

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

NURSERY

- Nov 13** Lizelle Bazuin, Julie Dorman, Bev Kamphouse, Natalie Kvasnak
Nov 20 Kasey McQuestion, Shari Benthem, Karen Oeverman, Emma Lee
Nov 24* Dana Baas, Diane Eisenga, Stephanie VanHouten, Aubrynn Bazuin
Nov 27 Ruth Kulhawick, Sue Cook, Nicole Schultz, Claire Thompson
Dec 4 Linda Ellens, Maggie Southwick, Karianne Smith, Addean Oeverman

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

- Nov 13** Teacher: Sara Bruno; Helpers: Nicole Schultz, Karsyn Meyering
Nov 20 Teacher: Megan Pluger; Helpers: Nicole Koetje, Kendyn Meyering
Nov 24* Thanksgiving Day; No Children's Church
Nov 27 Thanksgiving Break; No Children's Church
Dec 4 Teacher: Cindy Vennema; Helpers: Hillary Dracht, Gracyn Swiler

SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT

- Nov 13** Matt Thompson, Dan Ouwinga, Jodi DeHate
Nov 20 Kyle Meyering; Jonathan Ouwinga, Kendra Jenema
Nov 24* Matt Thompson, Dan Ouwinga, Sue Cook
Nov 27 Cary Sikkema, Deb Eisenga, Tami Eisenga
Dec 4 Kyle Meyering, Roger Hagerman, Jodi DeHate

2ND OFFERINGS

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| November: | December: |
| 6 th – Right to Life | 4 th – Booster Club |
| 13 th – Booster Club | 11 th – Created Free |
| 20 th – George & Sarah de Vuyst | 18 th – Benevolence |
| 27 th – Josh & Mandy Shaarda | 25 th – World Renew |

USHERS

- November:** James Bazuin, Alan Baas, Jason Benthem, Brandon Veddler
December: Scott Oeverman, Todd Oeverman, Jun Brinks, Larry Visser

****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!**



November 13, 2022

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
November 13, 2022

The People of God Gather:

Prelude – *Praise the King*
 Remembering our Baptism
 Welcome
 God’s Greeting
 Greet One Another

To Praise God

Wonderful Merciful Savior
Jesus Messiah
 Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God:

Announcements
 Congregational Prayer

To Proclaim God’s Word:

Children’s Message- Dale Fredin
 Song of Preparation: *Above All*
 Sermon Title: The Gospel...Just the Gospel
 Scripture: Ephesians 2: 1-10
 Prayer of Response

To Partake in the Lord’s Supper:

The Apostles’ Creed
 Communion *please remain seated as the elements are passed
 Song: *New Wine*
 Offering: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: Booster Club
 Song: *Hallelujah for the Cross*

To Go in God’s Name

God’s blessing
 Closing Song: *My Friends May You Grow In Grace*
 Postlude

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.

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

Pastors:
 Rev. Mark Bonnes
 Rev. Ashley Bonnes

**Personal contact information
 is not posted online; Please
 call the church office for
 assistance**

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		Church Office 825-2171

Upcoming Meetings:

November 20: Fall Congregational Meeting (Draw names for new council members, Vote on the proposed 2023 budget and a proposed amendment to Article 1 of our Articles of Incorporation (updating our name). Absentee Ballots are available in the church office)

December 5: Next Council Meeting

<p>Church Office (231) 825-2171 office@highlandcrc.org Mon - Thurs: 8:30 am-2 pm Fri-Sun: Closed **All bulletin content is due by noon on Thursdays**</p>	<p>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)</p>
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ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED:

Save the Date: Highland's Annual Christmas Program will be held Sunday, **December 18th at 6:00 pm!** The program will include all kids PreK-8th grades, each child will have a part and/or be involved in a musical number! Practice will begin on December 4th, which means only 3 practices before the program, so it's very important that any kid who's planning on participating be in attendance! Any questions, please contact Mary Rees or Carrie Thompson.

See What's New! There are new prayer materials now available on the prayer table near the library. If you have any questions or suggestions on additional materials, please contact Sandy Rice or any member of our Prayer Team.

Gifts for Kids is once again taking calls until December 2 to assist people in Osceola County that have found themselves in a tough place financially. If you, or someone you know, need a source of encouragement for Christmas, we would love to help. You do not need to have kids to apply. Please call 231-779-5205 or 231-468-3204 Mon-Fri / 9:30AM to 3:30 PM. Please have ready your social security numbers for everyone in the family, job supervisor names for those who have a job, and your DHHS case number IF you receive help from them. A screening process happens and if you qualify, you will be invited to attend the event on December 10. Please pass the word!

