

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

NURSERY

- 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
Dec 11 Donna Veddler, Esther Bode, Jodi DeHate, Jayden Benthem

CHILDREN’S CHURCH

- 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
Dec 11 Teacher: Anne Thomas; Helpers: Amy VanPolen, Alan Thomas

SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT

- 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
Dec 11 Cary Sikkema, Dan Ouwinga, Kendra Jenema

2ND OFFERINGS

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| November: | December: |
| 6th – Right to Life | 4th – Booster Club |
| 13th – Booster Club | 11th – Created Free |
| 20th – George & Sarah de Vuyst | 18th – Benevolence |
| 27th – Josh & Mandy Shaarda | 25th – 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 20, 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
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Highland Christian Reformed Church
Morning Worship Service – 9:30 am
November 20, 2022

The People of God Gather:

Prelude
 Remembering our Baptism
 Welcome
 God's Greeting
 Greet One Another

To Praise God

Psalm 98: 4-6
Shout to the Lord
 Isaiah 6:3
Holy is the Lord
 Revelation 5:12
Worthy, You are Worthy (vs 1-3)
 Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God:

Announcements
 Congregational Prayer

To Proclaim God's Word:

Children's Message- Pastor Mark
 Song of Preparation: *Wonderful Words of Life (vs 1 & 3)*
 Sermon Title: ***Seeing Things Differently***
 Scripture: **Revelation 4:1-6**
 Prayer of Response
 Song of Response/Offertory: *Rejoice the Lord is King*
 Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: George & Sarah de Vuyst

To Go in God's Name

God's blessing
 Closing Song: *Jesus is Lord of All (vs 1 & 3)*
 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

<p>Pastors: Rev. Mark Bonnes Rev. Ashley Bonnes</p> <p>*personal contact info is not post online. Please call the church office.</p>

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

Upcoming Meetings:

November 20: Fall Congregational Meeting (see announcements for details)
December 5: Next Council Meeting

<p><u>Church Office</u> (231) 825-2171 office@highlandcrc.org Office Hours: Mon - Thurs: 8:30 am-2:00 pm Fri-Sun: Closed **All bulletin content is 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:

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.).

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, 9:30 AM 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!

REV Moms' 4th Annual Craft Day Retreat. Treat yourself to "Me Time" from 8am - 8pm on February 25, 2023. \$30 for half day or \$45 for whole day. Join us for a well-deserved day of crafting & self-care! Whether you scrapbook, sew, quilt, knit, make jewelry, or assemble photo books from your phone or laptop, etc..., we have a spot for you! We'll feed you 3 amazing meals with snacks and drinks, provide local music, giveaways, quiet rooms and gentle yoga.

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.

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 three-year pause due to covid.

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

Psalm 51:10 "Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me."

God, you are perfect and perfectly pure. My heart is not. I battle against wrong thoughts all the time. I desire a pure heart. Please, by your Spirit, make my spirit steadfast.

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

See what's new on the Prayer Table! 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.

Prayer Resource: If you did not receive a copy of "Prayers to Start Your Day" in your mailbox and would like a copy, please check the Prayer Table or the Information Table.

OUR MISSIONARIES

*Contact the office for mailing address

George & Sarah de Vuyst & Family
Serving in Ukraine & the U.S.
Email: gdevuyst@crcna.org
Website: <http://www.devuysts.com>

Josh & Mandy Shaarda & Family
Serving in Uganda
Email: jshaarda@crnapartners.org
Blog: <http://shaarda.blogspot.com>

OUR ACTIVE MILITARY

*Contact the office for mailing address

Seth Nowland
(Sergeant First Class; U.S. Army)
Camp Casey Army Base, South Korea
**Parents: Larry & Marilyn Nowland

Tyler Bode
(Staff Sergeant, U.S. Air Force)
Davis Monthan Airforce Base, Tucson, AZ
**Parents: Dale & Becky Bode

OUR CHURCH WEEK: NOVEMBER 20-26

SUN 11/20	9:15 AM 9:30 AM 10:50 AM 4:30 PM 6:00 PM	Prayer Morning Worship Service Sunday School, Catechism & Congregational Mtg. Fellowship Bible Study & Potluck – Lesson 8 Extreme & Strong Tower
MON 11/21	----- 7:00 PM	**Office Closed Praise 9 Practice
TUES 11/22	5:45 PM	REV Moms
WED 11/23	----- 7:00 PM	**No Ladies Bible Study (w/ Hilda) 11/16 or 11/23 Prayer Meeting
THUR 11/24	----- 9:30 AM -----	**Office Closed Thanksgiving Day Service & Canned Food Drive **No Ladies Bible Study (w/ Linda) 11/24

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

This morning, our Fall Congregational Meeting will be held just after the morning worship service during the Sunday school hour:

- **Voting on the Proposed 2023 Budge**
- **Drawing Names for Incoming Elders and Deacons:**
 - **Nominees for Elder:** Don Ellens, Bob Lee, Don Eisenga, Joe Kulhawick, Al Baas and Ken VanPolen, Jr. **Nominees for Deacon:** Nicole Koetje, DaNay Tossey, Kyle Meyering, Matt Thompson, Anne Thomas and Scott Oeverman
- **Voting on the Proposed Amendment to Article 1 of our 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 documents use that name and this has led to some problems with the bank. Council proposes to amend Article 1 to read as follows: ***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.

Thank you to everyone who has donated to the **Christmas Shoeboxes** this year! Just a reminder that the last day for drop off **TODAY** as Becky Wemple will be picking them up around 1pm. **This morning, the Sunday school classes will be packing shoeboxes during the congregational meeting. MS will meet in the youth building for Christmas program practice. HS students are encouraged to attend the Congregational meeting.**

Today: Highland’s Annual Thanksgiving Dinner will begin at **12:30 pm**. Bring the family and your appetite! Turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, table service and drinks will be provided. Please bring a dish (or 2) or a dessert to pass.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

Tonight: 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.

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!

Next Sunday, The Fellowship Bible Study invites you to a **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.

The Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Study (w/ Hilda) –No meeting this week.

The Thursday Evening Ladies Bible Study (w/ Linda) –No meeting this week.

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.

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. This event will include a catered dinner, gifts & giveaways, inspiring music and an encouraging message from special guest speaker Karen Waldhart. Tickets are \$20. Please contact Lindsay Zuiderveen by tonight (11/20) if you would like to go. If ticket pricing is an issue assistance can be arranged.

High School Winter Retreat- We will be going to the Elevate Winter Teen Retreat at CranHill Ranch! Along with great speakers and a praise band there will be many fun activities! This retreat is for high school students only and will be Feb. 17-19. The cost to go has been covered. The deadline to sign up, to ensure we secure enough spots for all retreat goers, is December 4. PLEASE contact Lindsay Zuiderveen ASAP if you are planning on going or if you have any questions!