



Barb Fossler, B Auman and Patty Peters shared their passion for quilting on Saturday, November 12. Those who stopped in to see the quilt show were impressed and amazed by the artwork they saw. And- - thank you to those who provided cookies for our quilt show.



Thanks to the generosity of our congregation and community, 46 boxes were delivered to Operation Christmas Child.

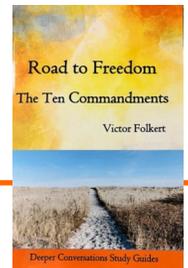
### The Christmas Prayer Tree ornament exchange

Steps on how this works:

1. Bring an ornament to share from your family (new or old; non-returnable)
2. Tag or label your family names on your ornament
3. Place your ornament on the tree in the Fellowship Hall by the Information Desk
4. Take an ornament home from this tree and add it to your tree or décor
5. Pray for the family on your ornament through to the new year
6. After the new year begins: The Reveal Meet this family and thank them for their ornament

If you have questions, ask Susan O'Connor

**Get to know your church family!**



### WiNGS (Women in God's Service)

Our WiNGS December gathering will be at Ann Wubbels' house, where we will have our annual Christmas party on Tuesday, December 6 at 6:30. Ann will provide hot sandwiches; please bring a "munchie" to share. There is not a gift exchange, but we will be collecting donations for Gift of Hope, an RCA Global Mission project. Gift of Hope provides "basic needs, education, access to the gospel and more to people around the world who need it most." We will base our donation to Gift of Hope on the amount we collect. For example, \$50 feeds a child for a year, or \$100 provides medical care.

**Please, even if you haven't been a part of Wings in the past, consider joining us on the 6th.**

Our study books for 2023 will be available this night, also. The book is Road to Freedom: The Ten Commandments and the author is Vic Folkert. The bio info on the back of the book reads "Victor Folkert is a retired pastor." We know that very well! We hope you will decide to join our WinGS group in 2023 as we learn "The Ten Commandments are not a bunch of dos and don'ts. They are God's guide to freedom, in our personal lives, our families and communities, and even national life." (taken from the back cover of the book.) Books can also be found on a shelf under the Information Desk.

**Because our WinGS group is quite small, we no longer will be able to provide the food served after a funeral. If the family wants us to, we are more than willing to get whatever it is they would like to have served (sandwiches, cookies, etc.) and serve it. We would just ask that the family pay the cost of the food provided.**



# Holland Church News

## December 2022

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Office Hours 9 a.m.—1:00 p.m.



**December 4:**  
Holland's annual  
Congregational Business  
Meeting will be held, following Fellowship Time.  
After the meeting we will have a soup luncheon  
provided by the Church Life Committee.

**Wednesday Nights**  
Alive children will  
present their  
Christmas Program  
after supper (6:20) on  
December 14.  
Congregations, parents, grandparents, friends—  
mark your calendars!



The school age students from  
our church will be presenting  
a short and simple retelling  
of the birth of Christ as part  
of the December 18 worship  
service. A dress rehearsal  
will be held Saturday,  
December 17 at 9:30 a.m.



### The Pastor's Heart



For to us a child is born,  
to us a son is given,  
and the government will be on his shoulders.  
And he will be called  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
Isaiah 9:6

This verse is one that captures the Coming of Christ's Birth perfectly. Probably why this verse is written, read, and spoken the most at this time of the year.

Take time to rest and reflect in these words. Who the Heavenly Father gave us, and what the World perceives as an unassuming child sleeping in a manger.

What we have in Christ is mind-renewing, perfect satisfaction, greater vision, and comfort that is confusing to the outside world.

From my Family to Yours: we thank you for receiving us into your life so graciously. We are so blessed to serve you and continue to serve the surrounding community. May we continue to grow in all aspects that gives God the Glory beyond our imagination and plans.

God Bless you and Merry Christmas.  
Anthony, Jamie, Gabe, Josh, and Audrey

Anthony Godtel  
Holland Church Pastor

**Candlelight Christmas Eve at 6:30 p.m.**



Wednesday Night  
**Alive!**

**Menu for December**  
7 Smorgasbord  
14 Pizza

### The theme for Advent 2022

Red and green are in the holly

Silver is in the star above

Gold is in the candle light

White is in the winter night

when angels sang "glory, glory to the King".

*The angel said "Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord."*

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

20 Calvin and Donna TeSelle  
28 Stan and Barb Sears

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

3 Jill Vande Griend  
9 Janis Walvoord  
15 Barb Fossler  
17 Ann Wubbels  
18 Marj Huenink  
20 Paige Liesveld  
30 Bob Wubbels