

“Use whatever gift you have received to serve others” -1 Peter 4:10

NURSERY

- Dec 18** Barb Dore, Tami Eisenga, Jodi Meyering, Charlotte Thomas
Dec 25* Mikayla Powers, Lindsay Beerens, Jackie Schmid, Franklin Baas
Jan 1* Deborah Ouwinga, Megan Plugger, Melissa Oeverman, Emerson Tossey
Jan 8 Cindy Vennema, Patti Koop, Lizelle Bazuin, Franklin Baas

CHILDREN’S CHURCH

- Dec 18** Teacher: Kasey McQuestion; Helpers: Amy VanPolen, Karsyn Meyering
Dec 25* No Children’s Church
Jan 1* No Children’s Church
Jan 8 Teacher: Sara Bruno; Helpers: Lindsay Beerens, Kendyn Meyering

SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT

- Dec 18** Matt Thompson, Jonathan Ouwinga, Sue Cook
Dec 25* Cary Sikkema, Deb Eisenga, Tami Eisenga
Jan 1* Matt Thompson, Roger Hagerman, Jodi DeHate
Jan 8 Kyle Meyering, Dan Ouwinga, Kendra Jenema

2ND OFFERINGS

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| December: | January: |
| 4th – Booster Club | 1st – Booster Club |
| 11th – Benevolence | 8th – Building & Maintenance Fund |
| 18th – Freedom Summit Adventures
(former name: Created Free) | 15th – Life Resources |
| 25th – World Renew | 22nd – Marion Food Pantry |
| | 29th – Friends Ministry |

USHERS

- December:** Scott Oeverman, Todd Oeverman, Jun Brinks, Larry Visser
January: Jerry Nemeth, Jim Ouwinga, Devon Dracht, Aaron Plugger

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



December 18, 2022

Fourth Sunday of Advent: LOVE

Highland Christian Reformed Church
“Striving to be the heart and hands of Jesus”

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.”*

CORE VALUES:

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

Rev. Mark Bonnes & Rev. Ashley Bonnes

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Sunday Worship 9:30 AM
Sunday School 10:50 AM (Sept-May)

9034 23 Mile Rd; Marion
(231) 825-2171

HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

Morning Worship Service – 9:30 am
December 18, 2022

Fourth Sunday of Advent: LOVE

Prelude

Lighting the Advent Candle: LOVE

* Skit: Lynn & Sandy Rice

Love Has Come (vs 1 & 2)

Welcome

God's Greeting

Greet One Another

Luke 1: 35

O Holy Night (vs 1-3)

Luke 2: 13

Angels We Have Heard on High (vs 1, 3 & 4)

Prayer of Praise

Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Children's Message – Greg Tossey

Song of Preparation: *We Three Kings (vs 1 & 5)*

Scripture: **All You Need Is Love!**

Sermon Title: **Matthew 2: 1-12**

Prayer of Response

Song of Response/Offertory: *Hope Was Born This Night*

Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: Freedom Summit Adventures

God's blessing

Closing Song: *Away in a Manger (vs 1 & 3)*

Postlude

HIGHLAND COUNCIL

Officers for 2022:

(All have a 231 area code unless otherwise noted)

President	Jon Dracht
Vice President	Jerry Koop, Jr.
Clerk	Ken Meyering
Sec. of Deacons	Greg Tossey
Vice Treas.	Kasey Rees

<p>Pastors: Rev. Mark Bonnes Rev. Ashley Bonnes</p> <p>**Please call the church office for contact information (231) 825-2171</p>
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Districts for 2022:

Elders	District	Deacons
Den Kamphouse	#1, A-C	David Wing
Dale Fredin: Adjunct Elder	#2, D-E	Greg Tossey
Ken Meyering	#3, F-L	Devon Dracht
Paul Shaarda	#4, M-O	Kasey Rees
Jerry Koop, Jr.	#5, P-T	Doug Mitchell
Bryan Eisenga	#6, U-Z	Adam Swiler
Ken Roede: Adjunct Elder		

Important Upcoming Dates:

January 8: Installation of Elders and Deacons

January 9: Next Council Meeting

January 15: Communion

Church Office

(231) 825-2171

office@highlandcrc.org

Office Hours:

Mon - Thurs: 8:30 am-2:00 pm

Fri-Sun: Closed

****All bulletin content is 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)

Our **nursery** is available downstairs for children ages 0 - 3 years old.

