

NURSERY:

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
Nov 28	Cindy Vennema, Lizelle Bazuin, Aubrynn Bazuin Patti Koop, Bev Kamphouse, Claire Thompson
Dec 5	Amy Eisenga, Kasey McQuestion, Addean Oeverman, Shari Benthem, Jayden Benthem, Dana Baas

LITTLE LAMBS / CHILDREN IN WORSHIP:

Nov 21	LL Teacher: Makayla Powers; Helper: Harper Tossey CIW Teacher: Jodi DeHate; Helper: Karianne Smith
Nov 25 Thanksgiving	No Children's Church
Nov 28	LL Teacher: Amy VanPolen; Helper: Alan Thomas CIW Teacher: Lizelle Bazuin; Helper: JD Bazuin
Dec 5	LL Teacher: _____; Helper: _____ CIW Teacher: Maggie Southwick; Helper: Emerson Tossey

SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT:

Nov 21	Matt Thompson, Roger Hagerman, Tami Eisenga
Nov 25 Thanksgiving	Kyle Meyering, Dan Ouwinga, Sue Cook
Nov 28	Cary Sikkema, Jonathan Ouwinga, Jodi DeHate
Dec 5	Matt Thompson, Dan Ouwinga, Deb Eisenga

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:

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

December: James Bazuin, Al Baas, Kyle Meyering, Jason Benthem

****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 21, 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 21, 2021

The People of God Gather:

Prelude
 Call to worship from Ephesians 1:18-19b
 Welcome
 God's greeting:
 Greeting one another

To Praise God:

Lord, You Are More Precious Than Silver
How Deep the Father's Love for Us
 Prayer of praise

To Pray and Serve God:

Announcements:
 Congregational prayer

To Proclaim God's Word:

Children's message: Pastor Neil –baffle box
 Song of preparation: *Firm Foundation*
 Scripture: **1 Timothy 6:17-18, Mark 12: 41-44**
 Message: **Open Handed**
 Prayer of response
 Song of response & Offertory: *Take My Life and Let it Be (vs 1, 2, 4, 6)*
 Offering: 1st: General Fund, 2nd: Benevolence
 (Please remain seated during the song of response and offering)

To Go in God's Name:

God's blessing:
 Parting song: *Praise and Thanksgiving (vs 2-3)*
 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
<p>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 npjasperse@gmail.com.</p>		

Upcoming Council Meetings:

November 21	10:50 am	Congregational Meeting
December 6	6:30 pm	Elders Meeting
December 6	7:00 pm	Deacons Meeting
December 6	7:30 pm	Council Meeting - <i>Incoming council to attend also</i>

<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

Thank you- We are so grateful to all who gave to the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes! The Sunday school kids packed 50 shoeboxes!! They were excited and did a great job with the packing. We were even able to cover the shipping costs. Thank you to Becky Wemple for coordinating this event!

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. The 6.5” are \$8 and the 8” are \$12.

Our senior citizens are invited to a Christmas luncheon on December 7 at 11:30 at Highland Church! Come for an afternoon of food, fellowship and a fun activity. Please sign up on the sheet provided on the information table in the fellowship hall if you are planning to attend. Please contact Cindy Vennema or Bev Taylor if you have questions or need assistance with transportation.

God’s Creation Calendars: Highland CRC MOPS (a program for moms to get together to support and encourage each other through motherhood) is selling 2022 God’s Creation Calendar’s. The money made from the calendars will help pay for the attending moms fees. If you are interested in buying one please contact Deborah Ouwinga.

The Women’s Ministry of Lucas Rehoboth Reformed Church will be hosting a “Christmas Marketplace” on December 4, 2021, 10 AM – 2 PM in the church fellowship hall. There will be a cookie walk, coffee and cinnamon rolls, assorted baked goods, and lunch at noon. There will be many vendors and crafters present to help you find that perfect Christmas gift! All proceeds will go to support local missions and needs.

Project Canefire Supporters: an update of ongoing projects and present needs is available for you to read in your mailbox. The in-person mission trip to the Dominican Republic has again been put on hold this year but the needs are many and the projects to bring hope continue through the faithful work of our DR volunteers. Please read the newsletter and find out how you can help too.

SERMON OUTLINE

Title: Open-handed

Text: I Timothy 6:17-18; Mark 12:41-44

Theme: God calls us to be generous- with our money, talents and time; in this we imitate God’s generosity towards us in the gift of Jesus.

Introduction: Great Smoky Mountains National Park

- 1) Be generous: literally open-handed (I Thessalonians 6:18)
- 2) Three biblical examples of generosity
 - a) Building the sacred tent of meeting (Exodus 36)
 - b) The poor widow (Mark 12:41-44)
 - c) The Macedonian church (II Cor. 8:1-3)
- 3) Generosity takes various forms
 - a) Generosity with money and things
 - b) Generosity with talents
 - c) Generosity with time
- 4) Generosity is a win-win-win proposition
- 5) Our generosity reflects God’s generosity to us in Jesus

Notes:

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 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.

Prayer Requests & Updates:

We extend our condolences to Pete DeHaan and his family in the passing of his brother, Sid DeHaan, on November 7, 2021.

PRAYER FOCUS

During this time of Thanksgiving and Advent, let us join our hearts and prayers by focusing on one attribute of our awesome God each week:

God the Creator: “Creator God, I praise You because ‘You made the heavens, even the highest heavens, and all their starry host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them. You give life to everything, and the multitudes of heaven worship you’” (Nehemiah 9:6)

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

OUR CHURCH WEEK: NOVEMBER 21-27

SUN 11/21	9:15 AM 9:30 AM 10:50 AM 1:00 PM 6:00 PM	A time of prayer in the prayer room Morning Worship Service Fall Congregational Meeting (Thanksgiving activities for kids in the basement) Annual Thanksgiving Potluck ETM and Strong Tower –Regular meeting
MON 11/22	7:00 PM	Worship Team meeting
TUES 11/23	5:45 PM	MOPS
WED 11/24	9:30 AM 7:00 PM	Ladies Bible Study –Lesson 10 Prayer Meeting
THURS 11/25	9:30 AM	Thanksgiving Day Worship Service & Food Collection

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

TODAY: We will hold our Fall Congregational Meeting this morning after the worship service, during the Sunday school hour. There will be chaperoned Thanksgiving activities for the kids during this time in the basement. Please do not leave children unsupervised. We encourage all members to participate in this meeting as we will be selecting new council members, voting on the 2022 budget and discussing and voting on whether to extend a call to Rev. Mark Pluimer to serve as our next pastor. Finally Jeff Bolt will give a five-minute presentation about the kingdom impact of our ministry shares.

TODAY: Please join us for our Annual Thanksgiving Potluck this afternoon at 1:00 pm. Turkey, ham, table service and drinks will be provided. Bring the family and a dish or two to pass if you are able. All are welcome!

We hope you’ll join us for our **Thanksgiving Day** worship service, this Thursday at 9:30 am. During the service we will have a **Canned Food Collection** on behalf of The Marion Food Pantry. This year they have expressed a specific need for canned green beans, canned fruit, snacks (granola bars, energy bars, fruit snacks, etc.), peanut butter, jelly, mayo, ketchup, mustard, canned soup and boxes of cereal. Items may be brought in at our Thanksgiving Day service.

Giving Thanks- How has God blessed you in this past year? Please join members of the Prayer Ministry Team next Sunday, November 28th at 4:30 pm for an informal time of giving thanks for your blessings from harvest to your home. You are invited to a light potluck supper and fellowship afterwards.