

NURSERY:

Dec 6	Mikayla Powers, Mary Rees, DaNay Tossey Harper Tossey, Cindy Vennema, Lizelle Bazuin
Dec 13	Julie Dorman, Bev Kamphouse, Amy Eisenga Kasey McQuestion, Shari Benthem, Jayden Benthem
Dec 20	Anne Thomas, Charlotte Thomas, Emerson Tossey Karen Oeverman, Franklin Baas, Becky Wemple
Dec 24 (Christmas Eve)	Kendyn Meyering, Diane Eisenga, Megan Benthem, Melissa Oeverman, Emma Oeverman, Sue Cook

LITTLE LAMBS; CHILDREN IN WORSHIP:

Dec 6 & 13	Children's Church Closed
Dec 20	LL Teacher: Anne Thomas, Helpers: Isaac Baas/Harper Tossey CIW Teacher: Lindsay Beerens; Helper: Amanda Lee
Dec 27	LL Teacher: Maggie Southwick; Helper: Sam VanHouten CIW Teacher: Tiffany Ouwinga; Helper: Kendyn Meyering

SOUND SYSTEM, VIDEO, POWERPOINT:

Dec 6	Kyle Meyering, Roger Hagerman, Sue Cook
Dec 13	Matt Thompson, Dan Ouwinga, Tam Eisenga
Dec 20	Kyle Meyering, Roger Hagerman, Jodi DeHate
Dec 24 (Christmas Eve)	Al Baas, Roger Hagerman, Deb Eisenga

OFFERINGS:

December
6: Booster Club
13: New Building
20: New Hope Shelter
27: Existing Building

USHERS:

December: Phil VanAssche, Kevin Eisenga, Mike Pluger, Adam Southwick

January: Lars Fredin, Kyle Veltema, Mike Southwick, Adam Swiler

****If you are unable to serve on your scheduled date, please find your own replacement. If you need assistance with phone numbers, please call the church office (231) 825-2171.**

Thank you!



HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

December 6, 2020

Vision Statement:

***In our endeavor to seek Christ's will and follow His calling,
we desire to strengthen our church through
growth in prayer,
growth in vibrant worship,
growth in committed outreach,
and growth in thriving fellowship.***

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Office Hours: Mon-Thurs 8:30 AM – 2:00 PM

Email: office@highlandcrc.org

Website: www.highlandcrc.org

Sunday Worship: 9:30 AM

Sunday School: 10:50 AM

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE – 9:30 AM
Highland Christian Reformed Church
December 6, 2020

Today we welcome Rev. Rod Kamrath as he leads our worship this morning.

Prelude

Welcome & Greeting

“Come Thou Long Expected Jesus” –both verses

Advent Reading –Week 2:

“The Bond of Love; Bind Us Together”

“O Come, All Ye Faithful” –vs 1 & 2

Congregational Prayer

Children’s Message –Middle School Catechism

Scriptures: **John 3: 1-21**

Sermon Title: **“Christmas In A Capsule”**

“Standing on the Promises” vs 1, 2 & 5

Closing Blessing

“Take the Name of Jesus with You” –vs 2

Postlude

***No Children’s Church, Sunday school or Catechism this week.*

Copies of Today’s Service:

- **Live Videos** of our services will available on our Facebook page (public). A link to our Facebook page is also available alongside our weekly online bulletins.
- **Video recordings on USB** are available for sign-out at the sound booth each Sunday. Please call Sara in the church office if you need a DVD made of a service. These can be made available upon request by Monday afternoon.

Today’s Offerings:

1st: General Fund
2nd: Booster Club

Tithe & Offering boxes are next to the information table in the fellowship hall.

2020 Council		
Exec. Board: *		Church Office(231) 825-2171
Elders	District	Deacons
Bob Vennema	#1, A-C	Gary Hesselink
Dale Fredin *Pres.	#2, D-E	Kyle Meyering *Sec. of Deac.
Al Thomas *Clerk	#3, F-L	Tom Ouwinga *V.T.
Ken Roede *V.P.	#4, M-O	Dan Villwock
Larry Witt	#5, P-T	Larry Sikkema
Chad Dodde	#6, V-Z	Ryan McQuestion

November		2nd Offering	
1st	3,662.00	Highland Booster Club	1,692.00
8th	3,383.00	New Building Fund	16,482.00
15th	2,250.00	Church Building	341.00
22nd	7,476.00	Marion Food Pantry	794.00
Thanksgiving	10,135.00	Highland Extreme	526.00
29th	15,147.00		
Budget needed weekly	6,334.68	CRC Loan Fund - Beginning Balance	262,382.85
Times 48 weeks	<u>304,064.57</u>	Principal Paid to Date	52,194.59
Received to date	288,416.59	Ending Balance CRC Loan Fund	210,188.26
Balance	(15,647.98)		
		Interest paid to date	10,753.41
If you take out the PPP loan			
Budget needed weekly	6,334.68		
Times 48 weeks	304,064.57		
Received to date	261,646.59		
Balance	(42,417.98)		
Thanksgiving Offering			
General Fund	9,335.00	Marion Food Pantry	50.00
New Building Fund	3,960.00	Friendship Family Home	250.00
Josh & Mandy Shaarda	1,075.00	Benevolence	675.00
Marion Coat Drive	315.00	World Renew	675.00
George & Sarah DeVuyst	385.00	Church Building Fund	90.00
Sound Booth	75.00	NMC	1,250.00
Highland Home Missions	50.00	Project Canefire	125.00
Highland Booster Club	905.00	Highland Extreme	15.00
Total	19,230.00		