****Children's Church** is available downstairs for children ages 3 - Kindergarten
immediately following the Children's Message.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED:

Community Hope presents "Taste Tested Hometown Cooking" -A great collection of favorite recipes from 14 Missaukee County churches! We are so pleased churches can work together to support area food pantries in Lake City, McBain and Falmouth! Your purchase of a book will provide food for someone's table! Cookbooks are near the church office. Suggested donation is \$20.00 each. Checks can be made payable to **Community Hope** and given to the church office or mailed to Community Hope, P.O. Box 265, Lake City MI 49651. Please write cookbook on the memo line. A great Christmas gift that keeps giving all year long!

Highland Church Cookbooks are also still available for \$5 each near the church office.

Vogel Center CRC is hosting a weekly Grief Share support group beginning on Saturday, January 7, 2023 at 9AM through April 1, 2023. This group will offer help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member or friend. More information or questions can be directed to the Vogel CRC office at (231) 825-2053.

Northern Michigan Christian School is seeking Lead Teachers & Classroom Aides for the following areas:

- Lead Young 5's Teacher: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday - starts 1/2/22
- Young 5's Classroom Aide: Tuesday and Thursday - starts 1/3/22
- 2 Summer Care Lead Teachers: Monday through Friday - starts summer '23
- Lead Teacher & Classroom Aide for After School Care: 2:30 - 5:15 daily during the school year.

Preferred requirements for Lead Teachers: Obtained or pursuing a CDA or an associate degree in Early Childhood or Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood or a related field. Please send resumes to Scott Curell at scurell@nmcs.us. For additional information, please call (231) 825-2492.

Friends Ministry has a position open for a part time Office Administrator.

Employee would be responsible with assisting clients with needs related to crisis relief and self-sufficiency. Position is shared with another employee and will average 30 hours every two weeks. Interested applicants should contact Friends Ministry for more information.

THANK YOU

- ✚ To our highland family, words cannot express how grateful we are for the outpouring of prayers, love and support from all of you. I am so thankful to be home and recovering. We continue to treasure your prayers during this time. In Christ, Amanda, David, Emma and Alicia Lee.

PRAYER CORNER

- ✚ We lift up in prayer those that need healing: **Amanda Lee, Bonnie Veddler, Dick Bruno, Carol Niver, Bruce Vennema and MaryJo Lee.**
- ✚ We extend our condolences to **Ken and Arla Roede** and their family in the passing of their great-grandson, L.J. Leiby (grandson of Bruce and Sue). The funeral was held in Kansas on December 14.
- ✚ We extend our condolences to the **Bonnes family** in the passing of Pastor Mark's grandfather, John Swaagman, Sr. The funeral service was held on Wednesday, December 14 in Orland Park, IL.
- ✚ **Josh and Mandy Shaarda** are requesting our prayers that the spread of Ebola will stop in Uganda. The recent spread has prompted the prison systems to lock out on-essential visitors. Please pray that the Lord will make a way for their team to enter the prisons to resume discipleship.

DAILY PRAYER FOCUS

God is LOVE: I praise you because you are a loving God, whose very nature is love. 'You showed your love among us when you sent your one and only Son into the world that we might live through him' (1 John 4:9 & 16)

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

OUR MISSIONARIES

*Contact the office for mailing addresses

George & Sarah de Vuyst & Family

Serving in Ukraine & the U.S.

Email: gdevuyst@crcna.org

Website: <http://www.devuysts.com>

Josh & Mandy Shaarda & Family

Serving in Uganda

Email: jshaarda@crcnapartners.org

Blog: <http://shaarda.blogspot.com>

OUR ACTIVE MILITARY

*Contact the office for mailing addresses

Seth Nowland

(Sergeant First Class; U.S. Army)

Camp Casey Army Base, South Korea

**Parents: Larry & Marilyn Nowland

Tyler Bode

(Staff Sergeant, U.S. Air Force)

