

GREETERS:

Dec 1

Dec 8

Dec 15

Dec 22

North Door

Bryce & Amy Eisenga

Don & Marian Ouwinga

Dan & Brenda Ouwinga

Scott & Diane VanPolen

South Door

Jerry & Patti Koop

Jason & Shari Benthem

Larry & Laurie Witt

Kevin Huttenga

NURSERY:

Dec 1

Karen Oeverman, Addean Oeverman, Christina Dodde
Ruth Kulhawick, Melissa Oeverman, Emma Oeverman

Dec 8

Brandy VanPolen, Joey Kulhawick, Tana VanPolen,
Kaylie Hiller, Sue Cook, Franklin Baas,

Dec 15

Nicole Schultz, Courtney Vanderhoef, Linda Ellens
Maggie Southwick, Karianne Smith, Leah Thompson

Dec 22 (JUMP)

Jodi DeHate, Barb Dore, Jodi Meyering
Kendyn Meyering, Diane Nemeth, Mikayla Powers

Thank you!
...to everyone
who serves either
up front or
behind the scenes
each week in
helping to further
the kingdom of
God!

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP – LITTLE LAMBS:

Dec 1

CIW: Teacher: Jodi DeHate; Helper: Mary Rees
LL: Teacher: Kaylie Hiller; Helper: Makayla Powers

Dec 8

CIW: Teacher: Marilyn Visser; Helper: Karsyn Meyering
LL: Teacher: Anne Thomas; Helpers: Emma Oeverman & Linda Wing

Dec 15

CIW: Teacher: Kasey McQuestion, Helper: Emma Oeverman
LL: Teacher: Hillary Dracht; Helper: Amanda Lee

Dec 22 (JUMP)
(Christmas Story)

CIW: Teacher: April Villwock; Helper: Sara Bruno
LL: Teacher: Amy VanPolen & Tana VanPolen & Emerson Tossey

SOUND SYSTEM, VIDEO, POWERPOINT:

Dec 1

Kyle Meyering, Roger Hagerman, Tami Eisenga

Dec 8

Matt Thompson, Al Fox, Deb Eisenga

Dec 15

Kyle Meyering, Paul Rivera, Jodi DeHate

Dec 22 (JUMP)

Cary Sikkema, Dan Ouwinga, Tana VanPolen

DECEMBER OFFERINGS **Dec 1:** Booster Club **Dec 8:** New Building **Dec 15:** Existing Building
Dec 22: Benevolence **Dec 29:** Project Canefire

DECEMBER USHERS: Aaron Koetje, Cole Dykhouse, Larry Visser, Devon Dracht

JANUARY USHERS: Kevin DeHate, Mike Pluger, Al Thomas, Adam Southwick

Note: *If you are unable to make it on your Sunday, please find your own replacement or call the office for assistance. If you do make changes, please let the office know so we can post those changes as well.*



HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

December 1, 2019

Vision Statement:

**In our endeavor to seek Christ's will and follow His calling,
we desire to strengthen our church through
growth in prayer,
growth in vibrant worship,
growth in committed outreach,
and growth in thriving fellowship.**

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Email: office@highlandcrc.org

Morning Worship: 9:30 AM
Sunday school for all ages: 10:50 AM
Website: www.highlandcrc.org

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE – 9:30 AM
Highland Christian Reformed Church
 December 1, 2019
 1st Sunday of Advent

Prelude
 Welcome & Greeting
 Advent Reading: “Hope”

“Come Thou Long Expected Jesus” (both vs)
“Angels from the Realms of Glory” (vs 1 & 4)

Congregational Prayer
 Children’s Message

“O Come, O Come Immanuel” (vs 1 & 2)

Scripture: Isaiah 9: 1-7 (pg. 1072)
 Sermon: *Small Things*

Offering: *“Oh Come All Ye Faithful” (with cong. vs 1, 3,& 4)*
 1st - General Fund; 2nd – Booster Club

Blessing
“Let’s Worship & Adore Him” (both vs)

Postlude
Children’s Church: Children are welcome to attend Children in Worship (preschool and kindergarten) and Little Lambs (3-4 yrs. Non-preschool) programs. They leave the sanctuary and go down the NORTH stairs to the basement. You may pick them up there after the morning service. **Please note, there will no longer be children’s church on the Sundays we have communion.**
Fellowship: Everyone is invited to refreshments in the Fellowship Hall following the morning service.
DVD: If anyone would like to see a video from a past church service, they are in the rack on the information table. The most current service is at the bottom of the rack.

