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Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00am-1:00pm

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Morning Worship Service

Scripture: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:17

Message: “Christmas with the Catechism”

Evening Worship Service

Scripture: Luke 6:43-45

Message: “Roots, Fruits and the Produce of the Heart”

Congregational & Community News

Christmas Worship Service: Join us December 25 at 9:30am for a special worship service. Our special music will be Darshan Scholten, Grace Lindholm and Jack TenCate.

Holiday Hours: The church office will be closed Monday & Tuesday, December 24-25, for the holiday.

Ordination/Installation of Elders and Deacons: Ordination and Installation of newly elected Elders and Deacons will take place on January 6 during the morning worship service. Being ordained/installed to the office of Elder are Sally Elenbaas and Arlynn Immink. Being installed to the office of Deacon is Arie Doolaard. Being ordained/installed to the office of Deacon is Jeff Hulst.

Tech Booth Help Needed: Would you be interested in helping with the camera during the worship service? Talk to Jerry VanLente or stop by the Tech Booth for more information.

2019 Offering Envelopes: If you didn't receive 2019 offering envelopes in your church mailbox and would like them for the purpose of receiving a statement of giving from the church, please contact Ann Eding at the church office on Monday mornings, or leave a message with the office.

January Heartbeat Deadline: The deadline to submit articles or information to be published in the January Heartbeat is 8:00am on Monday, December 24.



We wish you and your loved ones a most blessed Christmas season. It is our prayer that the anticipation and thrill of the Christ Child will fill your heart and that the salvation He delivered will be deeply rooted within your soul. It has been our pleasure to serve you this past year and we pray God's blessing upon you as we enter a new year.

The HRC Staff

A Note of Thanks

I'd like to thank everyone for the Christmas cards. They were very much appreciated. Gary Ende

Thank you for all of you that helped with the Christmas program and for the beautiful poinsettias. Gracie Bosch and Nicki Boerman

Thank you for the many Christmas greetings and poinsettia. Thanks also for all the well wishes throughout the year. Frieda Lugten

Thank you for remembering me with the beautiful poinsettia and for all the wonderful Christmas cards! "Bunny" Irene Slotman

Where do we as a family start in saying THANKS to HRC? Thank you for all the years that you accepted our Dad as Minister and then as calling Pastor as well as our Mom (and us as "preacher's kids"). In the past 19 years, you had so much care and compassion for Mom – from all the visits from Pastors Tom, Adam & Ron and so many other church members, to the Valet Parking (which she LOVED), the rides in the church elevator, etc. She enjoyed leading Bible Studies and the Women's Ministries and absolutely loved the Church and the people. Thank you for the history package that you put together for each of us, which will be treasured. HRC will always be a part of our family and we THANK YOU for the Christian heritage that you gave us.

The family of Norman & Ruth Van Heukelom

Prayer Corner

Please Pray for:

- Frank Workman has returned home where he continues to recover from extensive back surgery
- Buster Stafford was diagnosed with a brain tumor and is awaiting treatment options

Recovery & Rehab:

- Orv Deters
- Warren VanderKolk

Those Living with Cancer:

- Lorraine Nyhoff
- Stu Woldring

This Week's Friend at Home

Rika Nyeboer

Missionary of the Week:

Bethany Flynn
Camp Li-Wa
590 Wigwam Way
Fairbanks, AK 99712
Email: bethanyf@campliwa.org

Missionary Prayer Request:

- Please pray for the work of Marvin & Tabitha Zurita in Guatemala. Pray for the young people that they work with in various ways, that they may understand and accept a new life in faith. Pray for health and rest for Marvin and Tabitha and their boys that they may have the energy needed to meet the needs of each day.

December Missions of the Month

Teen Challenge
HAYM

Tithes & Offerings

December 16 - \$4,775
Regular Offering - \$3,650
E-file Offering - \$1,125

What Makes Christmas Happen?

What makes Christmas "happen" for you? Where does the joy of the season come alive in you?

- *Is it in the carols?*
- *The celebrations?*
- *The candlelight services?*
- *The music of the Advent season?*
- *Perhaps you find it in the shopping and gift-giving.*
- *Maybe you see the love of the season in the sparkling eyes of a child or feel it in a loved one's hug.*



Whatever it is, during this holiday season with all its frenzied festivities, stop and remember that night in the stable, those mingled smells of animals and hay, that pain and subsequent joy in the birth of one small child.

Breathe deep and feel with Mary, with Joseph, the shepherds, the angels. Feel the birth of Jesus.

What is it to experience such joy, such peace? Verbally express to someone close to you what the birth of Christ means to you at this point in your life. Be joyful! Experience God's love and peace.

Happening this Week

Sunday, December 23

9:30am Shaelee Van Der Stoep
6:00pm Pastor Adam

Monday, December 24

Office Closed

Tuesday, December 25

9:30am Christmas Worship Service
Office Closed

Wednesday, December 26

10:00am Pantry

Thursday, December 27

8:45am Staff Meeting
6:30pm Zumba

Friday, December 28

10:00am Pantry

Saturday, December 29

8:30am Zumba

A Look Ahead...

Sunday, December 30

9:30am Pastor Adam
6:00pm Pastor Jake at HRC

January 6 – Ordination & Installation
of Newly Elected
Elders & Deacons

January 6 – Sunday School Classes
Resume

Ministry Helpers

Greeters: June VanFarowe

Nursery Helpers: Lisa Hulst

Kelsey Carroll

Next Week (December 30)

Greeters: Jerry & Diane VanLente

Nursery Helpers: Libby Casemier

Carla VanderPoppen

Praise Team: Brian, Tim & Company