

NURSERY:

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 Plugger, Patti Koop
Jan 2	Lizelle Bazuin, Aubrynn Bazuin, Kasey McQuestion, Amy Eisenga, Claire Thompson, Addean Oeverman

LITTLE LAMBS / CHILDREN IN WORSHIP:

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
Jan 2	LL Teacher: Makayla Powers; Helper: Harper Tossey CIW Teacher: Jodi DeHate; Helper: Karianne Smith

SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT:

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
Jan 2	Cary Sikkema, Roger Hagerman, Jodi DeHate

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 19, 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 19, 2021

The People of God Gather:

Prelude: *Mary's Little Boy Child (Parise 9)*
 Call to worship -from Luke 1:68
 Welcome
 God's greeting
 Greet One Another

To Praise God:

O, Holy Night (vs 1-3)
Birthday of A King (vs 1-2)
 Prayer of Praise
 Away in a Manger (vs 1 & 3)

To Prepare Our Hearts for Christ Coming:

Reading of Matthew 2:1-12; Al & Dana Baas Family
 Lighting of the Advent Candle -FAITH
 The Prayer
The Song: Find Us Faithful

To Pray and Serve God:

Announcements:
 The Apostle's Creed: said in unison
 Congregational prayer

To Proclaim God's Word:

Children's message: Baffle Box –Pastor Neil
 Song of preparation: *Angels We Have Heard on High (vs 1-3)*
 Scripture: **Exodus 32: 1-14, Hebrews 7:25**
 Message: **Figures Foreshadowing Jesus: Moses –The Intercessor**
 Prayer of response
 Song of response & Offertory: *Before the Throne of God Above (vs 1-3)*
 Offering: 1st: General Fund, 2nd: Existing Building Fund

To Go in God's Name:

God's blessing:
 Closing song: *Joyful, Joyful*
 Postlude



- **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

January 3 6:30 pm Elders
 January 3 7:00 pm Deacons
 January 3 7:30 pm Council

<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> 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)</p>
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ANOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED:

Worship of our great God is central to the life of Highland Church. We seek worship services which honor God and engage his people in heart-felt worship. We aim to start our worship strong, not scattered or distracted. So we ask everyone to make a point of being seated before the service begins- to take in the prelude and prepare your hearts for worship. To avoid the distraction of people walking in during the opening call to worship from God's Word or during God's greeting, the ushers will have latecomers wait to be seated until the time to greet one another.

Disaster Relief: Help Needed! -As we have seen on the news, the devastation from the tornadoes in states to our south is truly heartbreaking. As the hands and feet of Christ, we can help. Please consider donating either your time, if possible, or financially through World Renew, the Red Cross, or to one of the churches that have been destroyed. Here are links to two of those organizations:

- <https://worldrenew.net/disaster-response-services>
- <https://www.redcross.org/donations/ways-to-donate/holiday-gifts.html>

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: Moses –The Intercessor

Text: Exodus 32: 1-14, Hebrews 7:25

1. The Israelites' idolatry and revelry
2. Three insights about God
 - a) God hates unfaithfulness and disobedience
 - b) God not only hates sin, he will oppose it; he will bring judgment
 - c) In his reaction to sin, God still honors his promises
3. Moses intercedes for the people
4. Moses foreshadows Jesus our intercessor
 - a) Hebrews 7:25
 - b) Romans 8:33-35
 - c) Heidelberg Catechism Q+A 49
5. Like Moses, Jesus is an able intercessor- effective and successful
6. Like Moses and ultimately Jesus, we are called to be intercessors.

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 FOCUS

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

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 and 16)

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

OUR CHURCH WEEK: DECEMBER 19-25

SUN 12/19	9:15 AM 9:30 AM 10:50 AM 1-4:00 PM 6:00 PM	A time of prayer in the prayer room Morning Worship Service SS & MS -Christmas Program Practice; HS -Catechism Fellowship Hall Use Annual Sunday School Christmas Program
TUE 12/21	7:00 PM	MOPS Steering Team Meeting (in YB)
WED 12/22	7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting
THUR 12/23	4-8:00 PM	Youth Building Use
FRI 12/24	6:00 PM	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
SAT 12/25	11-4:00 PM	Youth Building Use

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Tonight is our Annual Sunday School Christmas Program. Our kids would like to invite you to this special celebration at 6:00 pm. If you signed up to bring Christmas cookies or bars, please have them to the church by 5:30. Thank you!

Our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be held this Friday at 6:00 pm.

Highland Council Highlights: The Highland council met on December 13, with current and incoming elders and deacons attending. Here are some highlights:

1. In Vice-Treasurer Tom Ouwinga’s final report of his term, he relayed good news: the generous Thanksgiving offering erased our 2021 general budget giving deficit; the building debt was reduced to \$130,000 and the benevolence fund is well supplied for winter needs.
2. All seven main ministry teams relayed brief, written reports which reflected teams that have adequate members and are active carrying out Highland’s gospel ministry.
3. Confirmed the second teaching forum- on the biblical case for the inclusive conviction- for January 9, 4:30-6:00pm and the Listening Circle for January 23, 4:30-6:00pm.
4. Extended Pastor Neil’s contract to continue month to month while transitional ministry is still needed.
5. Elected council officers: president- Jon Dracht; vice-president- Jerry Koop; clerk- Ken Meyering; Secretary of deacons- Greg Tossey continuing; Vice-Treasurer- to be determined.