Council Corner

2019 Council		
Exec. Board: *	Rev. Dr. Gregory J. Kett, Pres.*	825-2171 Church
<u>ELDERS</u>		<u>DEACONS</u>
Joe Kulhawick V.P.*	District #1, A-C	Matt Thompson –Sec. of Deac.*
Lars Fredin	District #2, D-E	Kyle Meyering
Al Thomas –Clerk*	District #3, F-L	Rick VanPolen
Bryce Eisenga	District #4, M-O	Adam Southwick V.T.*
Larry Witt	District #5, P-T	Larry Sikkema
Chad Dodde	District #6, V-Z	Ryan McQuestion
Please contact the church office at (231) 825-2171 if you need assistance contacting a council member. Thank you.		

Visitation: One of the joys of being part of a church, is that we get to fellowship with one another. If you would like a visit from the elder or deacon of your district, or Pastor Greg, please let them know. They would love to connect with you at your home, over a cup of coffee, or wherever is convenient for you.

<p>Pastoral Support: Pastor Greg Kett (231) 825-2171</p> <p>Normal Office Hours: Mon-Thurs: 8:15 AM – 12:00 PM & 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM or by appointment as needed. Call anytime.</p>	<p>Ministry Team Leaders: Connection Coordinator (Amie Kett) Care & Share Team (Cindy Vennema) Prayer Team (Sandy Rice) Education Team (Mary Rees) Service Team (Julie Dorman) Worship Team (Hilda Cruz) Facilities Team (Rick Dorman) Safe Church Team (Linda Wing) Safety Team (James Bazuin)</p>
<p>Church Office: Sara Bruno (231) 825-2171</p> <p>Normal Office hours: Mon-Thurs 8:30 AM - 2:00 PM **Please have bulletin announcements to church by Thursdays at 12 pm.</p>	

Directory Update: Please send an updated family photo to the church office as we are working to update our website directory info and Pastor Greg's prayer wall. Photos can be dropped off or emailed to the church office at office@highlandcrc.org. Please include names, phone #'s, address, email, full birthdays (with year) for adults and children, & anniversary information. Thank you!

World Renew Gift Catalogs- Trying to find a special gift for that person who has everything? How about a chicken? A cow? Provide training for abuse prevention? A well-baby kit? Tools for farming? Free a family from poverty for less than \$1/day? The list is endless! Prices range from \$3 to \$3,900. You can find your World Renew Gift Catalog on the back table.

NMCS Job Opening – NMCS needs a qualified individual to drive bus for athletic games, field trips, and a daily route. This part-time position requires a CDL License (NMCS pays for the road test), all appropriate endorsements, and a current physical. Please submit a cover letter, resume and references to Scott Curell, Superintendent scurell@nmcs.us

Friends Ministry is searching for a Director. Call/text or email Larry Stahl (231)830-5321 or lsstahl@mail.com for information about the position and the job requirements.

OUR CHURCH WEEK: DECEMBER 1-7

SUNDAY	9:15 AM 9:30 AM	Prayer in the Prayer Room Morning Worship Service **No Sunday School or Strong Tower today due to Thanksgiving break.
MONDAY	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Men's Yoga Council Meeting
TUESDAY	9:30 AM	Ladies Bible Study -Christmas Brunch at Pam Pluger's house
WEDNESDAY	6:30 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Family Night Dinner GEMS, Centershot, Xtreme Prayer Group
THURSDAY	7:00 PM	Praise 9 Practice

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Sunday, we have the privilege of celebrating the public profession of faith of Brooke Veddler.

GEMS & Gents Craft Night: The GEMS girls would like to invite their dads/grandpas/uncles/older brothers to a craft night this Wednesday, December 4th at 7:00. If you have a staple gun, please bring it along and help your GEM with her craft.

