrow Messaging system.
- If you want your request for prayer to be more private, you may ask that the message go to "**Prayer Warriors**" only. Prayer Warriors are those committed to confidentiality and repetitive prayer over a period of time.
- If you would like your name to be added to the Prayer Warrior list, please call either the church office or Sandy Rice.
- If you are making a request for prayer for someone other than your immediate family, please make sure that the individual is aware of the request and approves of it.

## PRAYER FOCUS

During this time of Thanksgiving and Advent, let us join our hearts and prayers by focusing on one attribute of our awesome God each week:

God the Creator: "Creator God, I praise You because 'You made the heavens, even the highest heavens, and all their starry host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them. You give life to everything, and the multitudes of heaven worship you'" (Nehemiah 9:6)

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Military

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## **OUR CHURCH WEEK: NOVEMBER 28-DECEMBER 4**

SUN 11/28	9:15 AM	A time of prayer in the prayer room	
	9:30 AM	Morning Worship Service	
	4:30 PM	A Special Time of Thanksgiving & potluck	
WED 12/01	9:30 AM	Ladies Bible Study	
	6:30 PM	Family Night Dinner	
	7:00 PM	GEMS, Centershot & Prayer Meeting	

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**TONIGHT: Giving Thanks**- How has God blessed you in this past year? Please join members of the Prayer Ministry Team next Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm for an informal time of giving thanks for your blessings from harvest to your home. You are invited to a light potluck supper and fellowship afterwards.

**Family Night** dinner this week will feature sloppy joes at 6:30 pm. GEMS, Centershot and Prayer Meeting will begin at 7:00 pm. Parents, please remind your kid(s) that the elevator and wheelchairs are not for their entertainment.

**Notes to Pastor Mark Pluimer**- At our November 21 congregational meeting we decided to call Rev. Mark Pluimer to serve with us as our pastor. An official letter of call has been sent. Personal notes from individuals can be very helpful to put a face on our call, along with specific reasons we hope Pastor Mark will earnestly consider our call. (\*\*\*address is not post online; call the church office for information)

All senior citizens are invited to a Christmas luncheon on December 7th at 11:30 am at Highland Church! Come for an afternoon of food, fellowship and a fun activity. Please sign up on the sheet provided on the information table in the fellowship hall if you are planning to attend. Please contact Cindy Vennema or Bev Taylor if you have questions or need assistance with transportation.

**The Ladies of the Wednesday Morning Bible Study** would like to invite all Highland ladies to a **Christmas Brunch** on Wednesday, December 15th at 9:30am. There will be food, fun and fellowship. Please bring two \$1.00 gifts for one of the activities. Please RSVP by December 12, to either Hilda or Sara in the church office to let them know if you are able to come.