

<b><u>GREETERS:</u></b>	<b><u>North Door</u></b>	<b><u>South Door</u></b>
<b>Dec 15</b>	Dan & Brenda Ouwinga	Kevin & Jodi DeHate
<b>Dec 22</b>	Scott & Diane VanPolen	Kevin Huttenga
<b>Dec 24 (Christmas Eve- 6 pm)</b>	Mary Dracht	Todd & Jackie Schmid
<b>Dec 29</b>	Al & Joann Richardson	Ken & Jodi Meyering

<b><u>NURSERY:</u></b>	
<b>Dec 15</b>	Nicole Schultz, Courtney Vanderhoef, Linda Ellens Maggie Southwick, Karianne Smith, Leah Thompson
<b>Dec 22 (JUMP)</b>	Jodi DeHate, Barb Dore, Jodi Meyering Kendyn Meyering, Diane Nemeth, Mikayla Powers
<b>Dec 24 – 6 PM (Christmas Eve)</b>	Mary Rees, DaNay Tossey, Madelyn Benthem, Cindy Vennema, Becky Bode, Jayden Bode
<b>Dec 29</b>	Julie Dorman, Lizelle Bazuin, Aubrynn Bazuin Anne Thomas, Addean Oeverman, Becky Wemple

<b><u>CHILDREN IN WORSHIP – LITTLE LAMBS:</u></b>	
<b>Dec 15</b>	CIW: Teacher: Kasey McQuestion, Helper: Emma Oeverman LL: Teacher: Hillary Dracht; Helper: Amanda Lee
<b>Dec 22 (JUMP) (Christmas Story)</b>	CIW: Teacher: April Villwock; Helper: Sara Bruno LL: Teacher: Amy VanPolen & Tana VanPolen & Emerson Tossey
<b>Dec 24 – 6PM (Christmas Eve)</b>	No Children’s Church
<b>Dec 29</b>	No Children’s Church (Communion)

<b><u>SOUND SYSTEM, VIDEO, POWERPOINT:</u></b>	
<b>Dec 15</b>	Kyle Meyering, Paul Rivera, Jodi DeHate
<b>Dec 22 (JUMP)</b>	Cary Sikkema, Dan Ouwinga, Tana VanPolen
<b>Dec 24 (Christmas Eve)</b>	Cary Sikkema, Al Fox, Deb Eisenga
<b>Dec 29</b>	Al Baas, Roger Hagerman, Tami Eisenga

<b>DECEMBER OFFERINGS</b>	<b>1st</b> : Booster Club <b>8th</b> : New Building <b>15th</b> : Existing Building <b>22nd</b> : Benevolence <b>29th</b> : Project Canefire	<b>JANUARY OFFERINGS</b>	<b>5th</b> : Booster Club <b>12th</b> : New Building <b>19th</b> : Mississippi Trip <b>26th</b> : Centershot
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**DECEMBER USHERS:** Aaron Koetje, Cole Dykhouse, Larry Visser, Devon Dracht  
**JANUARY USHERS:** Kevin DeHate, Mike Pluger, Lars Fredin, Adam Southwick

***Note: If you are unable to make it on your Sunday, please find your own replacement or call the office for assistance. If you do make changes, please let the office know so we can post those changes as well.***

*Thank you!  
...to everyone  
who serves  
either up front  
or behind the  
scenes each  
week in helping  
to further the  
kingdom of  
God!*



### HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

December 22, 2019

**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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(231) 825-2171  
Email: office@highlandcrc.org

Morning Worship: 9:30 AM  
Sunday school for all ages: 10:50 AM  
Website: www.highlandcrc.org

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE – 9:30 AM  
Highland Christian Reformed Church

December 22, 2019

*\*\*4th Sunday of Advent\*\**

Prelude

Welcome & Greeting

*O Come All Ye Faithful*  
Advent Reading: “LOVE”  
*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*  
*Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*



*From the Cradle to  
the Cross*

Communion Preparatory Reading

Congregational Prayer  
Children’s Message

Scripture: Matthew 1:1-17 (page 1496)  
Sermon Title: “14”

Offering: *Light of the World*  
1<sup>st</sup> - General Fund; 2<sup>nd</sup> – Benevolence

Blessing

*The First Noel*

Postlude

**Children’s Church:** Children are welcome to attend Children in Worship (preschool and kindergarten) and Little Lambs (3-4 yrs. Non-preschool) programs. They leave the sanctuary and go down the NORTH stairs to the basement. You may pick them up there after the morning service. **Please note, there will no longer be children’s church on the Sundays we have communion.**  
**Fellowship:** Everyone is invited to refreshments in the Fellowship Hall following the morning service.  
**DVD:** If anyone would like to see a video from a past church service, they are in the rack on the information table. The most current service is at the bottom of the rack.