Sunday School Christmas Program will be Sunday, December 22nd at 6:00 PM.
****Note for Parents:** We will be starting Christmas Program practice on December 8th. Parts for the program will be assigned in the first two weeks of practice, December 8th & December 15th. If your child cannot be at Sunday school on those days please let me know. We will not be adding parts after the 15th of Dec. and want everyone to have a chance to be involved. Thank you! ~Dana Baas

Church Vision/Mission Planning-We are inviting all professing members interested in participating in mission, vision, and theme planning to attend a meeting on Monday, December 9, from 6-9:00 PM. This session will be led by Dr. Chris Schoon, the Director of Faith Formation Ministries at CRCNA. If you have an interest in the direction of the church and want your voice to be heard, we need you at this meeting. For planning purposes, if you will be attending, please let Al Thomas know.

PRAYER CORNER

Dear Heavenly Father, please be with Steve Sluiter, Dick Bruno, Marilyn Ouwinga, Dawn Richardson, Mike Dodde and Sarah Dodde. Bless each of them in ways only you can do. Give them the healing and the patience they need and may your light shine on them and through the caregivers you have sent to help. Surround them with your love and comfort. Fill them with the Holy Spirit, that they may be a testimony to your greatness.

Prayer Request: Please keep Mary Lou Karsten in your prayers this week as she will be having back surgery on December 5 in Grand Rapids. Please pray for those involved with the surgery, her recovery, and for safe travels there and back.

During this season of Thanksgiving and Advent, let's join our hearts and prayers by focusing on one attribute of our awesome God each week.

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."

(Ref: Psalm 42:5, Psalm 71: 5, 14)

OUR MISSIONARIES:

George & Sarah de Vuyst & Family
Serving in Ukraine

Email: gdevuyst@crcna.org
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Josh & Mandy Shaarda & Family
Serving in Uganda

Email: jshaarda@crcnapartners.org
Blog: <http://shaarda.blogspot.com/>

***CURRENTLY SERVING IN OUR MILITARY:**

Mike* & Dawn (Dodde) Winkle (Master Sargent, Air Force) – Spokane, WA

Tyler* Bode (Senior Airman, Air Force) Davis Monthan Airforce Base,
Tucson, AZ

Caleb* Dodde (Private, Army Reservist) – Fort Leonard Wood, MO

March. If you are interested in taking part in a small group or even hosting a small group, please sign up at the information table or contact the church office.

Kids Hope Mentors Needed: Marion Schools and Highland CRC are teaming up once again through our Kids Hope program. We are looking for individuals that would like to become mentors. If you would like more information or would like to sign up, please contact Kasey McQuestion. Thank you!

Our next Blood Drive is Wednesday, December 11, 2019 from 2-7 pm. Please check out the sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall or log on to Versiti.org to schedule your donation appointment. If you have any questions or need assistance with scheduling, please contact Sara in the church office at (231) 825-2171.

Lucas Rehoboth Reformed Church will be holding a "Christmas Marketplace" on Saturday, December 7, 2019 from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. There will be a cookie walk, coffee and cinnamon rolls, baked goods, and lunch at noon. There will be many vendors and crafters present, selling their gifts that are perfect for Christmas giving. Come see what they have to offer for your Christmas specialty shopping. The Women's Ministry of Rehoboth Reformed Church is sponsoring this event; all proceeds will go to support local missions.

The Amen Chorus presents A Christmas Concert with special guests: The Women's Philharmonic Chorus and The Rehoboth Bell Choir this Saturday, December 7, 2019 at 7:00 pm at Rehoboth Reformed Church in Lucas.

Christmas in Bethlehem is a new children's book written and illustrated by former Highland Church pastor, Steven Elzinga and his son Michael Elzinga. He writes:

"I have grandchildren. In fact three of them are in this book. I wanted to write a Christmas book where they could insert themselves in the middle of the story. Toward the end of the book, the main character (my granddaughter) says to her mom, 'I was there, Mom'. My hope is that your child or grandchild will be able to say the same thing". The illustrations in this book are actual photos captured by his son Michael while they were in Israel. "*Christmas in Bethlehem* was written so that you and your child might experience, in some way, the wonder of being in Bethlehem to witness one of the most significant events ever celebrated—the birth of Jesus."

Small Groups- We will be starting up **small groups** again for January, February and

Copies of *Christmas in Bethlehem* are \$15 each and will be available for purchase starting today. Please see either Greg or Laura Hesselink to get a copy.