

NURSERY:

Dec 26	Jodi Meyering, Mikayla Powers, Lindsay Beerens Jackie Schmid, Megan Pluger, Patti Koop
Jan 2	Lizelle Bazuin, Aubrynn Bazuin, Kasey McQuestion, Amy Eisenga, Claire Thompson, Addean Oeverman
Jan 9	Becky Wemple, Shari Benthem, Jayden Benthem Diane Eisenga, Dana Baas, Franklin Baas
Jan 16	Ruth Kulhawick, Melissa Oeverman, Emma Oeverman Sue Cook, Megan Benthem, Kendyn Meyering

LITTLE LAMBS / CHILDREN IN WORSHIP:

Dec 26	LL Teacher: Nicole Schultz, Helper: Addean Oeverman CIW Teacher: Anne Thomas; Helper: Karsyn Meyering
Jan 2	LL Teacher: Makayla Powers; Helper: Harper Tossey CIW Teacher: Jodi DeHate; Helper: Karianne Smith
Jan 9	LL Teacher: Amy VanPolen; Helper: Alan Thomas CIW Teacher: Lizelle Bazuin; Helper: JD Bazuin
Jan 16	LL Teacher: Cindy Vennema; Helper: Jordyn Richardson CIW Teacher: Maggie Southwick; Helper: Emerson Tossey

SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT:

Dec 26	Cary Sikkema; Dan Ouwinga; Sue Cook
Jan 2	Cary Sikkema; Roger Hagerman; Jodi DeHate
Jan 9	Matt Thompson; Deb Eisenga; Kendra Jenema
Jan 16	Kyle Meyering; Dan Ouwinga; Deb Eisenga

OFFERINGS:

DECEMBER

- 5th: Booster Club
- 12th: New Building
- 19th: Existing Building
- 26th: Life Resources

JANUARY

- 2nd: Booster club
- 9th: New Building
- 16th: Josh and Mandy Shaarda
- 23rd: Marion Food Pantry
- 30th: Existing Building

USHERS:

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

January: Jerry Nemeth, Scott Oeverman, Todd Oeverman, Jun Brinks

****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!**



DECEMBER 26, 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
December 26, 2021

The People of God Gather:

Prelude: Sally Huttenga- dulcimer
 Call to worship from Psalm 118:24
 Welcome
 God's greeting
 Greeting one another

To Praise God:

“Worthy, You Are Worthy” (vs 1, 3)
“O Little Town of Bethlehem” (vs 1, 4)
“While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night” (vs 1, 5)
 Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God:

Announcements:
 Responsive Reading of God's Law
 Congregational prayer

To Proclaim God's Word:

Children's message:
 Song of preparation: *“Lord, Speak to Me” (vs 1, 2, 4)*
 Scripture: Luke 2:1-7; Philippians 2:5-7
 Message: **Downward Mobility**
 Prayer of response
 Song of response & Offertory: *“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly” (both vs)*
 Offering: 1st: General Fund, 2nd: Life Resources
 (Please remain seated during the song of response and offering)

To Go in God's Name:

God's blessing:
 Closing song: *“Go, Tell it on the Mountain” (vs 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-Kindergarten downstairs following the children's message. A parent must pick them up from their after the service.
- **LIVE streaming** of our Sunday service is available on our Facebook page;
- **Video recordings** are available on USB at the sound booth after the service or on DVD by request.

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

January 3	6:30 pm	Elders
January 3	7:00 pm	Deacons
January 3	7:30 pm	Council

<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> Worship Team (DaNay Tossey) Care & Fellowship Team (Cindy Vennema) Education Team (Megan Pluger) Outreach Team (Jodi DeHate) Prayer Team (Sandy Rice) Service Team (Carrie Thompson) Facilities Team (Greg Hesselink)</p>
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PRAYER CORNER

Let us approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. Hebrews 4:16

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.

Ken VanPolen received exciting news this week that he is officially **CANCER FREE!**

We lift up in prayer **Danielle Ozeran** (Dave Wing’s sister) as she recently found out she has a cancerous tumor on one of her ureters. She is being referred to U of M for surgery.

PRAYER FOCUS

Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand”. Isaiah 41:10

Father, we are prone to quickly forget Your goodness and care for us. Lord, may we trust You today and into the new year—whatever uncertainties of challenges we may face. You are the God that can be trusted. Thank You for Your Word that helps us stay focused. May we find delight in Your love and share it with others today.

In Jesus’ name. Amen

Missions	Josh & Mandy Shaarda & Family Serving in Uganda Email: jshaarda@crcnapartners.org Blog: http://shaarda.blogspot.com/	George & Sarah de Vuyst & Family Serving in Ukraine Email: gdevuyst@crcna.org Website: http://www.devuysts.com
	Military Tyler Bode (Staff Sargent, U.S. Air Force) Davis Monthan Airforce Base, Tucson, AZ	

Dear Highland Brothers and Sisters:

Ruth and I well remember April 12- the eventful day when we arrived and moved into the parsonage and I attended my first council meeting. We have now spent the majority of this year in gospel ministry with you. It has been a thrill to see the Holy Spirit powerfully working among us in so many ways.

I think of naming and grieving losses we suffered as a church community; the cluster of young people who made a profession of their faith in Jesus; revitalizing seven main ministry teams with capable team leaders; launching a fine pastor search team; projects completed with our building and grounds; the steady rise in worship attendance; solid giving to meet our budget commitments; staff that are all doing their part to make our church hum; and a spirit of joy and hopefulness about what God has in store for Highland in the future.

All this has made it a deep joy to serve with you! Ruth and I are grateful for all your gestures of love and support, especially when facing Ruth’s tongue cancer. We look forward to sharing more of life and ministry as we enter a new year. Happy New Year to you all!

Warmly yours in Christ, Pastor Neil

OUR CHURCH WEEK: DECEMBER 26-JANUARY 1

SUN 12/26	9:15 AM	A time of prayer in the prayer room
	9:30 AM	Morning Worship Service
	10:50 AM	No Sunday School –Christmas Break
WED 12/28	7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Sunday: We will be celebrating the Lord’s Supper. If you are unable to be here in person but would like the elements of Communion brought to your home, please contact the church office or your district elder so this can be arranged.

Installation Ceremony of Elders and Deacons on January 9. Incoming Elders: Jon Dracht, Paul Shaarda & Den Kamphouse; Incoming Deacons: Dave Wing, Kasey Rees & Devon Dracht.