

“Use whatever gift you have received to serve others” -1 Peter 4:10

NURSERY

- March 12** Bev Taylor, Jackie Schmid, Deborah Ouwinga, Emma Lee
March 19 Megan Pluger, Melissa Oeverman, Cindy Vennema, Aubrynn Bazuin
March 26 Patti Koop, Lizelle Bazuin, Bev Kamphouse, Claire Thompson
April 2 Kasey McQuestion, Shari Benthem, Karen & Addean Oeverman

CHILDREN’S CHURCH

- March 12** Teacher: Cindy Vennema; Helpers: Nicole Koetje, Kendyn Meyering
March 19 Teacher: Sara Bruno; Helpers: Hillary Dracht, Gracyn Swiler
March 26 No Children’s Church –Spring Break!
April 2 No Children’s Church –Spring Break!

SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT

- March 12** Kyle Meyering, Dan Ouwinga, Jodi DeHate
March 19 Cary Sikkema, Kaylie Benthem, Kendra Jenema
March 26 Matt Thompson, Roger Hagerman, Deborah Ouwinga
April 2 Kyle Meyering, Deb Eisenga, Jodi DeHate

2ND OFFERINGS

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| March: | April: |
| 5th – Booster Club | 2nd – Booster Club |
| 12th – Project Canefire | 9th – Existing Building Fund |
| 19th – Existing Building Fund | 16th – George and Sarah de Vuyst |
| 26th – Middle School Youth Room | 23rd – Middle School Youth Room |
| | 30th – GEMS |

USHERS

- March:** Adam Southwick, Kevin Eisenga, Todd Oeverman, Tucker Tossey
April: Kasey Rees, Dale Fredin, Al Thomas, Lars Fredin

****If you are unable to serve on your scheduled date, please find a replacement.
Please call the church office (231) 825-2171 if you have any questions. Thank you!**



March 12, 2023

Highland Christian Reformed Church

“Striving to be the heart and hands of Jesus”

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.”*

CORE VALUES:

*Worship joyfully and reverently.
Treasure familiar neighbors and warmly welcome new relationships.
Nurture our covenant children and serve our community.
Earnestly pray and eagerly work.
Embrace diversity and emphasize unity.
Empower ministry staff and employ the ministry gifts of all.
Give generously and invest globally.*

Rev. Mark Bonnes & Rev. Ashley Bonnes

office@highlandcrc.org
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Sunday Worship 9:30 am
Sunday School & Catechism
10:40 am – 11:30 am (Sept-May)

9034 23 Mile Rd; Marion
(231) 825-2171

HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
Morning Worship Service – 9:30 am
March 12, 2023

The People of God Gather:

Prelude: Special #: *Jesus is the Light of the World*
 Welcome
 Call of Confession & Assurance of Pardon –Lighting the Christ Candle
 God’s Greeting
 Greet One Another

To Praise God:

All I Need Is You
Surely the Presence of the Lord
 Psalm 104:1-2
How Great Is Our God
 Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God:

Announcements
 Congregational Prayer

To Proclaim God’s Word:

Children’s Message- Pastor Mark
 Song of Preparation: *Fairest Lord Jesus (vs 1, 3 & 4)*
 Sermon Title: “**Excuses, Excuses, Excuses**” (Sloth)
 Scripture: **Luke 10: 38-42**
 Prayer of Response
 Song of Response/Offertory: Special #: *How Long Has It Been/He Touched Me*
 Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: Project Canefire

To Go in God’s Name:

God’s blessing
 Closing Song: *O For A Thousand Tongues*
 Postlude

HIGHLAND COUNCIL

Officers for 2023:

(All have a 231 area code unless otherwise noted)

President	Jon Dracht
Vice President	Don Eisenga
Clerk	Alan Baas
Sec. of Deacons	Kyle Meyering
Vice Treas.	Kasey Rees

<p align="center">Pastor Mark Bonnes Pastor Ashley Bonnes *personal contact info is not posted online. Please call the church office.</p>

Districts for 2023:

