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**NEW HOLLAND**  
CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

# GREETINGS

*from the search committee*

## Thank you for your interest in the pastoral position at New Holland Christian Reformed Church!

We are a growing church located in New Holland, South Dakota, committed to serving the Lord and following His will as we worship and study the Bible.

Our search committee has been meeting for the past year and a half, discussing and surveying the needs of the church and praying for God's guidance to lead us in the next step. We are happy to have arrived at this point and invite you to learn about how our Lord has blessed New Holland Christian Reformed Church (NHCRC) over the course of 140 years.

Please review this profile and familiarize yourself with the pastoral characteristics that we seek. We also invite you to share it with those in your network whom you feel would be potential candidates. If you believe that the Lord is calling you to use your gifts, talents and abilities at NHCRC please contact **Darcy Jongejeugd** at **605-680-4616** or **darcy@midstatesd.net**.

We are excited and expectant to see what God has established for us under new leadership! Thank you for prayerfully investing your time in considering the position as full-time pastor of NHCRC.



# THE MISSION

*of New Holland Christian Reformed Church*

**AS PEOPLE CALLED BY GOD:**



**WE GATHER** to praise God,  
listen to him, and respond

**WE NURTURE** each other in  
faith and obedience to Christ

**WE LOVE AND CARE** for  
one another as God's people

**WE COMMIT** ourselves  
to serve and to tell others  
about Jesus

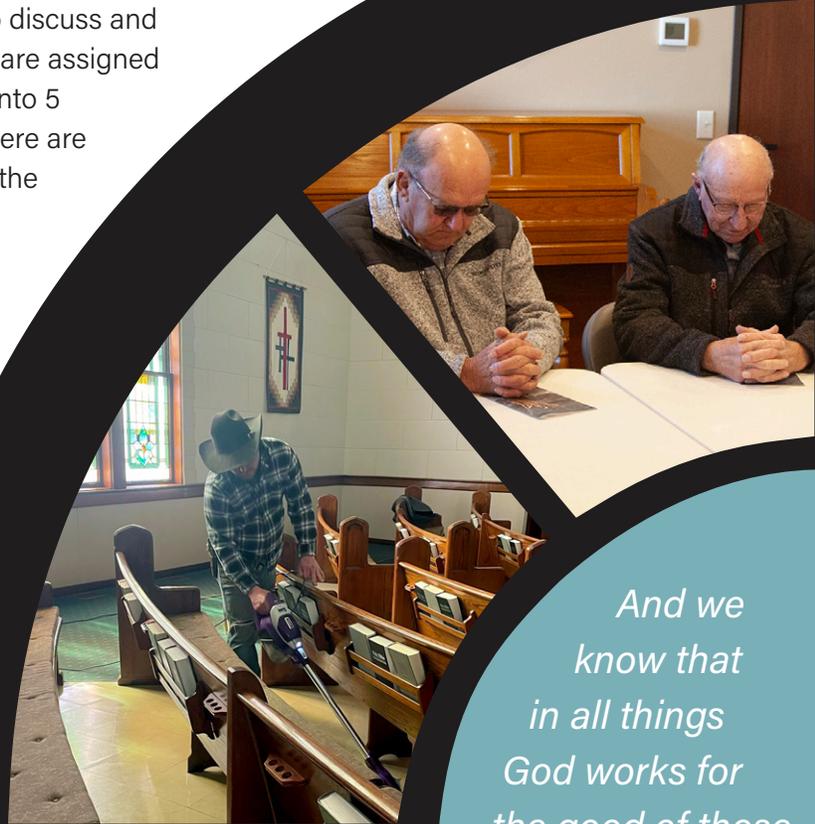
**WE PURSUE** God's justice  
and peace in every area of life

# CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Twelve council members and the pastor meet monthly to discuss and assess the needs of the church. Different responsibilities are assigned to elders and deacons and the council is also sectioned into 5 Districts to manage pastoral care of the congregation. There are several committees and subcommittees made up within the elders and deacons as well as congregational members that coordinate various functions and activities.