Davis Monthan Airforce Base, Tucson, AZ

**Parents: Dale & Becky Bode

OUR CHURCH WEEK: DECEMBER 18-24

SUN 12/18	9:15 AM	Prayer
	9:30 AM	Morning Worship Service
	10:50 AM	Christmas Program Practice (Prek-8 th) / HS Catechism **dismissal at 11:30**
	6:00 PM	Highland's Annual Christmas Program
WED 12/21	6:30 PM	Family Night Dinner (Pizza and Cookies)
	7:00 PM	Centershot, GEMS & Prayer Meeting
THUR 12/22	1:30 PM	Prayer Team Meeting
	7:00 PM	JUMP Practice

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Final Christmas Program Preparations:

- ✚ This will be our last practice before tonight's program so it is very important that any kid planning on participating be in attendance for practice. Remember: Sunday school will only go until 11:30 am today.
- ✚ All Pre-K through 8th Grade students need to meet in their classrooms by 5:40 tonight (MS will meet in the lounge area by the nursery).

TONIGHT! Highland's Annual Sunday School Christmas Program will begin at 6:00 pm tonight. All children in grades PreK-8th will participate. Come for an evening of traditional Christmas carols and the Christmas Story, as well as our (nearly) famous Middle School Light Show! Cookies, milk and coffee to follow!!

Christmas Cookies and Candy Needed: Our High School Catechism will be making and decorating sugar cookies for our Christmas program but we would also love any other special Christmas cookies or candies that you would like to share! Please sign up in the fellowship hall to share your treats on our special night!

Family Night - More Cookies Needed: Family Night dinner will begin at 6:30 pm this Wednesday. In addition to pizza, we will be serving Christmas cookies. If you are able to donate 2 dozen Christmas cookies to this event, please sign-up at the information table in the fellowship hall.

The Service Team has started planning for the holiday and winter season. Over the next couple months, we will be gathering the following items to disperse to area agencies. All of the donations can be placed on the table in the east wing. Any questions, please contact Carrie Thompson.

- **Month of January:** Paper products (paper towels, toilet paper, feminine hygiene products, disinfectant wipes, etc.).

****Office Closed:** The office will be closed on Monday, December 26 and Tuesday, December 27. Bulletin announcements for January 1 will still need to be turned in to the office before noon on Thursday, December 29.

Lost/Found:

- Missing: Men's black jacket, size L, last seen on 12/11. If found, please return to the church office.
- The missing jars of honey noted in our 11/27 bulletin has been found!

Installation Sunday for Elders and Deacons has been scheduled for January 8th.

Communion- We will have the honor of celebrating the Lord's Supper on January 15th. If you or a loved one of Highland are homebound but would still like to take part in Communion, please contact one of the elders or the church office so this can be arranged.

World Renew: Please consider giving a gift to World Renew this Christmas season! There are 3 simple ways you can give: visit worldrenew.com/gifts, call 800-552-7972 or mail the completed form (found in the back of the catalog) and your check to World Renew, 8970 Byron Commerce Dr.; Byron Center, MI 49315. To register to volunteer call 800-848-5818. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Dracht.

REV Moms' 4th Annual Craft Day Retreat -Treat yourself to some "Me Time" from 8am - 8pm on February 25, 2023. Join us for a well-deserved day of crafting & self-care! Whether you scrapbook, sew, quilt, knit, make jewelry, or assemble photo books from your phone or laptop, etc...., we have a spot for you! We'll feed you 3 amazing meals with snacks and drinks, provide local music, giveaways, quiet rooms and gentle yoga. Price is \$30 for a half day or \$45 for the whole day.

<i>The Poinsettias in the Sanctuary were placed in Loving Memory of:</i>		
Josie Thompson	Tom Boven	Adrian & Freda Kamphouse
Brenda VanHouten	Dave Westmaas	Seitse & Johana Ouwinga
John Dracht Sr.	Bill Dracht	John & Sara Ouwinga
Dick Dorman	Marve Veddler	Sid & Marilyn Ouwinga
Sid Sikkema	Ken Martin Jr.	Ralph & Marie Brinks
Peter Sikkema	Anna VanPolen	Hank & Reka Eisenga
Duane Sikkema	Al & Tina Medendorp	John & Ann Venema
Whip Koetje	Elton & Hilda Sikkema	