Elders	District	Deacons
Den Kamphouse	#1, A-C	David Wing
Alan Baas	#2, D-E	Kyle Meyering
Jon Dracht	#3, F-L	Devon Dracht
Paul Shaarda	#4, M-O	Kasey Rees
Don Eisenga	#5, P-T	Scott Oeverman
Don Ellens	#6, U-Z	Anne Thomas

<p align="center"><u>Church Office</u> (231) 825-2171 office@highlandcrc.org Office Hours: Mon - Thurs: 8:30 am-2:00 pm Fri-Sun: Closed **All bulletin content is due at noon on Thursdays**</p> <p align="center">The Church Office will be CLOSED March 27 – March 28</p>	<p align="center"><u>Ministry Team Leaders</u> Care & Fellowship Team (Cindy Vennema) Education Team (Megan Pluger) Facilities Team (Greg Hesselink) Outreach Team (Jodi DeHate) Prayer Team (Sandy Rice) Service Team (Carrie Thompson) Worship Team (DaNay Tossey)</p>
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<p align="center">Our Nursery is available downstairs for children ages 0 - 3 years old. Children’s Church is available downstairs for children ages 3-Kindergarten following the children’s message.</p>
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ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED:

New Members Class- Pastors Mark and Ashley will be offering a New Members Class in the coming month (start-date yet to be determined). If you are interested in joining the church either through either Profession of Faith or Reaffirmation of Faith, please contact either Pastor Mark, Pastor Ashley or the church office.

****First Aid and CRP Class:** We are looking to see how many people would be interested in a First Aid and CPR class in April. We need to choose 1 of 2 date, April 15 or April 29 (but not both) but we need to know which works best for the majority of the group as we can only do one date. This class will offer training in First Aid, adult and child CPR and how to use the AED machine. More details will be available at a later date, but if you are interested, please be sure to indicate which date works best for you at the information table of the fellowship hall. ****Please note,** the date you choose is not guaranteed but will give us an indication on which of the 2 dates will work best for the majority of the group.

In Honor of Those That Have Served: Our Role of Honor plaques in the fellowship hall are due for an update. If you or a loved one (past or present member) of Highland Church served in the U.S. Military and their name isn't already on the plaques, please notify the church office so they can be added. Thank you!

Items for Christmas Shoeboxes- For the months of **March & April** we will be collecting SMALL TOYS: Baby dolls, toy cars, soccer balls with pumps, toy animals, stress balls, bouncy balls, books, flashlights/batteries, jump rope etc. We would like to ask the congregation for ongoing support and donations by collecting items on a monthly basis. There is a tote labeled for the donations of each month located next to the information table in the fellowship hall. Please feel free to purchase any of these items at any time as we greatly appreciate all the support.

Northern Michigan Christian School's elementary students will be putting on a musical called "**Star Quest.**" Please join us for this free event at 7:00 pm this Thursday, March 16, 2023 at Resurrection Life Church, 9127 44 1/2 Rd, Cadillac, MI 49601.

The AMEN Chorus will begin rehearsals on Saturday, April 8 from 5-7 p.m. at Rehoboth Reformed Church in Lucas. If you are a gentleman that loves to worship and fellowship through song we invite you to join us. Our program will be held Sunday afternoon, May 21. Please bring \$10 to cover the cost of music.

PRAYER CORNER

✚ We lift up in prayer those that need healing and the strength needed for each day: **Ken VanPolen Sr., BJ Cook, Amanda Lee, Jean Vennema, Bonnie Veddler, Carol Niver, Shandell (Veddler) Banks & Dick Bruno.**

WEEKLY PRAYER EMPHASIS:

On January 1 we began 2023 with a prayer service where we collected prayers from you all. The Prayer Team has turned those wonderful prayers and prayer concerns into a calendar of prayers for 2023. Every week we will emphasize one of those prayer concerns.

- **This Sunday,** we will emphasis prayer for new believers, and for those that are still searching and that they will be surrounded by God's love.
- **In the week ahead & next Sunday,** please pray that God will give each of us the strength and courage to share our faith and our gifts with others.