## Committees in NHCRC:

- » Education
- » Building and Grounds
- » Outreach
- » Finance & Administration
- » Worship
- » Fellowship



*And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.*

*- Romans 8:28*



# NHCRC HIGHLIGHTS

NHCRC has been serving the community for over **140 YEARS**



We are blessed to be a **MULTI-GENERATIONAL CHURCH FAMILY**



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## SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:30 am - Prayer Team

10 am - Worship

11 am - Fellowship & Sunday School

We are building a **9,000+ sq foot ADDITION**



We have a thriving **GEMS & CADETS PROGRAM**



We have approximately **200 PROFESSING MEMBERS**



*For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building.  
- 1 Corinthians 3:9*

# OVERVIEW

*a glimpse into our community*

**The sun is just starting to peek through the historic stained glass as Sunday begins to unfold. Mrs. Davis is on her final blocks of her morning walk.**

Today, she ventured east towards the cemetery one mile out of town. Waterfowl make their way over the lake, and she can see recent tracks from the deer that recently crossed through the ditch. The Kelly's must have children visiting because there are extra cars in their driveway, and Aunt Jenny's new puppy is looking for a good morning greeting as Mrs. Davis strides past the little blue house. Next in line is the church, a historic icon of New Holland. Many a family has had children baptized and married in this church, and several that had moved away after high school have been trickling back in the last few years. She knows she needs to keep moving because a couple cars have already parked by the fellowship hall.

Fifteen minutes later, the coffee starts to perk as a family of five prepares cookies for after the service. The praise team gathers in the basement to rehearse with the pianist. Their children greet each other and chat with those making preparations for Sunday school after church. Soon, the lift operator, nursery attendants, sound operator, projectionist, valet attendants, and ushers take their posts.

Mrs. Davis walks into the fellowship hall at the same time as her neighbor Erin along with her two-year-old daughter Samantha and four-year-old son David. It is Erin's week to sing praise team, and as she heads to the basement with Samantha on her hip, David darts into the sanctuary. Mrs. Davis sees an opportunity to help and more than gladly redirects David and then escorts both children to the nursery while Erin practices. She remembers the days when she had young children in these hallways and what a task it was at times to keep them from climbing over benches or being disruptive during worship. She also recalls the support of church family as her children grew; even in the times when she questioned her parenting and their behavior, there were always wise words and reminders of God's plan for each one of His children.

Council members gather in the council room exchanging good mornings. "Did you get done harvesting this week?" "How was the game on Friday night?" "Tom and I fixed the door on the East side of the sanctuary?" "Offering is for Dakota Christian School this morning." Adding to the lighthearted chatter is

Gloria who stops by to request an announcement that Wilma is in the hospital with influenza and needs prayers.

Other conversations throughout the fellowship hall and sanctuary - "The Smith's were sick, so we are covering nursery for this week." "The green mic needs new batteries." "Are we singing three or four verses of #554?"

As people begin to file through the tall church doors, a sense of family can be felt among the young and old., Promising to sit nice, children beg their parents to sit by grandma. Mrs. Tyler and Mrs. Green, recent widows, make conversation with three-year-old Susie in the next bench over. Susie loves the attention and readily accepts a Wilhelmina mint from their purses. Mrs. Davis takes a seat next to Mr. and Mrs. Harold, and they discuss the upcoming joint worship service to be held at the Harrison Community Church. "I think Pastor Sanders from the Platte CRC will be giving the message," comments Mrs. Davis. Mrs. Harold chimes in, "And I can't wait to hear the men's chorus; they have several new members from Corsica this year."

The order of worship today consists of three contemporary praise songs led by the praise team at the beginning, followed by announcements and offertory. It is the third Sunday of the month which means children's sermon, a favorite of children and adults. The group of children has grown substantially in the past ten years and provides great entertainment during the lesson. Next week will be the special music Sunday for the month.

Smaller children exit to toddler church and the congregation settles in for the sermon as the scripture reader reads verses projected on the screen from Psalms 100. Projection screens have been installed for a number of years, but as Mrs. Davis looks back on the addition of this technology, she remembers it as the start of a new growth of the church, a time when the next generation stepped up to make changes to enhance worship even if it meant more volunteers and more preparation for Sunday morning.