Christmas Worship Extravaganza! Hosted by Lake City CRC: What better way to ring in the holiday season than a Christmas Worship Extravaganza! We invite you to join us for one of two great nights of worship and celebration on Friday, December 2, and Saturday, December 3, 7pm. Talented musicians and dancers from several surrounding communities are joining together to celebrate our Savior and worship Him according to His excellent greatness. You won't want to miss this event! 2 nights, 1 program. Admission is free. Check out the website, www.lakecitycrc.org, or Lake City church Facebook page for more details, including a list of musicians.

Save the date: McBain PTO's Annual Holiday Craft Market- Saturday, November 26, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm at McBain Public School. Check out the 176 booths of hand crafted items, the PTO raffle drawing. Lunch is also available. Admission is free.

Project Canefire: Please pick up a copy of our most recent newsletter (on our Missions bulletin board in the east wing). Check out our proposed projects for the 2023 trip and learn how you can be a supporter of this important ministry to the Dominican Republic after a 3 year pause due to covid.

THANK YOU!

- ✚ Thank you so much to everyone who ordered subs and to those who helped us make them. Your support is greatly appreciated! –The Highland Booster Club
- ✚ Thank you for all the prayers, cards and well wishes after Paul's surgery. He's recovering well, and appreciates prayers for continued healing and progress.

PRAYER CORNER

- ✚ We lift up in prayer those that need healing: **Bonnie Veddler, Dick Bruno, Carol Niver, Bruce Vennema** and **MaryJo Lee**.
- ✚ **Bruce Vennema**, (brother of Bob Vennema and Ruth Kulhawick) would appreciate your continued prayers as the chemo treatments have taken a heavy toll on his body. Please pray for relief from the side effects and for wisdom as they meet with doctors to discuss other possible treatment options.

DAILY PRAYER FOCUS

1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18 "Be joyful always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

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 even in the hardest of times.

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

OUR MISSIONARIES

Josh & Mandy Shaarda & Family
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Serving in Ukraine & the U.S.
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OUR ACTIVE MILITARY

Tyler Bode
(Staff Sargent, U.S. Air Force)
Davis Monthan Airforce Base,
Tucson, AZ

HIGHLAND COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

November 7, 2022

1. Welcomed Pastor's Mark and Ashley to their first council meeting.
2. Heard treasurer's report. General budget remains down about \$27,000. But giving is still generous and we are heading into a new budget year without debt.
3. Discussed difficulties our treasurer is having with the bank due to an outdated church name on our Articles of Incorporation from 1921. A proposal was made by Council to amend Article 1 of our Articles of Incorporation to read Highland Christian Reformed Church instead of Christian Reformed Church of Highland Township. This proposal will need to be voted on by the congregation at the November 20 Congregational Meeting.
4. Discussion of nominees for elders and deacons. Council affirmed their support of the names provided.
5. Next Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 5.

TREASURER'S REPORT

October Offerings		2nd Offerings	
2nd	6,144.00	Booster Club	1,034.00
9th	4,900.00	Life Resources	1,050.00
16th	4,858.00	Love INC	693.00
23rd	5,604.00	American Bible Society	544.00
30th	<u>4,740.86</u>	Friends Ministry	710.00
Total October Offerings	26,246.86		
Budget needed weekly	6,208.44		
Times 44 weeks	<u>273,171.46</u>		
Received to date	245,232.13		
Balance	(27,939.33)		

OUR CHURCH WEEK: NOVEMBER 13-19

SUN 11/13	9:15 AM 9:30 AM 10:50 AM 4:30 PM	Prayer Morning Worship Service & Communion Sunday School & Catechism Fellowship Bible Study & Potluck – Lesson 7
TUES 11/15	7:00 PM	REV Moms Steering Team mtg. –YB
WED 11/16	----- 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	No Ladies Bible Study on 11/16 or 11/23 Family Night Dinner Centershot, GEMS & Prayer Meeting
THUR 11/17	7:00 PM	Ladies Bible Study (w/ Linda) –Lesson 5 (FH)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

This morning, we will celebrate the **Lord's Supper**. If you or a loved one is homebound and would like Communion brought to them, please contact one of our elders so this can be arranged.

Next Sunday, our fall **Congregational Meeting** will be held just after the morning worship service. We will be voting on the 2023 Budget as well as drawing names for three new deacons and three new elders to serve a two-year term (2023-2024) on council.

