

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

NURSERY

- 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
Dec 25* Mikayla Powers, Lindsay Beerens, Jackie Schmid

CHILDREN’S CHURCH

- Dec 4** Teacher: Cindy Vennema; Helpers: Hillary Dracht, Gracyn Swiler
Dec 11 Teacher: Anne Thomas; Helpers: Amy VanPolen, Alan Thomas
Dec 18 TBA
Dec 25* TBA

SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT

- Dec 4** Kyle Meyering, Roger Hagerman, Jodi DeHate
Dec 11 Cary Sikkema, Dan Ouwinga, Kendra Jenema
Dec 18 Matt Thompson, Jonathan Ouwinga, Sue Cook
Dec 25* Cary Sikkema, Deb Eisenga, Tami Eisenga

2ND OFFERINGS

December:

- 4th** – Booster Club
11th – Created Free
18th – Benevolence
25th – World Renew

USHERS

- December:** Scott Oeverman, Todd Oeverman, Jun Brinks, Larry Visser
January: Jerry Nemeth, Jim Ouwinga, Devon Dracht, Aaron Pluger

****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!**



December 4, 2022
Second 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

December 4, 2022

Second Sunday of Advent

Prelude: *Advent Medley*

Lighting the Advent Candle: PEACE

* Skit: Mark & Deb Eisenga

Hark the Herald Angels Sing (vs 1,3)

Welcome

God's Greeting

Greet One Another

Isaiah 7:14

O Come, O Come Emmanuel (vs 1,4)

Angels from the Realms of Glory (vs 1,5)

Prayer of Praise

Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Children's Message – Al Thomas

Song of Preparation: *O Little Town of Bethlehem (vs 2,4)*

Scripture: "**Peace or Pieces?**"

Sermon Title: **Luke 2: 14-18**

Prayer of Response

Song of Response/Offertory: *Peace on Earth*

Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: Booster Club

God's blessing

Closing Song: *Worthy, You Are Worthy (vs 1)*

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:

President	Jon Dracht	Pastors: Rev. Mark Bonnes Rev. Ashley Bonnes
Vice President	Jerry Koop, Jr.	
Clerk	Ken Meyering	
Sec. of Deacons	Greg Tossey	
Vice Treas.	Kasey Rees	
(Council phone #'s are note posted online. Please call the Church office for contact information. (231) 825-2171		

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		

Upcoming Meetings:

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

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****

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)

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.).

World Renew: Please consider giving a gift to World Renew this Christmas season! There are 3 simple ways you can give: visit worldrenew.com/gifts, call 800-552-7972 or mail the completed form (found in the back of the catalog) and your check to World Renew, 8970 Byron Commerce Dr.; Byron Center, MI 49315. To register to volunteer call 800-848-5818. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Dracht.

REV Moms' 4th Annual Craft Day Retreat -Treat yourself to some "Me Time" from 8am - 8pm on February 25, 2023. 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. Price is \$30 for a half day or \$45 for the whole day.

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.

Vogel Center CRC is hosting a weekly Grief Share support group beginning on Saturday, January 7, 2023 at 9AM through April 1, 2023. This group will offer help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member or friend. More information or questions can be directed to the Vogel CRC office at (231) 825-2053.

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** had surgery this past Wednesday in Traverse City to remove a 2-inch brain tumor. The surgery was successful! We give thanks that the tumor had not grown into the brain and we now pray for patience as they await biopsy results and for healing.
- ✚ **Josh and Mandy Shaarda** are requesting your prayers for discipleship opportunities to continuing to expand in the prison ministry in Uganda. We give thanks for the many individuals who have found grace and hope in Christ through this ministry. Please pray for continued growth in this ministry.

DAILY PRAYER FOCUS

God of PEACE: "I praise You with all my heart, Lord, because You are the God of peace." (Romans 16:20) "I lie down and sleep in peace for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety." (Psalm 4:8)

*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@rcnapartners.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: DECEMBER 4-10

SUN 12/4	9:15 AM 9:30 AM 10:50 AM 6:00 PM	Prayer Morning Worship Service Christmas Program Practice (Prek-8 th) / HS Catechism Extreme & Strong Tower –Reg. Meetings
MON 12/5	6:30 PM 7:00 PM 7:30 PM	Elders Meeting Deacons Meeting Council Meeting
TUES 12/6	12:00 PM 7:00 PM	J.O.Y. Group Christmas Luncheon – F.H. Praise 9 & Guys Practice
WED 12/7	9:30 AM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Ladies Bible Study (w/ Hilda) -Christmas Brunch Family Night Dinner Centershot, GEMS, Prayer Meeting
THUR 12/8	-----	**No Ladies Bible Study (w/ Linda) in Dec. -resumes 1/5
SAT 12/10	9-2:00 PM	Church Use

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Christmas Program Practice begins TODAY! *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 for each practice!

Save the Date: Please mark your calendar and plan on attending the annual Highland Sunday School Christmas Program on December 18th, starting at 6pm. All children in grades PreK-8th will participate. Come for an evening of traditional Christmas carols and the Christmas Story, as well as our (nearly) famous Middle School Light Show! Cookies, milk and coffee to follow!!

Strong Tower/Extreme TONIGHT: Youth groups will meet from 6:00-7:30pm. Middle school lesson is titled "Jesus is the center of the Christmas story" with Megan Pluger as group leader. High school lesson is titled "You're not alone when life gets messy/Joy to the world anyways" with group leader Lindsay Zuiderveen. Snack/Dinner: Abby Meyering & Anne Thomas.

**Be sure to check your mailboxes for info regarding our Christmas party and Winter Retreat! All of this info will also be posted on the youth group Facebook page!

J.O.Y. Group – You are invited to a Christmas luncheon at Highland CRC this Tuesday, 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.

Family Night Dinner will begin at 6:30 pm this Wednesday, December 7. Our dinner will be Sloppy Joes. Our Centershot GEMS and Prayer Meeting will begin at 7:00 pm.

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. PLEASE contact Lindsay Zuiderveen no later than **December 14** if you are planning on going or if you have any questions!

Fall Congregational Meeting Results:

- Proposal to Amend Article 1 of our Articles of Inc. passed with 97.3% in favor.
- The Proposed budget for 2023 passed with 96% in favor
- Names drawn for incoming Council:
Elders: Don Eisenga, Don Ellens and Alan Baas
Deacons: Anne Thomas, Kyle Meyering, Scott Oeverman

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.

Directory Updates:

David & Bonnie McBride
23062 110th Ave.
Tustin, MI 49688

David's cell phone #: (989) 763-2931
Bonnie's cell phone #: (989) 763-0888

Randy & Amy Morris
681 Norway Avenue
Lake MI 48632

Randy's cell phone #: (616) 265-9644
Amy's cell phone #: (616) 292-4656
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Terry Veddler
22952 80th Ave
Marion MI 49665

Terry's cell phone #: (231) 9206703

The Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Study (w/ Hilda) will not be meeting in December, but will resume January 4 at 9:30 am for their new study on the Apostles' Creed. If you would like to join this study, please contact Hilda Cruz.

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

Table and Chair Rental- Please contact the church office at (231) 825-2171 for information on requesting the use of church buildings, tables and chairs for any upcoming holiday events. Thank you!