After the sermon, children and teachers file out during the closing song to go to Sunday school along with the coffee and cookie servers. The "new" fellowship hall that was built in the last 10 years is now the place to be as the youngest children run up and down zig-zagging through the parents'



## OVERVIEW (cont.)

legs with a cookie in each hand. Adults form ever-changing circles, semi circles, and ovals as people rearrange to make sure they can talk to everyone. Every season comes with its topics like harvest, football, and deer/pheasant season in the fall. This transitions into ice fishing and basketball before going to planting and calving in the spring. Summer brings talk of fishing, camping, and baseball. Several of the tables are full with the stories of yesteryear and grandchildren. New Holland is a rural town, so most parents wait around and converse during Sunday school. This little community used to be the home of many retirees and grandparents, but in the past few years, it has begun to fill with families and newlyweds as well. Mrs. Davis is very thankful for the Smith's, her new next-door neighbors, who voluntarily scoop her snow and always offer to get her mail if the sidewalk gets icy.

The parsonage is located next to the church, in the middle of New Holland. Thirty miles down the road through the river hills lies the Missouri River, an attraction to fishermen, campers, boaters, and anyone looking to enjoy nature. Several campgrounds and docks can be found within a short distance along with the hiking/biking trails and hunting ground. Platte, a town fifteen miles from New Holland, is the pheasant hunting capital. Deer, turkey, and geese are just a few of the creatures commonly sought after.

Mrs. Davis recalls how Mr. Davis occasionally fished at Pease Creek, but his real hobby was golf. Corsica and Platte both offer terrific golf courses, and at any given afternoon in the spring, summer, or fall, Mr. Davis could be found with his favorite putter trying to get one more shot to sink. Before a round of golf, he would stop at Overweg Feed in New Holland for morning coffee. Mr. Davis loved visiting with the retired men of the area at the "store" but was also thankful for the younger guys who would stop in after chores. This bunch was a sign to him that the work ethic instilled in him as a lad was still being passed down to the younger generation. He knew from experience that raising livestock, harvesting, and keeping family balance require dedication and reliance on God's strength. He was always so thankful when Sunday rolled around, and he could have a day of rest and worship. Mr. Davis passed away five years ago, but his nickname "Chief" is often reminisced upon at the store.

Tomorrow Mrs. Davis needs to fill up her van; she can thankfully get that in New Holland at D & D Service, but for her groceries, medicine refills, and a garden hose, she'll need to leave town. Within fifteen miles, there are towns with thriving businesses, schools, and community spirit. Fifteen miles means fifteen minutes in this country, so she knows exactly when to leave in order to ensure that the well-known Dutch Oven Bakery still has her favorite cookies available. Dakota Christian School is located six miles from New Holland and is where many of the church families send their children. Wednesday is Mrs. Davis' turn to help with the Scrip program and volunteer in the lunchroom. She also looks forward to picking up her grandkids from school every Monday and Thursday.

With her errands complete, Mrs. Davis begins baking her oh-so-special cinnamon rolls that she is bringing to the fundraiser at church for the Bell family. Robert Bell, the husband and father, was recently diagnosed with cancer, and a soup supper/bake sale was organized to help with medical bills. It seems there is always something to be making food for or preparing for, but Mrs. Davis is one of the many who find joy in helping those in need. The last fundraiser was a carnival with games and inflatables to raise money for a family dealing with a sudden death.

When she goes to drop off her rolls, she sees Bella entering the sanctuary. Bella is on the decorating committee. Just inside the fellowship hall, Fran and Jan are folding bulletins for the upcoming Sunday, and on her way out, she finds Frank watering the flowers by the bell tower. It is amazing how many people come through the doors of the church throughout the week for all sorts of preparations and purposes. The GEMS girls will soon begin meeting on Tuesdays. Along with NHCRC members, this program brings in girls from surrounding communities of different denominations and schools. Cadets is also a favorite activity for the young boys at church; they meet on Wednesdays during the school year at a facility south of Platte with other boys from the community.

As the sun sets on Saturday night, the beams fall behind the bell tower, and soon it will be Sunday morning again. Mrs. Davis looks forward to fellowship with her church family and is hopeful that the search committee has a positive report for the congregation!

*we are a thriving*  
**CHURCH COMMUNITY**

## One Big Family!

Congregational members take a genuine interest in the lives of fellow believers and can always be looked upon to help. We celebrate victories and lift up one another in times of struggle whether it be by means of time, financial assistance, food or prayer. Using the gifts and talents that the Lord has so graciously given is a beautiful way in which the congregation lives out God's purpose for the church.