- **Nominees for Elder:** Don Ellens, Bob Lee, Don Eisenga, Al Baas, Joe Kulhawick and Ken VanPolen, Jr.
- **Nominees for Deacon:** Nicole Koetje, DaNay Tossey, Kyle Meyering, Matt Thompson, Anne Thomas and Scott Oeverman

Proposed Amendment to Articles of Incorporation: We recently rediscovered that our church name according to our articles of incorporation from 1921 is the Christian Reformed Church of Highland Township. No other document uses this name and this has led to some problems with the bank. Council proposes to amend Article 1 to read as follows: The name of Christian Reformed Church of Highland Township is changed to Highland Christian Reformed Church. A vote will be taken on this proposal at the congregational meeting scheduled for November 20. Any questions or concerns please contact Jon Dracht or Pastor Mark.

Chili Sign-up! –Our Family Night Dinner this Wednesday, will be chili. Please check the sign-up sheet on the information table in the fellowship if you are willing to contribute a pot of chili to that dinner.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

Extreme & Strong Tower: Next meeting is November 20 from 6:00-7:30pm. Middle School lesson is titled "Love people the way Jesus loves people" with Al Baas as group leader. High School lesson is titled "See people the way God sees people" with Lindsay Zuiderveen as group leader. Snack/Dinner: Dana Baas & Jodi DeHate

The Sunday Evening Fellowship Bible Study meets weekly at 4:30 pm. This week, we will be looking at Lesson 7. A time of potluck and fellowship will follow an hour of Bible study.

The Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Study will not be meeting on November 16 or November 23. Their final meeting for the series on Mark will be November 30.

The Thursday Evening Ladies Bible Study (led by Linda Wing) meets in the fellowship hall on Thursdays at 7:00 pm. This week they will be looking at Lesson 5 of our 8 week study by Shaunti Feldhahn entitled "*Finding Balance: Thriving in a do-it-all world*".

Thanksgiving Day Service- this year for our Thanksgiving Day service we would like to spend it worshipping and sharing our testimonies of Thanksgiving, for all the goodness that God has done in our lives, our church and our families. If you would be willing to share a short testimony on that day (1-4 minutes) please email DaNay at danaytossey@gmail.com or reach out to Pastor Mark or Pastor Ashley. If you have something you'd like to share but are not quite sure about speaking in front of church we have other options as well (read by someone else or pre-recorded), so don't let that stop you!

Highland's Annual Thanksgiving Dinner will be next Sunday, **November 20, at 12:30 pm**. Turkey, Mashed Potatoes and gravy, table service and drinks will be provided. Please bring a dish (or 2) or a dessert to pass. As sign-up sheet is also on the information table for anyone willing to contribute a crockpot of potatoes (any kind), 1-2 pans of dressing or dinner rolls.

Harvest of Thankful Prayer Service- How has God blessed you in this past year? Please join members of the Prayer Ministry Team on Sunday, November 27th at 4:30 pm for an informal time of giving thanks for our blessings from harvest to home. You are invited to a light potluck supper and fellowship afterwards.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

Project Christmas Shoebox- It's time again to start gathering and collecting items for shoeboxes! There is a table in the fellowship hall with the boxes, lists of supplies and materials you will need to fill and send your shoeboxes. Please drop off all donations (items or money) at the table. Monetary donations will be accepted if you want us to either shop for you or to help with shipping costs. The cost of shipping 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 14th-20th**. We will post bulletin updates as to the last date (likely November 20th). Once the shoeboxes are collected they will be brought to the Regional Drop-off Center in Tustin. If you have any questions or concerns please call Becky Wemple. Thank you for your donations and willingness to participate in this great opportunity to share God's word all over the world!

Attention all High School Ladies! You are invited to attend the Real Women Christmas experience at Res Life church in Cadillac on Monday, December 12 at 6:00 pm. The cost to attend is \$20. This event will include a catered dinner, gifts & giveaways, inspiring music and an encouraging message! Special guest speaker Karen Waldhart will be giving the message. I need to know if you would like to attend no later than November 20, 2022. I will be purchasing all the tickets for our group together as there is "assigned" tables/seating. Please let me know if you are going and then put your money in my mailbox at church or give it to me at our next youth group meeting on Nov. 20. If the cost of the ticket is an issue, reach out to me privately and we will be sure to take care of that for you. Invite a friend! I hope to see you sign up!

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.

- **December 1-17:** Hoodies (all sizes), socks and underwear (all sizes) and full size personal hygiene products (shampoo, conditioner, body wash, soap, feminine hygiene products, toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc.)
- **Month of January:** Paper products (paper towels, toilet paper, feminine hygiene products, disinfectant wipes, etc.).