Council Corner

2019 Council		
Exec. Board: *	Rev. Dr. Gregory J. Kett, Pres.*	825-2171 Church
ELDERS		DEACONS
Joe Kulhawick V.P.*	District #1, A-C	Matt Thompson –Sec. of Deac.*
Lars Fredin	District #2, D-E	Kyle Meyering
Al Thomas –Clerk*	District #3, F-L	Rick VanPolen
Bryce Eisenga	District #4, M-O	Adam Southwick V.T.*
Larry Witt	District #5, P-T	Larry Sikkema
Chad Dodde	District #6, V-Z	Ryan McQuestion
If you need assistance contacting a council member, please call the church office at (231) 825-2171.		

**Visitation:** One of the joys of being part of a church, is that we get to fellowship with one another. If you would like a visit from the elder or deacon of your district, or Pastor Greg, please let them know. They would love to connect with you at your home, over a cup of coffee, or wherever is convenient for you.

<p><b>Pastoral Support:</b> <i>Pastor Greg Kett (231) 825-2171</i> <b>Normal Office Hours:</b> <i>Mon-Thurs:</i> <i>8:15 AM – 12:00 PM &amp; 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM or</i> <i>by appointment as needed. Call anytime.</i></p>
<p><b>Church Office:</b> <i>Sara Bruno (231) 825-2171</i> <b>Normal Office hours:</b> <i>Mon-Thurs 8:30 AM - 2:00 PM</i> <i>**Please have bulletin announcements to</i> <i>church by Thursdays at 12 pm</i></p>
<p><b>Ministry Team Leaders:</b> <b>Connection Coordinator</b> (Amie Kett) <b>Care &amp; Share Team</b> (Cindy Vennema) <b>Prayer Team</b> (Sandy Rice) <b>Education Team</b> (Mary Rees) <b>Service Team</b> (Julie Dorman) <b>Worship Team</b> (Committee) <b>Facilities Team</b> (Rick Dorman) <b>Safe Church Team</b> (Linda Wing) <b>Safety Team</b> (James Bazuin)</p>

Thanksgiving Offering	
General Fund	12,989
Highland Booster Club	50
New Building Fund	5,065
Benevolence	950
NMC	130
World Renew	870
George & Sarah DeVuyst	700
Josh & Mandy Shaarda	750
Church Building Fund	50
Highland Home Missions	170
Friendship Family Homes	105
Josh & Poppy Buning	400
Life Resources	20
Project Canefire	20
Friends Ministry	100
Resonate Global Missions	150
	22,519

## **PRAYER CORNER**

***Christmas in Bethlehem*** is a new children's book written and illustrated by former Highland Church pastor, Steven Elzinga and his son Michael Elzinga. He writes:

“I have grandchildren. In fact three of them are in this book. I wanted to write a Christmas book where they could insert themselves in the middle of the story. Toward the end of the book, the main character (my granddaughter) says to her mom, ‘I was there, Mom’. My hope is that your child or grandchild will be able to say the same thing”. The illustrations in this book are actual photos captured by his son Michael while they were in Israel. “*Christmas in Bethlehem* was written so that you and your child might experience, in some way, the wonder of being in Bethlehem to witness one of the most significant events ever celebrated—the birth of Jesus.”

Copies of *Christmas in Bethlehem* are \$15 each and will be available for purchase in the fellowship hall starting today. Each book contains a payment envelope.

## Notes

This image shows a single sheet of white paper with horizontal ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and extend across the width of the page. There are no margins, text, or other markings on the paper.

Dear Heavenly Father, please be with Steve Sluiter, Dick Bruno, Marilyn Ouwinga, Dawn Richardson, Mike Dodde and Sarah Dodde. Bless each of them in ways only you can do. Give them the healing and the patience they need and may your light shine on them and through the caregivers you have sent to help. Surround them with your love and comfort. Fill them with the Holy Spirit, that they may be a testimony to your greatness.

**Prayer Request:** It is with sadness and also joy that our dear brother in law, Clarence Koetje, went to be with Jesus Sunday night, December 15. We are thankful his suffering with dementia is now over. His Celebration of Life was Thursday. Thank you for the love and prayers during this difficult time. ~In His Grip, Don and Marian Ouwinga and family

Please pray for Jerry & Patti Koop and their family in the passing of Patti's dad, Larry Carson this past Monday; please pray too for Doug & Lori Mitchell and their family in the passing of Doug's dad, Doyle Mitchel, this past Sunday.