Our children! A recent quote from a young mother - "One of my favorite things about NHCRC is our growing church. We have a lot of little children which makes our church lively and exciting! We also have great programs that allow for kids to stay busy and active in church in whatever stage they are at (quiet bags for in church, nursery, toddler church)."

Bonds between the young and old! The younger generation looks up to the older generation with respect for their wisdom and experience, and at the same time, the older generation also respects the thoughts and ideas of those younger.

We work together and fellowship together! Bible studies, committee work and after church fellowship allow members of all ages to engage in serving the Lord together and foster meaningful relationships.



An example is the live nativity held before Christmas on the church grounds. A great deal of volunteer help is needed to orchestrate the scenes, music, animals, etc. The event is a tremendous blessing to those who attend but also is very meaningful for members to work together and experience the story of Jesus' birth.



# *Sunday morning* WORSHIP

Worship at NHCRC is a beautiful example of how the ages worship together.

The pastor plans the order of worship but there are many hands that contribute to the service. Praise team leaders coordinate with the pastor to select contemporary songs to open the service and then hymns following the offertory and sermon. Childrens sermons, special music and short video clips are also incorporated and provided by congregational members. Prayer requests and praises are shared and also opportunities of how to help and support as the hands and feet of Jesus.



# PAST *to the* PRESENT

For 140 years New Holland Christian Reformed Church has been worshipping God by preaching and studying His Word.

The church began with twenty-two families and eight single adults. The original church was built in 1883 and services were held in Dutch. In the year 1919 the present building was constructed and twenty years later the services were completely converted English.

The last fifteen years has brought many advancements in technology, structure and church family. Many members that had moved after graduating have now relocated back to the area to raise their families. These changes also have allowed for the addition of a fellowship hall and coming soon, a new sanctuary. Currently NHCRC has approximately 200 professing members with an average Sunday attendance of 175.

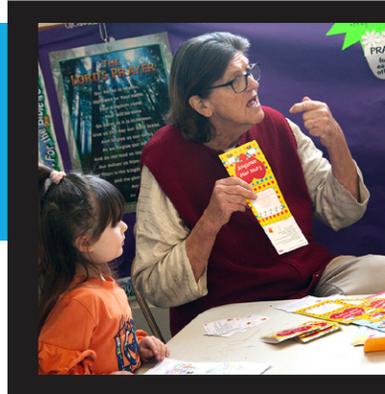
After 9 years of fruitful ministry, Pastor John Gorter and his wife decided to retire and move closer to their children. At the present time we are extremely thankful to have an amazing transitional minister, Norlyn VanBeek and his wife Cherie leading our congregation.



