

NURSERY:

Dec 12	Becky Wemple, Diane Eisenga, Franklin Baas Megan Benthem, Melissa Oeverman, Evan Wemple
Dec 19	Stephanie VanHouten, Ruth Kulhawick, Sue Cook, Emma Oeverman, Nicole Schultz, Kendyn Meyering
*Dec 24 Christmas Eve	Linda Ellens, Maggie Southwick, Karianne Smith, Donna Veddler, Leah Thompson, Mya Eisenga
Dec 26	Jodi Meyering, Mikayla Powers, Lindsay Beerens Jackie Schmid, Megan Pluger, Patti Koop

LITTLE LAMBS / CHILDREN IN WORSHIP:

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
*Dec 24 Christmas Eve	No Children's Church
Dec 26	LL Teacher: Nicole Schultz, Helper: Addean Oeverman CIW Teacher: Anne Thomas; Helper: Karsyn Meyering

SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT:

Dec 12	Matt Thompson, Jonathan Ouwinga, Sue Cook
Dec 19	Kyle Meyering, Roger Hagerman, Jodi DeHate
*Dec 24 Christmas Eve	Matt Thompson, Jonathan Ouwinga, Tami Eisenga
Dec 26	Cary Sikkema, Dan Ouwinga, Sue Cook

OFFERINGS:

DECEMBER

- 5th: Booster Club
- 12th: New Building
- 19th: Existing Building
- 26th: Life Resources

JANUARY

- 2nd: Booster club
- 9th: New Building
- 16th: Josh and Mandy Shaarda
- 23rd: Marion Food Pantry
- 30th: Existing Building

USHERS:

December: James Bazuin, Al Baas, Kyle Meyering, Jason Benthem

January: Jerry Nemeth, Scott Oeverman, Todd Oeverman, Jun Brinks

****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 12, 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
December 12, 2021

The People of God Gather:

Welcome
 Call to worship from Psalm 95:1-2
 God's greeting
 Greet One Another

To Praise God:

O Come, All Ye Faithful (vs 1-2)
 Psalm 16:11
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You (vs 1-2)
 Prayer of Praise

To Prepare Our Hearts for Christ's Coming:

Reading of John Luke 2: 8-16- Al & Anne Thomas family
 Lighting of the Advent Candle -JOY
 The Prayer
Joy to the World (vs 1, 2 & 4)

To Pray and Serve God:

Announcements:
 Congregational prayer

To Proclaim God's Word:

Children's message: -Dale Fredin
 Song of preparation: *Thanks to God Whose Word was Spoken (vs 2-4)*
 Scripture: **Genesis 44:1-18a, 30-34**
 Message: **Figures Foreshadowing Jesus: Judah –The Substitute**
 Prayer of response
 Song of response & Offertory: *Emmanuel (Hallowed Manger Ground)*
 Offering: 1st: General Fund, 2nd: New Building Fund

To Go in God's Name:

God's blessing:
 Closing song: *Take the Name of Jesus with You (vs 2-3)*



3rd Sunday of Advent: JOY

- **Nursery** is available in the basement for children ages infant-3 years old.
- **Children's Church:** Little Lambs is available for ages 3-Kindergarten downstairs following the children's message. A parent must pick them up from their 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.

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 (Note new date)**

December 13	6:30 pm	Elders
December 13	7:00 pm	Deacons
December 13	7:30 pm	Full Council (current in incoming council to attend)

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

Worship Team (DaNay Tossey)
Care & Fellowship Team (Cindy Vennema)
Education Team (Megan Pluger)
Outreach Team (Jodi DeHate)
Prayer Team (Sandy Rice)
Service Team (Carrie Thompson)
Facilities Team (Greg Hesselink)

ANOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED:

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 posted online; call the office for info)

The Ladies of the Wednesday Morning Bible Study would like to invite all Highland ladies to a **Christmas Brunch** this 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.

Family Night Christmas Party! –We will have pizza for our Family night dinner on December 15th. We would also like to have Christmas cookies available for everyone. **f you would be willing to make two-dozen cookies, please see the sign-up sheet for “Family Night Christmas Cookies” in the fellowship hall.

The Annual Sunday School Christmas Program is scheduled for Sunday, December 19th at 6:00 pm. We will be practicing during the Sunday School hour!

- **Parents:** Due to the short time frame, we only have 3 practices, so it's very important that kids attend each one. Each child will have some sort of role in the program. If you know that your child will not be at the program, please let us know. Middle-school will be joining the Sunday School kids for practices; High-school will continue to meet for their regular Catechism lessons.
- **Congregation:** Due to many families traveling, Sunday School numbers for the program are a little low. We are currently planning a few special numbers, but are wondering if anyone in the congregation would like to participate in a special music number, reading or instrumental piece. We feel as though this is a great way for all in our church to celebrate Christ's birth. Also, we will be serving cookies and milk after the program. If able, please sign up to bring 2 dozen cookies, bars or baked goods. Please contact Dana Baas, Kasey McQuestion, April Villwock or Carrie Thompson if you have any questions!!

