

NURSERY:

Nov 7	Karianne Smith, Donna Veddler, Esther Bode, Leah Thompson, Diane Nemeth, Bev Taylor
Nov 14	Jodi DeHate, Barb Dore, Evan Wemple Tami Eisenga, Mya Eisenga, Jodi Meyering
Nov 21	Mikayla Powers, Mary Rees, Karsyn Meyering Lindsay Beerens, Bev Taylor, Harper Tossey
Nov 25 Thanksgiving	Jackie Schmid, Brenda Ouwinga, Deborah Ouwinga Megan Pluger, April Villwock, Madelyn Benthem

LITTLE LAMBS / CHILDREN IN WORSHIP:

Nov 7	LL Teacher: Sara Bruno; Helper: Teacher CIW Teacher: Hillary Dracht; Helper: Linda Wing
Nov 14	LL Teacher: Nicole Schultz; Helper: Addean Oeverman CIW Teacher: Anne Thomas; Helper: Karsyn Meyering
Nov 21	LL Teacher: Makayla Powers; Helper: Harper Tossey CIW Teacher: Jodi DeHate; Helper: Karianne Smith
Nov 25 Thanksgiving	No Children's Church

SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT:

Nov 7	Kyle Meyering, Deb Eisenga, Jodi DeHate
Nov 14	Matt Thompson, Jonathan Ouwinga, Deb Eisenga
Nov 21	Matt Thompson, Roger Hagerman, Tami Eisenga
Nov 25 Thanksgiving	Kyle Meyering, Dan Ouwinga, Sue Cook

OFFERINGS:

NOVEMBER
 7th Booster Club
 14th New Building
 21st Benevolence
 25th: Marion Food Pantry
 (food collection on Thanksgiving)
 28th: George & Sarah de Vuyst

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

USHERS:

October: Ryan McQuestion, Paul Shaarda, Brandon Veddler, Phil VanAssche

November: Kevin Eisenga, Mike Pluger, Al Thomas, Adam Southwick

****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!**



NOVEMBER 7, 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
November 7, 2021

The People of God Gather:

Prelude
 Call to worship- from Matthew 11:28-29
 Welcome
 God's greeting:
 Greeting one another

To Praise God:

O Praise the Lord, for it is Good (vs 1, 3)
 Isaiah 9:6b
Wonderful, Merciful Savior
 Prayer of praise

To Pray and Serve God:

Announcements:
 Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes -Video
 Congregational prayer

To Proclaim God's Word:

Children's message: Alan Baas
 Song of preparation: *Keep What You Have Believed (vs 1-2)*
 Bible reading: Galatians 6: 1-5
 Message: ***Bear One Another's Burdens***
 Prayer of response
 Song of response & Offertory: *The Servant Song (vs 1-4)*
 Offering: 1st: General Fund, 2nd: Booster Club
 (Please remain seated during the song of response and offering)

To Go in God's Name:

God's blessing:
 Parting song: *We Receive Your Blessing*
 Postlude

- **Nursery** is available in the basement for children ages infant-3 years old.
- **Children's Church:** Little Lambs is available for ages 3-4 and Children in Worship is for ages 5-Kindergarten. A parent/guardian must pick them up from their classrooms in the basement after the service.

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 npjaspense@gmail.com.		

October		2nd Offering	
3rd	6,926.00	Highland Booster Club	833.00
10th	6,655.00	New Building Fund	3,798.00
17th	5,916.00	Feeding America	1,238.00
24th	4,019.00	Oasis	609.00
31st	4,401.78	Friends Ministry	445.00
Budget needed weekly		CRC Loan Fund - Beginning Balance	187,213.38
Times 44 weeks		Principal Paid to Date	33,628.94
Received to date		CRC Loan Fund - Ending Balance	153,584.44
Balance			
		Interest paid to date	6,576.66

<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> 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)</p>
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ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

Youth Group Leaders for small and large Group settings are still needed. There is minimal prep required. Please contact Megan Pluger or Shari Benthem.

Little Lambs and Children in Worship We still need one more teacher and 2 more helpers. Please contact Anne Thomas or the church office if you are willing to help.

Save the Date – All senior citizens are invited to a luncheon on December 7, 2021. More details to follow.

Adoption Fundraiser- Brad and Abby Pluger will be having a Thanksgiving Pie Sale to raise funds for their adoption. Brad and Abby are approved for a direct adoption and are seeking to connect with a birth family. This will help cover the monthly fees to their adoption agency and other state fees. Brad's mother Pam Pluger has agreed to come out of retirement to assist! A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board with pie options or you can contact Abby at (231)884-6422 or abigailjo16@gmail.com to order a pie. Pies are \$25 and orders are due Sunday, November 14. Pick up is Wednesday November 24, 2-6pm in the Northland Community Church Youth Building at 5855 S. Morey Road, McBain.