# what makes us **UNIQUE**

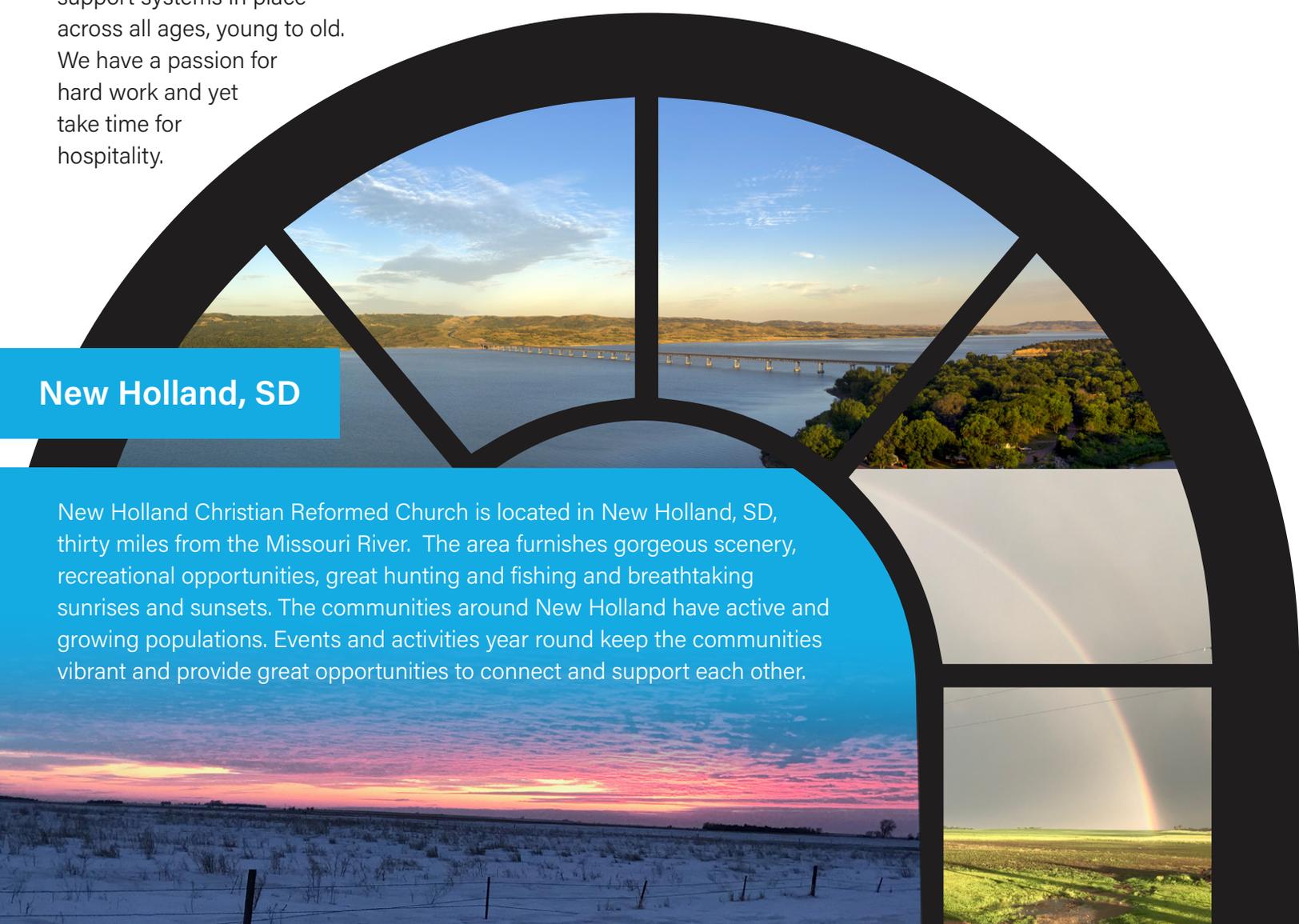
## We are a multigenerational family!

Age does not divide our members. There are many special friendships and support systems in place across all ages, young to old. We have a passion for hard work and yet take time for hospitality.



## New Holland, SD

New Holland Christian Reformed Church is located in New Holland, SD, thirty miles from the Missouri River. The area furnishes gorgeous scenery, recreational opportunities, great hunting and fishing and breathtaking sunrises and sunsets. The communities around New Holland have active and growing populations. Events and activities year round keep the communities vibrant and provide great opportunities to connect and support each other.



*we support*

# DAKOTA CHRISTIAN



*School*

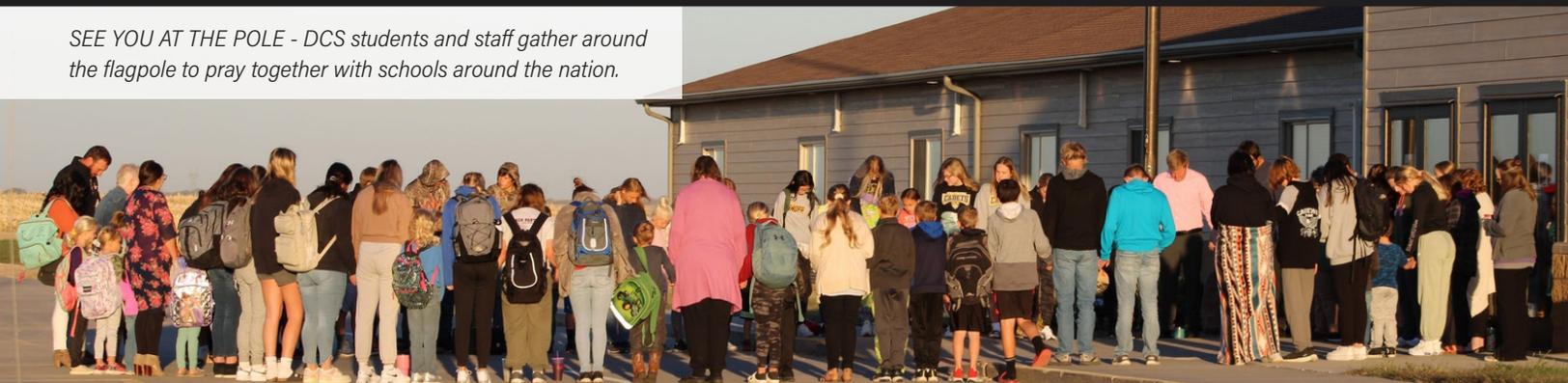
The mission of Dakota Christian School is to assist parents by providing education based on a biblical worldview, thereby enabling children to grow in Christian wisdom, to nurture godly character, and to serve Christ as Lord.

