

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

NURSERY

- 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
Dec 18 Barb Dore, Tami Eisenga, Jodi Meyering, Charlotte Thomas

CHILDREN’S CHURCH

- Nov 27** Thanksgiving Break; No Children’s Church
Dec 4 Teacher: Cindy Vennema; Helpers: Hillary Dracht, Gracy Swiler
Dec 11 Teacher: Anne Thomas; Helpers: Amy VanPolen, Alan Thomas
Dec 18 TBA

SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT

- Nov 27** Cary Sikkema, Deb Eisenga, Tami Eisenga
Dec 4 Kyle Meyering, Roger Hagerman, Jodi DeHate
Dec 11 Cary Sikkema, Dan Ouwinga, Kendra Jenema
Dec 18 Matt Thompson, Jonathan Ouwinga, Sue Cook

2ND OFFERINGS

- | November: | December: |
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| 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 27, 2022

First Sunday of Advent

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 27, 2022

First Sunday of Advent

Lighting the Advent Candle

* Skit: Greg & DaNay Tossey

Welcome

God's Greeting

Greet One Another

Even So Come

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Children's Message – Pastor Mark

Song of Preparation: *Speak O Lord*

Sermon Title: **Reimagining Hope**

Scripture: **Matthew 1:18-25**

Prayer of Response

Song of Response/Offertory: *Emmanuel (Hallowed Manger Ground)*

Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: Josh & Mandy Shaarda

God's blessing

Closing Song: *Living Hope*

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><i>(please call the main office for contact information)</i></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 825-2171

Upcoming Meetings:

December 5: Next Council Meeting (Current and Incoming Council to attend)

<p>Church Office (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>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:

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.

Rehoboth Reformed Church invites you to their Christmas Marketplace – Saturday, December 3rd from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. Enjoy coffee, cinnamon rolls and lunch, a baked goods and cookie walk and 30 different vendors! This event is sponsored by the Rehoboth Women's ministry with all proceeds going toward local mission support.

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.

Northern Michigan Christian School is seeking Lead Teachers & Classroom Aides for the following areas:

- Lead Young 5's Teacher: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday - starts 1/2/22
- Young 5's Classroom Aide: Tuesday and Thursday - starts 1/3/22
- 2 Summer Care Lead Teachers: Monday through Friday - starts summer '23
- Lead Teacher & Classroom Aide for After School Care: 2:30 - 5:15 daily during the school year.

Preferred requirements for Lead Teachers: Obtained or pursuing a CDA or an associate degree in Early Childhood or Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood or a related field. Please send resumes to Scott Curell at scurell@nmcs.us. For additional information, please call (231) 825-2492.

PRAYER CORNER

- ✚ We lift up in prayer those that need healing: **Amanda Lee, Bonnie Veddler, Dick Bruno, Carol Niver, Bruce Vennema and MaryJo Lee.**
- ✚ **Amanda Lee** was hospitalized earlier this week due to a brain tumor. Surgery is currently scheduled for this coming Wednesday. Until then, Drs. have put her on meds to help reduce the swelling around her brain. Please pray for healing and for patience as they await surgery.
- ✚ Please continue to pray for **MaryJo Lee** who recently underwent her third round of chemo. Please pray for strength and endurance and complete healing.

DAILY PRAYER FOCUS

God of HOPE: "I will praise You, my Savior and my God, for I have put my hope in You." "Sovereign Lord, You have been my hope and my confidence since my youth and I will praise You more and more." (Psalm 42:5, Psalm 71:5, 14)

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

Prayer Resource: If you did not receive a copy of "Prayers to Start Your Day" and would like one, there are additional copies still available for you on the Prayer Table and 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@crcnapartners.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 27-DECEMBER 3

SUN 11/27	9:15 AM 9:30 AM 10:50 AM 4:30 PM	Prayer Morning Worship Service No Sunday School/Catechism –Thanksgiving Break Harvest of Thankful Prayer & Fellowship Potluck
MON 11/28	7:00 PM	Praise 9 & Guys Practice
WED 11/30	9:30 AM 7:00 PM 6:30 PM	Ladies Bible Study (w/ Hilda) –review of series Prayer Meeting Youth Group Decorating Party in YB
THUR 12/1	-----	**No Ladies Bible Study (w/ Linda) in Dec.-will resume 1/5

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

TONIGHT- The Fellowship Bible Study invites you to a **Harvest of Thankful Prayer!** How has God blessed you in this past year? Please join us this evening at 4:30 pm in the fellowship hall for an informal time of giving thanks for our blessings from harvest to home. No public speaking required! You are invited to a potluck supper and fellowship afterwards.

The Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Study (w/ Hilda) will be meeting this Wednesday for a study review on the Gospel of Mark.

The Thursday Evening Ladies Bible Study (w/ Linda) will not be meeting in December, but will resume January 5 at 7:00 pm.

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. Please note that Sunday school will only go until 11:30 the 3 Sundays that we have practice. It’s very important that any kid who’s planning on participating be in attendance! Any questions, please contact Mary Rees or Carrie Thompson.

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. Registration fees have already been covered but you still need to sign up to reserve your spot. The deadline is December 4. PLEASE contact Lindsay Zuiderveen ASAP if you are planning on going or if you have any questions!

J.O.Y. Group – You are invited to a Christmas luncheon at Highland CRC on December 6 at noon for a time of food, fellowship and inspiring activities to prepare us for the upcoming holidays! Sign-up sheet is on the information table in the fellowship hall.

Memorial Poinsettias will be placed at the front of the sanctuary again this year during the Christmas season. Please contact Jodi Meyering by December 4 if you would like to purchase a poinsettia in memory of a loved one.

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, 9:30AM 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!

Table and Chair Rental- To ensure that we have enough to cover any overlapping events, please contact the church office at (231) 825-2171 to request the use of tables and/or chairs for any upcoming holiday events either on or off church property. Please note that the blue stacks of chairs are not to leave the fellowship hall. Thank you!

Missing Honey- If anyone knows the whereabouts of 2 large jars of honey, please return them to the shelf by the north entrance or notify the church office. Thank you!

NMC’s Annual Building the Future & D.R. Auction is back and will be held online this year from 8:00 am on December 1 through 9:00 pm December 2. Please visit our website, <https://www.nmcs.us/auction2022> to preview a list of items that will be available for our 2022 Building the Future and D.R. Auction. Please email Maddie Marks at mmarks@nmcs.us with any questions.

Center Lake Bible Camp Presents: ‘Follow the Star’ Live Nativity – December 2-4 from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Bring the whole family, your church youth group, or your group of friends - we want everyone to enjoy this free event. During this experience your group will follow a guide/narrator from scene to scene and experience the Christmas story. Afterward, enjoy a hot meal, cup of coffee or hot chocolate, and homemade Christmas cookies. Donations are accepted, but not necessary. For more information on this and other events, visit www.centerlake.org.