

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

**NURSERY**

**April 16** Esther Bode, Karianne Smith, Stephanie VanHouten, Emma Tossey  
**April 23** Maggie Southwick, Donna Veddler, Diane Nemeth, Franklin Baas  
**April 30** Jodi Meyering, Mikayla Powers, Tami Eisenga, Charlotte Thomas  
**May 7** Mary Rees, DaNay Tossey, Lindsay Beerens, Kendyn Meyering

**CHILDREN’S CHURCH**

**April 16** Teacher: Jodi DeHate; Helpers: Lindsay Beerens, Addean Oeverman  
**April 23** Teacher: Megan Plugger; Helpers: Jordyn Richardson, Harper Tossey  
**April 30** Teacher: Cindy Vennema; Helpers: Nicole Schultz, Leah Thompson  
**May 7** Teacher: Lizelle Bazuin; Nicole Koetje, JD Bazuin

**SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT**

**April 16** Kyle Meyering, Deb Eisenga, Sue Cook  
**April 23** Cary Sikkema, Dan Ouwinga, Kendra Jenema  
**April 30** Matt Thompson, Jon Ouwinga, Jodi DeHate  
**May 7** Kyle Meyering, Roger Hagerman, Tami Eisenga

**2<sup>ND</sup> OFFERINGS**

<b>April:</b>	<b>May:</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> – Booster Club	7 <sup>th</sup> – Booster Club
9 <sup>th</sup> – Existing Building Fund	14 <sup>th</sup> – Johnson/Hoekwater families
16 <sup>th</sup> – George and Sarah de Vuyst	21 <sup>st</sup> – Josh & Mandy Shaarda
23 <sup>rd</sup> – Middle School Youth Room	28 <sup>th</sup> – Middle School Youth Room
30 <sup>th</sup> – GEMS	

**USHERS**

**April:** Kasey Rees, Dale Fredin, Al Thomas, Lars Fredin  
**May:** Matt Thompson, Bob Vennema, Ken VanPolen Jr, Gary Hesselink

**\*\*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!**



**April 16, 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      Sunday Worship 9:30 am      9034 23 Mile Rd; Marion  
www.highlandcrc.org      Sunday School & Catechism      (231) 825-2171  
10:40 am – 11:30 am (Sept-May)

**HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH**  
**Morning Worship Service – 9:30 am**  
**April 16, 2023**

**The People of God Gather:**

Prelude: *New Wine*  
 Welcome / Lighting Christ Candle  
 God's Greeting  
 Greet One Another

To Praise God:  
*Come Thou Fount*  
*Cornerstone*  
*Goodness of God*  
 Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God:  
 Announcements  
 Congregational Prayer

To Proclaim God's Word:  
 Children's Message- DaNay Tossey  
 Song of Preparation: *Lord I Need You*  
 Passage: **1 John 4: 7-12**  
 Sermon Title: **When It's Worth It**  
 Prayer of Response  
 Song of Response/Offertory: *Jesus Messiah*  
 Offerings: 1<sup>st</sup>: General Fund; 2<sup>nd</sup>: George & Sarah de Vuyst

To Go in God's Name:  
 God's blessing  
 Closing Song: *My Friends May You Grow In Grace*  
 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)

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

<p align="center"><b>Pastor Mark Bonnes</b>  <b>Pastor Ashley Bonnes</b>          *personal contact info is          not posted online. Please          call the church office.</p>
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**Districts for 2023:**

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

**Next Council Meeting:** Monday, May 8, 2023: 6:30 pm Elders, 7:00 pm Deacons, 7:30 pm Full Council. \*\*Please note that all Council meetings going forward will now be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month.

<p align="center"><b><u>Church Office</u></b>          (231) 825-2171          office@highlandcrc.org          Office Hours:          Mon - Thurs: 8:30 am-2:00 pm          Fri-Sun: Closed          **All bulletin announcements          must be turned in no later than          noon on Thursdays**</p>	<p align="center"><b><u>Ministry Team Leaders</u></b>  <b>Care &amp; Fellowship Team</b> (Cindy Vennema)  <b>Education Team</b> (Megan Pluger)  <b>Facilities Team</b> (Greg Hesselink)  <b>Outreach Team</b> (Jodi DeHate)  <b>Prayer Team</b> (Sandy Rice)  <b>Service Team</b> (Carrie Thompson)  <b>Worship Team</b> (DaNay Tossey)</p>
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED:

**Mother's Day is right around the corner...May 14<sup>th</sup>!** –REV Moms is hosting a Mother's Day card fundraiser. Each of these beautiful cards is embedded with wild flower seeds and for every card sold, plants 2 trees and supports moms in our community. Cards are located in the fellowship hall on the REV Moms table. Grab one for each of the moms in your life!