Dakota Christian School was established in 2006 when New Holland Christian Grade School, Platte Christian Grade School and Dakota Christian High School combined. Since then it has encouraged students to grow in their Christian faith as a CSI accredited school. All subjects are taught from the perspective of God's Word and DCS emphasizes God's truth in all areas of life to equip students for service in our world today and tomorrow. The school offers a full slate of sports and activities, from basketball to archery to quiz bowl to prairie readers, there is something for everyone to participate in. DCS is located just 6 miles/minutes away from New Holland.

DCS has a strong and cohesive faculty and administrative staff and a deep love for their students. Educating students, Pre-K - grade 12, the school has an amazing foundation of supporters including New Holland CRC.



*SEE YOU AT THE POLE - DCS students and staff gather around the flagpole to pray together with schools around the nation.*



*we are in the process of building a*  
**NEW SANCTUARY**



*Rendering of the outside view of the new NHCRC building (Architecture Inc.)*



*Rendering of the inside view of the new NHCRC sanctuary (Architecture Inc.)*

Our congregation is in the fundraising stage of building a new sanctuary and education wing. Our current structure is 100+ years old, needs major repairs and our congregation made the difficult decision to take down our church and rebuild.

Committees have been formed, architect chosen and final plans drawn up. We plan to build a 9,000+ sq foot addition to our Fellowship Hall, which will include a new sanctuary (to accommodate 300 people), new narthex, 6 classrooms and a multipurpose area.

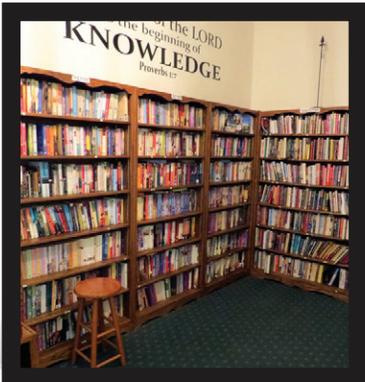
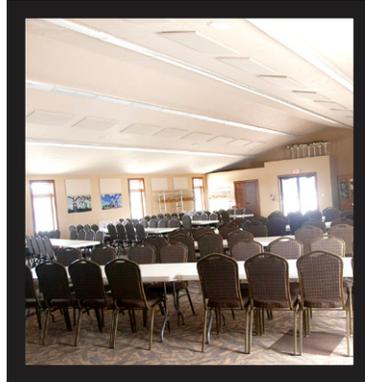
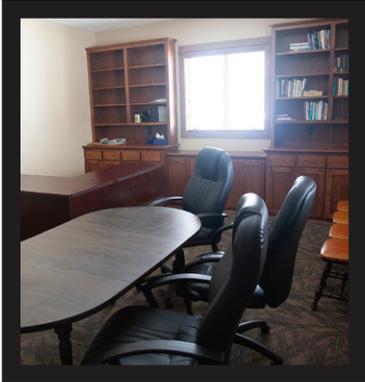
As of February 2023 we have reached approximately 25% of our goal. Once we reach 80%, we will proceed with the next steps.

*Community members attended a fundraiser auction that raised money for the new building fund.*



# BUILDING & GROUNDS

*of New Holland Christian Reformed Church*



## Building/Grounds Amenities at NHCRC:

- » Pastoral Office
- » Pastoral Study
- » Fireside Room
- » Leadership Meeting Room
- » Fellowship Hall with Kitchen
- » Nursery
- » Library
- » Parsonage
  - 1 Master bedroom with half bathroom
  - 4 bed bedrooms (2-main floor/2-basement)
  - 2 full bathroom (1-main floor/1 basement)
  - 1 half bathroom
  - Home study office
  - 2 stall garage