Council Highlights: The following are highlights of the brief council meeting that was held last Sunday, October 31 following the morning worship service: The Highland council approved a 2022 budget to present at our congregational meeting on November 21. The council also affirmed four recommendations from the Pastor Search Team: To proceed with Rev. Mark Pluimer's visit as the sole prospect in our search; To set a 75% bar for a congregational vote to call him; Should we extend a call to Rev. Pluimer, to offer a salary in the upper half of our stated salary range; The council approved the recommendation that professing members under the age of 18 now be included in voting on matters pertaining to the call of a pastor, the budget and the election of elders and deacons.

Our Fall Congregational meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, November 21st** immediately following the morning worship service. Please make your participation a priority. We will be voting on the 2022 Budget and electing 3 new Elders and 3 new Deacons to serve on council. **Candidates for Elder:** Paul Shaarda, Jon Dracht, Don Eisenga, Don Ellens, Bob Lee and Den Kamphouse. **Candidates for Deacon:** Kasey Rees, Devon Dracht, Jonathon Ouwinga, Curt Wemple, Scott Oeverman, and David Wing. **Please check your mailboxes for details on the new "**Blended Process of Election**" which will combine voting and drawing lots.

Our MOPS group has a food sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall for their next meeting. Our goal is to bless these moms with a hot meal they don't have to cook themselves and to show we appreciate them.

SERMON OUTLINE

Sermon Outline:

Title: Bear One Another's Burdens

Text: Galatians 6:1-5

Introduction: A survivor challenge

- 1) Bear one another's burdens
- 2) Two biblical examples:
 - a) Old Testament: Aaron and Hur with Moses
 - b) New Testament: the Good Samaritan
- 3) Burdens come in different shapes and sizes
- 4) Bearing burdens: what it takes
 - a) Being flexible and available
 - b) Willing to do what is needed
 - c) Willing to help over the long haul
- 5) A vision of the church which bears one another's burdens

Conclusion: the great burden bearer

Notes:

- **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 the following Monday afternoon from the office.

PRAYER CORNER

*“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”
~ Isaiah 41:10*

We lift up in prayer those that need healing: Please pray for Ruth Jasperse, 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.

Updates & Requests:

Ken and Arla Roede’s daughter-in-law, **Jenny Roede**, had surgery this past week to fix a Chiari Malformation that has been causing severe headaches and other issues. The surgery went well! Please pray for healing and patience now through the recovery and that relief from the pain will soon follow.

Kelly Seitter’s elderly mother, **Jean Kriebel**, needs our prayers for strength and courage to deal with her daily struggles.

Carol Niver would appreciate our prayers for continued strength through each day.

Dick Bruno is still struggling with a lot of pain which makes it difficult to get around.

DAILY PRAYER FOCUS

“Be Joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus. Do not put out the Spirit’s fire.” 1 Thess. 5:16-18

Lord Jesus, there are times I feel as if I am praying continually. It’s easy to give thanks in pleasant circumstances, but truthfully, it’s in the unpleasant times that it’s hard to be thankful. Please, help me find things to be grateful for in the hardest of times. Amen.

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: NOVEMBER 7-13

SUN 11/07	9:15 AM 9:30 AM 10:50 AM 4:30 PM 6:00 PM	A time of prayer in the prayer room Morning Worship Service Sunday School & Catechism Mark Manuscript Study (Session #6) Strong Tower/ETMs meet at Rehoboth for “Skit Guys” (see below for more details)
TUES 11/09	5:45 PM	MOPS
WED 11/10	9:30 AM 7:00 PM	Ladies Bible Study –Lesson 8 Prayer Meeting
SAT-SUN 11/13-11/14	Pastor Search Team - Candidate Visit	

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ladies Wednesday Morning Bible Study- This year, the group is looking at a study titled, *“I AM -Discovering Who Jesus Is”*. This week we will be looking at lesson 8.

TONIGHT!!! ETM and Strong Tower- at 6:00 pm, we will be meeting at Lucas Rehoboth to watch the **Skit Guys**. Group tickets cost \$10 each if you signed up with Shari Benthem prior to October 31. After that they are \$12 for youth at the door. Adult tickets are \$15. There will be not be a regular youth group meeting tonight but plan on meeting at Lucas at 6:00 pm.

