

<u>GREETERS:</u>	<u>North Door</u>	<u>South Door</u>
Dec 8	Don & Marian Ouwinga	Jason & Shari Benthem
Dec 15	Dan & Brenda Ouwinga	Larry & Laurie Witt
Dec 22	Scott & Diane VanPolen	Kevin Huttenga
Dec 24 (Christmas Eve- PM service)	Margaret Westmaas	Todd & Jackie Schmid

<u>NURSERY:</u>	
Dec 8	Brandy VanPolen, Joey Kulhawick, Tana VanPolen, Kaylie Hiller, Sue Cook, Franklin Baas,
Dec 15	Nicole Schultz, Courtney Vanderhoef, Linda Ellens Maggie Southwick, Karianne Smith, Leah Thompson
Dec 22 (JUMP)	Jodi DeHate, Barb Dore, Jodi Meyering Kendyn Meyering, Diane Nemeth, Mikayla Powers
Dec 24 (Christmas Eve)	Mary Rees, DaNay Tossey, Madelyn Benthem, Cindy Vennema, Becky Bode, Jayden Bode

<u>CHILDREN IN WORSHIP – LITTLE LAMBS:</u>	
Dec 8	CIW: Teacher: Marilyn Visser; Helper: Karsyn Meyering LL: Teacher: Anne Thomas; Helpers: Emma Oeverman & Linda Wing
Dec 15	CIW: Teacher: Kasey McQuestion, Helper: Emma Oeverman LL: Teacher: Hillary Dracht; Helper: Amanda Lee
Dec 22 (JUMP) (Christmas Story)	CIW: Teacher: April Villwock; Helper: Sara Bruno LL: Teacher: Amy VanPolen & Tana VanPolen & Emerson Tossey
Dec 24 (Christmas Eve)	No Children’s Church

<u>SOUND SYSTEM, VIDEO, POWERPOINT:</u>	
Dec 8	Matt Thompson, Al Fox, Deb Eisenga
Dec 15	Kyle Meyering, Paul Rivera, Jodi DeHate
Dec 22 (JUMP)	Cary Sikkema, Dan Ouwinga, Tana VanPolen
Dec 24 (Christmas Eve)	Cary Sikkema, Al Fox, Deb Eisenga

DECEMBER OFFERINGS	1st : Booster Club	JANUARY OFFERINGS	5th : Booster Club
	8th : New Building		12th : New Building
	15th : Existing Building		19th : Mississippi Trip
	22nd : Benevolence		26th : Centershot
	29th : Project Canefire		

DECEMBER USHERS: Aaron Koetje, Cole Dykhouse, Larry Visser, Devon Dracht
JANUARY USHERS: Kevin DeHate, Mike Pluger, Al Thomas, 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.



HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

December 8, 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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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 8, 2019
2nd Sunday of Advent



*From the Cradle to the
Cross*

Prelude

Welcome & Greeting

Advent Reading: “HOPE & PEACE”

“O Come, All Ye Faithful” vs 1-3
“Joy to the World” vs 1-3

Profession of Faith –Brook Veddler
“Who you Say I Am”

Congregational Prayer & Lord’s Prayer
Children’s Message

Scripture: Isaiah 9:1-7 (page 1072)
Sermon: *Small Things*

Offering: “Days of Elijah” (with Sunday school kids)
1st - General Fund; 2nd – New Building Fund

Blessing

“Go Tell It On The Mountain” 2x

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

November		2nd Offering	
3rd	6,024.00	Highland Booster Club	940.00
10th	4,959.00	New Building Fund	10,011.00
17th	5,630.00	World Renew	2,028.00
24th	7,162.00	Church Building Fund	961.23
Thanksgiving	14,069.00	George & Sarah DeVuyst	700.00
		Josh & Mandy Shaarda	750.00
Budget needed weekly	6,200.56	Josh & Poppy Buning	400.00
Times 47 weeks	291,426.32	Benevolence Fund	950.00
Received to date	<u>268,580.60</u>	Misc. Offerings	695.00
Balance	(22,845.72)		
		CRC Loan Fund - Beginning Balance	322,617.21
		Principal Paid to Date	<u>57,195.72</u>
		Ending Balance CRC Loan Fund	265,421.49
		Interest paid to date	13,240.28

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

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 8-14

SUNDAY	9:15 AM	Prayer in the Prayer Room
	9:30 AM	Morning Worship Service & Profession of Faith
	10:50 AM	Sunday School/Catechism, Sermon Deep Dive
MONDAY	6:00 PM	Vision/Mission/Theme Planning Committee
TUESDAY	5:45-8:00 PM	MOPS
WEDNESDAY	2:00-7:00 PM	Blood Drive
	7:00 PM	Prayer Group

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Profession of Faith: This morning we join together in celebrating the public profession of faith of Brooke Veddler.

You're invited! The family of Bonnie Veddler has invited everyone to help them celebrate Bonnie's 85th birthday with cake in the fellowship after this morning's service.

Upcoming: We will have the installation of new elders and Communion on Sunday, December 29. The installation of new deacons will be January 5.

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

Sunday School Christmas Program will be Sunday, December 22nd at 6:00 PM. **Note for Parents: We will be starting Christmas Program practice this morning, December 8th. Parts for the program will be assigned in the first two weeks of practice; today & December 15th. If your child cannot be at Sunday school on those days please let me know. We will not be adding parts after the 15th of Dec. and want everyone to have a chance to be involved. Thank you!
~Dana Baas

Our next Blood Drive is this Wednesday, December 11, 2019 from 2-7 pm. Please check out the sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall or log on to Versiti.org to schedule your donation appointment. If you have any questions or need assistance with scheduling, please contact Sara in the church office at (231) 825-2171.

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.

Church Vision/Mission Planning-We are inviting all professing members interested in participating in mission, vision, & theme planning to attend a meeting on Monday, December 9, from 6-9:00 PM. This session will be led by Dr. Chris Schoon, the Director of Faith Formation Ministries of CRCNA. If you have an interest in the direction of the church and want your voice to be heard, we need you at this meeting. For planning purposes, if you will be attending, please let Al Thomas know.

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!

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.

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. Please include names, phone #'s, address, email, full birthdays (with year) for adults and children, & anniversary information. Thank you!

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.

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