

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

NURSERY

March 26 Patti Koop, Lizelle Bazuin, Bev Kamphouse, Claire Thompson
April 2 Kasey McQuestion, Shari Benthem, Karen & Addean Oeverman
April 7 -Good Friday Dana Baas, Becky Wemple, Diane Eisenga, Jayden Benthem
April 9 -Easter Linda Ellens, Ruth Kulhawick, Nicole Schultz, Charlotte Thomas
April 16 Esther Bode, Karianne Smith, Stephanie VanHouten, Emma Tossey

CHILDREN’S CHURCH

March 26 No Children’s Church –Spring Break
April 2 No Children’s Church –Spring Break
April 7 -Good Friday No Children’s Church –Special Evening Service
April 9 -Easter Teacher: Kasey McQuestion; Helpers: Amy VanPolen, Alan Thomas
April 16 Teacher: Jodi DeHate; Helpers: Lindsay Beerens, Addean Oeverman

SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT

March 26 Matt Thompson, Roger Hagerman, Deborah Ouwinga
April 2 Kyle Meyering, Deb Eisenga, Jodi DeHate
April 7 -Good Friday Cary Sikkema, Dan Ouwinga, Tami Eisenga
April 9 -Easter Matt Thompson, Kaylie Benthem, Deborah Ouwinga
April 16 Kyle Meyering, Deb Eisenga, Sue Cook

2ND OFFERINGS

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 26, 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

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Sunday Worship 9:30 am
Sunday School & Catechism
10:40 am – 11:30 am (Sept-May)

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HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
Morning Worship Service – 9:30 am
March 26, 2023

The People of God Gather:

Welcome
 Lighting the Christ Candle
 God's Greeting
 Greet One Another

To Praise God:

I'd Rather Have Jesus (vs 1-3)
All Creatures of Our God and King
 Revelation 19:16
All Hail King Jesus (2x)
 Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God:

Announcements
 Congregational Prayer

To Proclaim God's Word:

Children's Message- Pastor Ashley
 Song of Preparation: *I Surrender All*
 Sermon Title: **"But It's Mine!" (Greed)**
 Scripture: **1 Timothy 6: 3-10; 17-19**
 Prayer of Response
 Call of Confession & Assurance of Pardon
 Song of Response/Offertory: *Cleanse Me*
 Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: Middle School Youth Room

To Go in God's Name:

God's blessing
 Closing Song: *The Wonder Of It All (vs 1 & 2)*
 Postlude

*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.*

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

Next Council Meeting: Monday, April 3: Elders at 6:30 pm, Deacons at 7:00 pm and Full Council at 7:30 pm.

****Modified Office Hours**** -The church office will be closed this Monday, March 27 and Tuesday, March 28. For immediate assistance or prayer chain needs, please contact either Pastor Mark or Pastor Ashley. Bulletin Announcements will still be due by noon on Thursday, March 30

<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"><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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ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED:

Highland J.O.Y. Group- You are invited to join us for a hot and hearty breakfast with plenty of coffee and good fellowship on Tuesday, April 11 at 9:00 am in the fellowship hall. Please sign up at the information table if you plan to attend. If you have any questions, please contact either Bev Taylor or Cindy Vennema.

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.

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.

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.

Save The Date: A First Aid and CPR Class will be held in the fellowship hall the morning of Saturday, April 29. More details yet to come!

Bible Bee 2023 - Registration is now open for Bible Bee, a summer family discipleship program we have been blessed to host in our area since the program began in 2009. Many seeds have been planted and lives have been changed as families have studied and memorized God's Word together, and we're anticipating another fruitful summer. To learn more, visit www.BibleBee.org or contact Amy Vredevoogd at 231-920-1806. Discounts for advanced registration are available through March 28.

PRAYER CONNECTION:

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 pray for the friends and family that have lost their way and that they will come back to Jesus.
- **In the week ahead & next Sunday**, please pray for Christians that are persecuted for their faith.

- ✚ Our condolences to **Larry & Laurie Witt** in the passing of Larry's mom, Tillie Witt, on Tuesday, March 21, 2023. She was 96. For additional information please visit the Sytsema Funeral Home website: <https://www.sytsemafh.com/obituaries/Tillie-Witt/>
- ✚ Please pray for those that will be serving on the Mississippi Mission Trip over spring break. Please pray for safety, healthy and endurance through their work.
- ✚ Please pray for **Jean Venema** as she continues to heal from her recent knee replacement and staph infection around her knee. She is currently at Samaritas for therapy and rehabilitation. We pray for healing, patience and endurance through her recovery.
- ✚ **Amanda Lee** would appreciate prayers for her eye sight to improve and the numbness in her right leg to heal.
- ✚ **Carol Niver** needs continued healing for bed sores. Please pray for patience and for trust in God's timing.
- ✚ Please pray for **Bonnie Veddler** and for wisdom for her family and doctors.
- ✚ **Mary Jo Lee** is doing well but is very tired. They are so grateful for all those who are helping them.
- ✚ **Update from BJ Cook:** Many of you have asked how I have been doing since I retired in January and going through my chemo treatment. So far things have been going well. I just finished up my 11th week of a 16 week my current chemo treatment. My numbers are looking good where it looks like I will be going through with my stem cell transplant later in May.