Prosper CRC is looking to hire a Church Operations Administrator. Job description is available on prospercrc.org or upon request. Resumes must be submitted to by December 31, 2021 to: Prosper CRC, Attn: Pastor Dirk Koetje, 1975 E Prosper Rd; Falmouth, MI 49632 or emailed to pastor.dirk@prospercrc.org. Contact Pastor Dirk Koetje with any questions (231) 826-4427.

SERMON OUTLINE

Title: Figures Foreshadowing Jesus: Judah- the Substitute

Text: Genesis 44:1-18a, 30-34

1 The background: Genesis 37-43

2 The test: Genesis 44

- a. The silver cup
- b. The accusation- by Joseph's steward
- c. The confrontation- by Joseph
- d. The pronouncement- only Benjamin

3 The offer: in place of the boy- Genesis 44:33

4 The foreshadowing of Jesus

- a. The kindness
- b. The resolve- in the garden
- c. The substitution- Romans 5:8

5 The exhortation for us- I John 3:16

6 The conclusion

The poinsettias at the front of our sanctuary have been placed in loving memory of those no longer by our side but forever in our hearts:

Minard & Mary Ouwinga	Ralph & Marie Brinks	Brenda VanHouten
June & Ada Oeverman	Elton & Hilda Sikkema	Dave Westmaas
Ed & Effie Bloomsma	Duane Sikkema	Ken Sikkema
Hank & Reka Eisenga	Pete Sikkema	John Dracht
Jo & Jake Eisenga	Sidney Sikkema	Bob Eldridge
Abe & Freda Kamphouse	Whip Koetje	Jerry Eisenga
Al & Tina Medendorp	Josie Thompson	Tom Boven
Gordon VanWylen	Patty Jasperse	Ben Eisenga
Margaret VanWylen	Dick Dorman	Marv Veddler

PRAYER CORNER

Let us approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. Hebrews 4:16

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.

Prayer Requests & Updates:

- Please pray for **Bob Vennema** who had knee replacement surgery this past Thursday. Please pray for healing and patience throughout the coming weeks
- Our hearts go out to Ken & Arla Roede and the Vander Tuuk family in the loss of **Ron Vander Tuuk** who passed away last Sunday, December 5. Service was held at Rehoboth Reformed Church this past Friday.

PRAYER FOCUS

During this advent season we join our hearts and prayers by focusing on one attribute of our awesome God each day.

God of JOY: “I give You praise, O Lord, because ‘you have granted me eternal blessings and made me glad with the joy of your presence’” (Psalm 21:6)

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>	

OUR CHURCH WEEK: DECEMBER 12-18

SUN 12/12	9:15 AM 9:30 AM 10:50 AM 4:30 PM 5:30 PM	A time of prayer in the prayer room Morning Worship Service SS & MS -Christmas Program Practice; HS -Catechism Teaching Forum #1: Women in Church Leadership Extreme & Strong Tower –Christmas Party (meet in YB)
MON 12/13	6:30 PM 7:00 PM 7:30 PM	Elders Deacons Council (current & incoming)
TUES 12/14	5:45 PM	MOPS
WED 12/15	9:30 AM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Ladies Christmas Brunch; (Next Bible Study: January 12) Family Night Dinner GEMS, Centershot & Prayer Meeting
SAT 12/18	12-7 PM	Fellowship Hall Use

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

TONIGHT: Teaching Forum (Part 1) - Women in Church Leadership: All professing members of Highland Church are urged to attend the teaching forums on women in church leadership. Due to last week’s postponement, the first session will be held this afternoon- **December 12th, 4:30- 6:00pm**. Pastor Neil will present the official Christian Reformed summary of the biblical case for the historic conviction- that only men are to serve as ministers and elders in the church. Questions for clarification will be included but not discussion. Child care will be provided. The second forum- on the inclusive conviction- will be presented in January.

TONIGHT: New Date for Xtreme & Strong Tower Christmas Party- Our Christmas party has been moved up to TONIGHT to avoid any schedule overlap with the Sunday School Christmas Program on December 19. We will meet at church at 5:30pm and then head to Cadillac at 6:00pm to go axe throwing at **Skeggox**. Parents need to fill out a waiver in order for their kids to axe throw. No waiver, no axe throwing. A link for the waiver is available on the youth group’s Facebook page. Copies are also on the information table. We will be paying for the pizza and axe throwing but if the kids would like rolled ice cream, they will need to bring their own money. We will return to church at 8:00pm. Hope to see everyone tonight!!!