

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

NURSERY

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
May 14 Bev Taylor, Jackie Schmid, Megan Plugger, Evan Wemple

CHILDREN’S CHURCH

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; Helpers: Nicole Koetje, JD Bazuin
May 14 Teacher: Jodi DeHate; Helpers: Hillary Dracht, Addean Oeverman

SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT

April 23 Cary Sikkema, Dan Ouwinga, Kendra Jenema
April 30 Matt Thompson, Jon Ouwinga, Jodi DeHate
May 7 Kyle Meyering, Roger Hagerman, Tami Eisenga
May 14 Cary Sikkema, Kaylie Benthem, Tami Eisenga

2ND OFFERINGS

April:	May:
2 nd – Booster Club	7 th – Booster Club
9 th – Existing Building Fund	14 th – Johnson/Hoekwater families
16 th – George and Sarah de Vuyst	21 st – Josh & Mandy Shaarda
23 rd – Middle School Youth Room	28 th – Middle School Youth Room
30 th – 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 23, 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 23, 2023

The People of God Gather:

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

To Praise God:

Days of Elijah
Raise a Hallelujah
I Will Call Upon the Lord
 Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God:

Announcements
 The Lord's Prayer / Congregational Prayer

To Proclaim God's Word:

Children's Message- Pastor Mark Bonnes
 Song of Preparation: *Yes I Will*
 Sermon Questions: **Was Jesus Ripped? What did Jesus look like?**
How old was Jesus? Who was his best friend?

Scripture Passage: **Isaiah 53: 1-6**

Prayer of Response

Song of Response/Offertory: *Once and For All*

Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: Middle School Youth Room

To Go in God's Name:

God's blessing
 Closing Song: *Lifesong*

*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, 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 2nd Monday of the month.

<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 announcements must be turned in no later than 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:

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!

The National Day of Prayer will be on Thursday, May 4. We encourage our community to use this day as an opportunity to pray for our nation. Calvin CRC will be hosting a service at 7:00 pm as an opportunity for friends and neighbors in our community to gather for prayer.

Items for Christmas Shoeboxes- For the months of **March & April** we have been 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.

Mother's Day is right around the corner...May 14th! –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 is a summer family discipleship program that encourages your family to memorize God's Word, study the Bible, and pray together. You are also welcome to gather with local families for learning and encouragement throughout the summer as part of the local Bible Bee in Northern Michigan. If your 7-18 year old is new to Bible Bee, contact Amy Vredevoogd at 231-290-1806 for a discount code to use during registration. See more information at www.BibleBee.org and join the life-changing fun!

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 Venema, Bonnie Veddler, Dick Bruno, Carol Niver, MaryJo Lee and Shandell (Veddler) Banks.**
- ✚ Our condolences to the family of **Julie (Pluger) Johnson** who passed away this past Wednesday. Please continue to pray for her husband, Jeremiah, and their three kids during this difficult time. Julie is a daughter of Harvey & Thelma “Skip” Pluger.
- ✚ **BJ Cook Update:** I would like to thank everyone for your prayers, cards and meals during my treatments. They have been greatly appreciated and it is great to be part of the Highland family. I received an email from my transplant coordinator on Tuesday this past week with some updates. I will likely be meeting with my transplant doctor this coming week and if everything goes well, I may be admitted to the hospital the week of May 1 for my stem cell transplant. When admitted, I will be in the hospital between two and three weeks going through the process. When released, I will be staying a couple of weeks at my daughter Jamye's house in Grand Rapids as the transplant team requires that I stay local in case I need to return to the hospital quickly since I will have almost no immune system. Once I have progressed enough, I will then be able to come back home to Cadillac with weekly checkups in Grand Rapids. I will be in full isolation at home for a minimum of three months as my immune system regenerates. Please continue to pray for patience for us as we navigate through this process and for the transplant team as they provide us with the necessary medical treatment and support. ~BJ & Sue Cook
- ✚ We pray for those in service of God and Country:
 - **Missionaries:** George & Sarah De Vuyst & Josh & Mandy Shaarda
 - **Active Military:** SFC, Seth Nowland and SS, Tyler Bode

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 strength in each of us and those around us to do what is right in the eyes of God.
- **In the week ahead & next Sunday**, we pray for opportunities to love others.

OUR CHURCH WEEK: APRIL 23-29

SUN 4/23	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 – <i>Heros of Faith</i> Series
TUES 4/25	5:45 PM	REV Moms
WED 4/26	9:30 AM	Ladies Bible Study (w/ Hilda) – Lesson 9
	7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting
SAT 4/29	8:00 AM	CPR & AED Class

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Profession of Faith Class for High School students will meet again this morning during the Sunday school hour in Pastor Mark’s office.

Tonight, the Sunday Evening Fellowship Bible Study will continue their new study series, “*Heroes of Faith*” at 4:30 pm.

The Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Study (w/ Hilda) will be looking at lesson 9 of their study on the Ten Commandments.

Next Sunday, will be GEMS Sunday. The girls have put together a short video to share what they’ve been learning this past year. This video will be shown during the service next week.

Prayer Letter: Please take a moment to check the Missions Bulletin Board for the latest prayer letter from Josh & Mandy Shaarda. Copies are available next to the bulletin board.

Time Off: Pastor Mark and Pastor Ashley will out of the office **May 1-8**. Please contact an elder with any pastoral care needs during that time. .

Communion: We will be celebrating the Lord’s Supper on Sunday, **May 14**.

Missionary Updates: For copies of the De Vuyst and Shaarda prayer letters, please check the mailboxes on the wall alongside the Missionary Bulletin board in the East wing.

Prayer Retreat – Save the date! Our church-wide prayer retreat will be on Wednesday, September 13th. Please prayerfully consider if God is inviting you to attend. We’ll continue to share updates as we have them.

Tables, Chairs, & 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.

You are invited to a ladies Bible Study on Philippians that will meet on the four Thursday nights in May at 7 pm. Participants will have homework to complete during the week. Ladies of all ages welcome. Please contact Linda Wing call or text (231) 388-5063 by Thursday April 27 if you are interested.

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 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.

Classis Northern Michigan supports a fund for helping students working their way through seminary with the intent of doing ministry in the Christian Reformed Church. If you are a student of seminary or looking to go to seminary and are interested in financial help, please contact Pastor Mark Bonnes by June 1 at (231) 825-2171 or hrcrcpastor@gmail.com.

Praying for Synod 2023

- **40 Days of Prayer for Synod 2023** - All members of the CRCNA are invited to join others across North America in 40 days of prayer. Each day, readers will receive a Bible text, a prayer, and some suggested questions for reflection or conversation. All of the prayers are intended to reflect the theme of Synod 2023: Longing to be Like Christ, which is based on Philippians 2:1-11, summarized by verse 5: “In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus.” The 40 days of prayer will begin on April 30 and will conclude when Synod 2023 begins on June 8.
- **Prayer Opportunities During Synod:** During synod, an emphasis on prayer will continue with focused times of prayer by delegates and morning prayers with those who are interested. For those who’d like to pray but aren’t at synod, there’ll be opportunities to sign up for half hour prayer time slots each day with a provided prayer guide. There’ll also be an opportunity for prayer each day on social media via Facebook.
- **Visit <https://www.crcna.org/synod/prayer>** to access links for additional information, articles from the Banner and the CRC Network and to sign up for daily/weekly prayer lists, and other prayer opportunities.