*During this season of Advent, let's join our hearts and prayers by focusing on one attribute of our awesome God each week:*

**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.'**  
(ref. 1 John 4:9 & 16)

## OUR MISSIONARIES:

## George & Sarah de Vuyst & Family Serving in Ukraine

Email: [gdevuyst@crcna.org](mailto:gdevuyst@crcna.org)

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

## Josh & Mandy Shaarda & Family Serving in Uganda

Email: [jshaarda@crcnapartners.org](mailto:jshaarda@crcnapartners.org)

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

**\*CURRENTLY SERVING IN OUR MILITARY:**

Mike\* & Dawn (Dodde) Winkle (Master Sargent, Air Force) – Spokane, WA  
Tyler\* Bode (Senior Airman, Air Force) Davis Monthan Airforce Base, Tucson, AZ  
Caleb\* Dodde (Private, Army Reservist) – Fort Leonard Wood, MO



### OUR CHURCH WEEK: DECEMBER 22-28

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>9:15 AM</b>	Prayer in the Prayer Room
	<b>9:30 AM</b>	Morning Worship Service (4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent)
	<b>10:50 AM</b>	Sunday School (Christmas program practice) & Catechism; <b>No</b> Sermon Deep Dive.
	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>Sunday School Christmas Program</b>
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	Men's Yoga
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>Christmas Eve Candlelight Service</b>

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Upcoming Dates:

- **December 29:** - Baptism of Adalyn Pluger, daughter of Aaron & Megan Pluger,
  - Installation of new Elders,
  - Communion
- **January 5:** - Installation of new Deacons

#### **The Poinsettias in the sanctuary have been placed in memory of these loved ones:**

Darryl Baas, Tom Boven, Virginia DeHaan, Ron Dodde (20 years), John Dracht, Hank & Reka Eisenga, Jake & Jo Eisenga, Jerry Eisenga, Whip Koetje, Al & Tena Medendorp, Mark Miller, Bonnie Oeverman, Loretta Swiler, Josie Thompson, Anna VanPolen, and John & Anne Vennema

**Thank you** for all the beautiful cards, prayers, phone calls and meals following (Mary Lou's) back surgery on December 5. We have been blessed by the love and support of the Highland community. ~Butch and MaryLou Karsten

**Sunday School Christmas Program is tonight at 6:00 PM.** Our Sunday school would love to share with you the Christmas story as seen through the eyes, and prayers of familiar characters that glorious night, long ago.

**Small Groups-** We will be starting up small groups again for January, February and March. If you are interested in taking part in a small group or even hosting a small group, [please sign up at the information table](#) or contact the church office.

**Kids Hope Mentors Needed:** Marion Schools and Highland CRC are teaming up once again through our Kids Hope program. We are looking for individuals that would like to become mentors. If you would like more information or would like to sign up, please contact Kasey McQuestion. Thank you!

Looking for a new “tried and true” recipe or a unique gift? **Highland CRC Centennial Cookbooks** are available for sale in the fellowship hall. Prices have been reduced to \$5 each with all proceeds going to the general fund.

**Results of our December Blood Drive:** We had 19 donors show up and 18 pints of blood were collected. Those 18 pints will help save over **50 patients**. Versiti blood would like to say THANK YOU for your dedication and generosity.

**World Renew Gift Catalogs-** Trying to find a special gift for that person who has everything? How about a chicken? A cow? Provide training for abuse prevention? A well-baby kit? Tools for farming? Free a family from poverty for less than \$1/day? The list is endless! Prices range from \$3 to \$3,900. You can find your World Renew Gift Catalog on the back table.

**Wexford/Missaukee Right to Life** has chartered a 52 passenger bus to attend the 47th annual "March for Life" in Washington DC on January 24th. For more information, please see the flyer posted on the bulletin board by the mailboxes, or call (231) 839-2583. There will be an informational meeting at Northland Community Church on Saturday, December 28 at 8:00 AM. Thanks to some anonymous donors, the price of tickets has been reduced to \$50 per person (originally \$135). A \$25 deposit will need to be collected at this meeting to hold your seat. Teens are welcomed as well but must have an adult chaperone.

**NMCS Job Opening** – NMCS needs a qualified individual to drive bus for athletic games, field trips, and a daily route. This part-time position requires a CDL License (NMCS pays for the road test), all appropriate endorsements, and a current physical. Please submit a cover letter, resume and references to Scott Curell, Superintendent [scurell@nmcs.us](mailto:scurell@nmcs.us)

**Friends Ministry** is searching for a Director. Call/text or email Larry Stahl (231) 830-5321 or [lsstahl@mail.com](mailto:lsstahl@mail.com) for information about the position and the job requirements.

**Directory Update:** Please send an updated family photo to the church office as we are working to update our website directory info and Pastor Greg's prayer wall. Photos can be dropped off or emailed to the church office at [office@highlandcrc.org](mailto:office@highlandcrc.org). Please include names, phone #'s, address, email, full birthdays (with year) for adults and children, & anniversary information. Thank you!

**THANK YOU** to all of our volunteers both up front and behind the scenes that help with all our various programs and ministries. To ensure that all programs have necessary coverage, [please](#) make sure to check your bulletin (also available online) for weekly schedules. If you are unable to make it on your Sunday, please find a replacement (adult/adult, kid/kid) and let the office know so we can post those changes.