The Highland Booster Club is selling wreaths and poinsettias again this year. They will be available for pick up at the youth building Saturday November 27th. If you need your order delivered please specify when you order. Please check the order sheet for item details or contact a booster club member. Orders are due **November 22**.

****Memorial Poinsettias:** If you would like to purchase a Poinsettia in memory of a loved one to be placed at the front of church through the Christmas season, please contact Jodi Meyering at (231) 920-0171. The 6.5” are \$8 and the 8” are \$12.

Commitment to service: We are so thankful for our many volunteers each week in the nursery, sound booth, ushers, Children’s church, etc. It truly takes a commitment to each of these areas to make Highland a functional and welcoming place. We’d like to remind those that have signed up for any of these roles that if you are unable to serve on your scheduled date for any reason, PLEASE find a replacement. If you are not able to find a replacement, please contact one of the following: Kasey McQuestion (Nursery), Bob Vennema (Ushers), Anne Thomas (Children’s Church), April Villwock (Sunday School), Matt Thompson (Sound/PP/Video), or Sara in the office. Thank you.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:

Highland Church will be supporting the following service projects through November and December:

Marion Food Backpack Program: Our church is assembling a team to help fill food bags approximately once per month for kids to take home on the weekends at Marion Elementary. Bev Kamphouse is taking the lead on this project, we have a list of people interested in helping out and she will assemble a team as our date to pack grows closer.

Winter Clothing Drive: Our team has been organizing the clothing closet at Marion Elementary and taking inventory of what is needed in regards to winter clothing this year. We have a good stockpile to start from, but will always need the following new or gently used clothing:

- Black Snow-pants (6x-Adult small sizes)
- Winter Boots (youth 6 –Adult size 7)
- Winter coats (6x-Adult small)
- Gloves (all sizes, doesn't matter the color)

We are currently taking referrals from teaching staff and parents and will hand out mid-November.

Personal Hygiene Kits: Instead of adopting families for Christmas this year, our team thought it might be a good idea to put together personal hygiene kits to hand out to local homeless shelters and/or youth runaway programs. Each hygiene kit will include:

- | <u>Female</u> | <u>Male</u> |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| • Shampoo | • Shampoo |
| • Conditioner | • Body Wash |
| • Bar of soap | • Bar or soap |
| • Toothbrush | • Toothbrush |
| • Tooth Paste | • Tooth Paste |
| • 2 pairs of socks | • 2 pairs of socks |
| • Feminine hygiene products | |

**We are asking for full size versions of these products, which will be placed in a gallon sized zip lock bag. We hope to assemble kits and distribute the week of December 13th.

Hoodie Drive: During our last team meeting it was discussed that teenagers will not wear coats whether they have them or not!! So, in an attempt to provide some warm clothing at Marion Jr. High and High School, we are doing a Hoodie Drive! Please consider donating new or gently used hoodie sweatshirts during the month of November. We will drop them off at the high school as they come in and as the weather grows colder.

Items for all of these great projects can be placed on (or under) the Food Drive Table in the East Wing. Thank you for your generous support of our community through these projects. If you have any questions, please contact a member of the Service Team: Carrie Thompson, Sue Meeuwenberg, Julie Dorman and Kristin Sikkema.

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes –It's time again to start gathering items for the Christmas shoeboxes! There is a table in the fellowship hall with the boxes and lists of supplies and materials you will need to fill and send your shoeboxes.

New this year:

- Our Sunday school students will have a **PACKING PARTY** to fill the shoeboxes on November 14th. We will be collecting donations of money or items for the shoeboxes on October 31, November 7 & 14.
- Please drop off any donations at the table. We will be accepting monetary donations as well if you want us to shop for you or if you want to give money to help with shipping costs.
- Please check out the Operation Christmas Child table in the fellowship hall for more information on recommended items for the shoeboxes.
- Once shipped, we hope to track where they go all around the world!

Shipping & Drop-off Info:

- The cost of shipping the shoeboxes is \$9 per shoebox. Just a reminder-- due to new custom regulations, toothpaste and candy of any kind is **NOT** allowed in the shoeboxes.
- **The National Collection Week will be November 15th-22th.** The last day to drop off your filled shoebox will be **November 21**. Once the shoeboxes are collected Becky Wemple will deliver the shoeboxes to the Regional Drop-off Center in Tustin.

Thank you for your contributions and willingness to participate in this great opportunity to share God's word all over the world! If you have any questions or concerns please contact Becky Wemple.

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