**“S.P.U.R.S. - Learning the Rodeo Way!”** –Hughston's Cow Camp Rodeo and Friends proudly present “Special People Understanding Rodeo Skills” This event is for disabled persons of all ages! Saturday, May 20, 2023 from 12:30-3:00 pm, rain or shine! A light lunch including hotdogs will be provided at 12:30 followed by the events of your choosing: Horseback Riding, Petting Zoo, Mock Steer Roping, Mighty Bronc Ride and Wagon Rides. Participants must be accompanied by an attendant. Due to the generosity of our sponsors, this is a **FREE** event! This event will be held at Hughston's Cow Camp located 1 mile north of the blinking light in McBain. Follow the signs. For additional information, call (231) 846-1857.

**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](http://www.BibleBee.org) or contact Amy Vredevoogd at 231-920-1806.

## PRAYER CONNECTION:

- ✚ We lift up in prayer those that need healing, patience and the endurance needed for each day: **Ken VanPolen Sr., BJ Cook, Amanda Lee, Jean Vennema, Bonnie Veddler, Dick Bruno, Carol Niver, MaryJo Lee and Shandell (Veddler) Banks.**
- ✚ Our condolences and prayers for **Lacy & Nathan Veddler** and their family in the recent passing of Lacy's mom, **Connie Stoll** this past Monday, April 10.
- ✚ **Jean Venema** was able to come home this past week. Everything is healing well and showing signs of improvement. Please continue to prayer for healing and patience through this process.

- ✚ **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 lift up prayers for God to lead His church.
  - **In the week ahead & next Sunday**, we lift up prayers for strength in each of us and those around us to do what is right in the eyes of God.

### OUR MISSIONARIES

**George & Sarah de Vuyst & Family**  
Serving in Ukraine & the U.S.  
Email: [gdevuyst@crcna.org](mailto:gdevuyst@crcna.org)  
Website: <http://www.devuysts.com>

**Josh & Mandy Shaarda & Family**  
Serving in Uganda  
Email: [jshaarda@crncpartners.org](mailto:jshaarda@crncpartners.org)  
Blog: <http://shaarda.blogspot.com>

### OUR ACTIVE MILITARY

**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

**OUR CHURCH WEEK: APRIL 16-22**

<b>SUN 4/16</b>	9:15 AM	Prayer
	9:30 AM	Morning Worship Service
	10:40 AM	Sunday School, Middle School Catechism & High School Profession of Faith Class
	4:30 PM	Fellowship Bible Study –New Series
	6:00 PM	Strong Tower & Extreme
<b>TUES 4/18</b>	7:00 PM	REV Moms Steering Team Meeting
<b>WED 4/19</b>	9:30 AM	Ladies Bible Study (w/ Hilda) – Lesson 8
	6:30 PM	Family Night Dinner – Pizza (season finale)
	7:00 PM	Centershot, GEMS, Prayer Meeting
<b>THUR 4/20</b>	7:00 PM	JUMP Practice

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Today: High School Profession of Faith Class** will begin this morning during the Sunday school hour. This will be held in Pastor Mark’s office.

**Tonight, the Sunday Evening Fellowship Bible Study** will begin a new study series, “*Heroes of Faith*”. Lord willing, we will meet April 16, 23, 30 and May 7. It is a good time to join us if you have been interested in giving a Bible Study a try and if you enjoy fellowship around good food. Books are available at no cost to you. Join us Sunday evenings 4:30-6:30. Please contact Sandy Rice with questions or for a study book if you would like to join us.

**The Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Study (w/ Hilda)** will be looking at lesson 8 of their study on the Ten Commandments.

**This Wednesday** will be our last **Family Night** for the season. Join us for pizza & homemade cookies at 6:30 pm followed by Centershot, GEMS and Prayer meeting at 7:00 pm.

**ATTENTION:** The shelves above the coat racks by the office are full. Please claim any bakeware or containers that have been placed up there. All lost and found items will be on a table in the fellowship hall. Any unclaimed items will be donated or discarded at the end of the month.

**Save the Date: First Aid and CRP Class** has been scheduled Saturday, April 29, from 8:00 am until 10:30 am. If you would like to participate in this class, please confirm with either Pastor Ashley or Sara in the church office if you plan to attend. We need a confirmed headcount so materials can be prepared.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED:**

**Congratulations Graduates!!!** We want to celebrate all of our 2023 graduates (high school, college, trade school, etc.) Please send in a picture of your graduate along with the name of their school and future plans / degree earned. This can be emailed to [office@highlandcrc.org](mailto:office@highlandcrc.org) or placed on the desk in the church office. Our goal is to include these with our annual Highlighter and with the morning PowerPoint slides on June 11.

**Table, Chains, & Church Use:** Members wanting to reserve the youth building, fellowship and/or tables and chairs for open houses or other gatherings need to contact the church office as soon as possible as availability is going quick. Please call (231) 825-2171 to book your reservation.

**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!

**Men’s Retreat at Center Lake Bible Camp, April 21-23:** This is an opportunity for every man who attends the retreat at CLBC to leave rested, challenged to grow in Christ and refreshed spiritually. There are brochures available on the information. For additional information, please contact Center Lake Bible Camp directly by calling (231) 829-3441 or visit their website <https://www.centerlake.org/mensretreat>.

**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.

**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.