“Christmas in a Capsule”

John 3:1-21

Meet Mr. Churchman

1. He is an honored _____.
2. He is _____.
3. He is seeking _____.

“You Must Be Born Again”

1. Understand the Greek work “another”.
2. What is meant by, “born of _____ and of _____
_____?”
 - a. Being born _____ and _____.
 - b. Having our sin stained souls _____ by God’s
Spirit (See Titus 3:4 & 5)
 - c. What is “the snake in the desert?” (Numbers 21)

Christmas in a Capsule = John 3:16-18

Are You Born Again From God?

PRAYER CORNER

Dear Heavenly Father, please be with Ken VanPolen, Pearl Koetje, Carol Niver, Steve Sluiter and Marilyn Ouwinga. Bless each of them in ways only you can do. Give them the healing and the patience they need.

- Please continue to pray for Will Rice and his family. He remains in the hospital at this time recovering and gaining strength.

ADVENT CHALLENGE – WEEK 2

Let’s Live Out God’s Word Together:

Do you have someone in your life that loves spending time with you? Maybe a brother or sister or best friend? God places people in our lives like that because He loves us so much. Think of that person in your life and find a way to spend some quality time with them. This could be anything from coloring, doing a puzzle, making something, or spending some time talking. They’ll feel special because you took time for the, and you’ll feel special too!

OUR MISSIONARIES:

Josh & Mandy Shaarda & Family
Serving in Uganda
Email: jshaarda@crcnapartners.org
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George & Sarah de Vuyst & Family
Serving in Ukraine
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***CURRENTLY SERVING IN OUR MILITARY:**

Tyler* Bode
(Senior Airman, Air Force)
Davis Monthan Airforce Base,
Tucson, AZ

Caleb* Dodde
(Private, Army Reservist)

OUR CHURCH WEEK: DECEMBER 6-12

SUN 12/6	9:15 AM	A time of prayer in the prayer room
	9:30 AM	Morning Worship Service **Sunday School CANCELED until December 13
	5:00 PM	Fellowship Bible Study –Lesson 3
MON 12/7	7:00 PM	Deacons Meeting
	7:30 PM	Council Meeting
TUE 12/8	5:45-8:00 PM	MOPS
WED 12/9	2:00-7:00 PM	Versiti Blood Drive
	7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, we welcome Rev. Rod Kamrath as he leads our morning worship service.

Tonight at 5:00 PM: Fellowship Bible Study will be looking at Lesson 3 of their 6-week study "Advent of the Savior".

Thank you to our family and friends at Highland for all the cards and phone calls following my foot surgery. I hope to have the sutures and cast removed this coming week. -Landa VanPolen & family

Project "Angle Tree": Highland's Service Team has paired up with DHS to "adopt" families that need some help this Christmas. Several of the kids on the "Angel Tree" (located in the fellowship hall) are teens which can be difficult to buy for as it's hard to know what they already have and what they might enjoy. It is totally acceptable to give a gift card and let them pick out their own gift after Christmas. The parents/guardians of these teens have agreed to get them to a store where the gift card will be used appropriately! If you plan to buy for a child on the Angel Tree, please plan to spend approximately \$50, getting 1-2 wants, 1-2 needs off their list. The wrapped gifts need to be returned to church by **December 19th** so they can be distributed to families the week of Christmas. Any questions, please contact either Julie Dorman or Carrie Thompson. Thank you!

Mississippi Spring Break Mission Trip Canceled: With the uptick of Covid-19 and the increase in precaution to Phase 3 the Mississippi Trip for Spring 2021 is canceled. 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

Wexford/Missaukee Project Christmas -Since 1989, Project Christmas has been bringing Christmas to folks that otherwise may not be able to provide gifts and a special meal for their family. If you can help with a donation, your time, or if you know of someone who could use help, please check out their website, <https://projectchristmaswexmiiss.org> or find them on their Facebook page. In Wexford Co., please call 231-779-5205; in Missaukee Co. please call 231-839-8816. "Our mission is to share the spirit of Christmas and community caring with those in need through a collaborative, community-wide effort."

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 buy 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 Thanksgiving offerings and your end of the year donations. Gratefully, the Project Canefire Board.

The Poinsettias at the front of church have been placed in loving memory of those who are forever in our hearts:

John Dracht Sr.	Jerry Eisenga	Ralph & Marie Brinks
Josie Thompson	Whip Koetje	Hilda & Elton Sikkema
Jake and Joe Eisenga	Dick Dorman	John & Anne Vennema
Henry & Reka Eisenga	Bob Dore	Adrian & Freda Kamphouse
June & Ada Oeverman	Darryl Baas	Sietse & Johanna Ouwinga
John & Sara Ouwinga	Sid Ouwinga	Gerrit & Emma Hendricks
Nannie & Cornelia Bouma	Dick Hendricks	Nellie Bouma Hendricks