I had my initial meeting with the stem cell transplant team on March 15 at the Lemmen-Holton Cancer Pavilion and even though I don't have an exact date yet, I do have an update. (over)

Prayer Connection Continued...

After I finish up the 16th weeks of my current chemo treatment I will have another bone marrow biopsy so they have a base line of where I am at before the stem cell transplant. Once the biopsy has been completed, they said it would be a couple of weeks before the actual stem cell transplant procedure, which should be either the third or fourth week in May. Once admitted to the hospital down at Corewell Health (Spectrum Butterworth Hospital) in Grand Rapids, they said I would be there anywhere between two to three weeks recovering from the procedure. After I get out of the hospital in mid-June, I will come home and Sue will be my caregiver for two to four weeks and then hopefully she can go back to work after that. We will see if she can work here from home or eventually go back to the Big Rapids campus. Time will tell.

They say that the 100 day mark is the next goal to hit for not getting any infections/colds/flu or any other viruses. This will require isolation. Then at approximately the 6 month mark (post-transplant), I will start getting all my vaccines again since all childhood vaccines and immunities will be wiped out during the stem cell transplant. I am hoping to be able to get out in small crowds around November/December. This summer will be pretty much shot for me doing too many things around the house, but I'm looking forward to 2024 as being a "great" year where I can get back to my woodworking and really enjoy my retirement.

I want to thank all of you at Highland for your thoughts and prayers during this time and for the many cards I have received. Even though I may have one or two bad days a week, most of the time I'm doing well and still getting things done in my workshop while going through my current chemo treatment.

~BJ & Sue Cook

<u>OUR MISSIONARIES</u>	<u>OUR ACTIVE MILITARY</u>
<p>George & Sarah de Vuyst & Family Serving in Ukraine & the U.S. Email: gdevuyst@crcna.org Website: http://www.devuysts.com</p> <p>Josh & Mandy Shaarda & Family Serving in Uganda Email: jshaarda@crcnapartners.org Blog: http://shaarda.blogspot.com</p>	<p>Seth Nowland (Sergeant First Class; U.S. Army) Camp Casey Army Base, South Korea **Parents: Larry & Marilyn Nowland</p> <p>Tyler Bode (Staff Sergeant, U.S. Air Force) Davis Monthan Airforce Base, Tucson, AZ **Parents: Dale & Becky Bode</p>

OUR CHURCH WEEK: MARCH 26 - APRIL 1

SUN 3/26	9:15 AM 9:30 AM 10:40 AM 12-6:00 PM 4:30 PM	Prayer Morning Worship Service Lenten Discussion Group (No Sunday School/Catechism) YB Use Fellowship Bible Study – Lesson 8
MON 3/27	----- -----	Church Office CLOSED No Lenten Discussion Group
TUES 3/28	----- 5:45 PM	Church Office CLOSED REV Moms
WED 3/29	9:30 AM 7:00 PM	Ladies Bible Study (w/ Hilda) – Lesson 4 Prayer Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Today:

- The Lenten Discussion Group will meet this morning in the new Middle School Youth Room down stairs.
- Attention Parents: Due to Spring Break, there is no Children's Church, Sunday School or Catechism today. The Lenten Discussion Group will still be meeting this morning, but not on Monday this week.

Next Sunday:

- **Children's Palm Sunday Processional:** All children, ages PreK-4th grade are invited to take part in a Palm Branch Procession at the beginning of next Sunday's Worship Service (April 2). Please have them meet in the East wing before that service begins.
- **Highland will be hosting a Hymn-sing** on Sunday, April 2, with special musical guest, Pastor Dave McMahan. We hope you'll join us for this special time of praise and worship followed by a time of fellowship and potluck supper.

The Sunday Evening Fellowship Bible Study will meet this evening at 4:30 pm for Lesson 8 of their study on the book of James.

The Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Study (w/ Hilda) will be starting with Lesson 4 of their new study on the Ten Commandments. Please see Hilda Cruz for your copy of the study guide.