OUR MISSIONARIES

*Contact the office for mailing addresses

George & Sarah de Vuyst & Family

Serving in Ukraine & the U.S.

Email: gdevuyst@crcna.org

Website: <http://www.devuysts.com>

Josh & Mandy Shaarda & Family

Serving in Uganda

Email: jshaarda@crcnapartners.org

Blog: <http://shaarda.blogspot.com>

OUR ACTIVE MILITARY

*Contact the office for mailing addresses

Seth Nowland

(Sergeant First Class; U.S. Army)

Camp Casey Army Base, South Korea

**Parents: Larry & Marilyn Nowland

Tyler Bode

(Staff Sergeant, U.S. Air Force)

Davis Monthan Airforce Base, Tucson,

AZ

**Parents: Dale & Becky Bode

HIGHLAND COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS – MARCH 6, 2023:

- **Cleaning the Basement** - Council is looking to find new homes for the old stained glass windows (similar to those along the east wall of the fellowship hall). They are still working to determine their value but if anyone is interested in these or knows anything about what they are worth, please contact a member of council.
- **Policy Handbook:** The Council is working to collect all policies into a printed handbook to be kept in a centralized location rather than sporadically through meeting minutes.
- **Discussed Pastors’ Vacation plans** over the summer and the need for pulpit supply.
- **Website Ad-hoc Committee Update** - Progress has been made and the committee is contacting companies and comparing attributes of various website platforms.
- **Youth Room Update** - Walls are being primed and painted. Flooring is going to be scheduled. Volunteers have stepped forward to do the painting. We will keep moving forward as money keeps coming in.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

February General Fund		2nd Offerings	
5th	7,223.00	Booster Club	685.00
12th	4,894.00	Church Building Fund	892.00
19th	4,908.00	World Renew	1,618.00
26th	<u>4,338.40</u>	Basement Project	4,311.00
Total February Offerings	21,363.40		
Budget needed weekly	6,184.04		
Times 9 weeks	55,656.37		
Received to date	<u>51,744.73</u>		
Balance	(3,911.64)		

OUR CHURCH WEEK: MARCH 12-18

SUN 3/12	9:15 AM 9:30 AM 10:40 AM 4:30 PM	Prayer Morning Worship Service Sunday School, Catechism & Lenten Discussion Group Fellowship Bible Study – Lesson 7
MON 3/13	7:00 PM	Lenten Discussion Group
TUES 3/14	5:45 PM	REV Moms
WED 3/15	9:30 AM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Ladies Bible Study (w/ Hilda) – Lesson 3 Family Night Dinner –Spaghetti Casserole Centershot, GEMS & Prayer Meeting
THUR 3/16	7:00 PM	JUMP Practice

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Lenten Challenge Series: During the upcoming Lenten season, we will be studying the Seven Deadly Sins. Based on the book “Glittering Vices” by Rebecca Konyndyk DeYoung, each week we will have a series of challenges and prayers that we encourage people to do during the week prior to the Sunday sermon of that topic. Adults are welcome to attend either discussion group each week: during the Sunday school hour or on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm.

The Sunday Evening Fellowship Bible Study will meet this evening at 4:30 pm for Lesson 7 of their study on the book of James.

The Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Study (w/ Hilda) will be starting with Lesson 3 of their new study on the Ten Commandments. Please see Hilda Cruz for your copy of the study guide.

Family Night will begin with a dinner of Spaghetti Casserole at 6:30 pm followed by Centershot, GEMS and Prayer Meeting at 7:00 pm.

My Favorite Hymn... The Worship Team would like to encourage the people of Highland to think about what their favorite traditional hymn or contemporary praise song is and why. Our plan is to sing a one of these songs each week and to have the individual that picked that song give a brief testimony for what that song means to them. If you prefer a member of the praise team would also be available to read your written testimony aloud for the congregation. Slips of paper can be found on the information table. Once filled out, please place it in the jar provided.