

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

#### **NURSERY**

- May 7** Mary Rees, DaNay Tossey, Lindsay Beerens, Kendyn Meyering  
**May 14** Bev Taylor, Jackie Schmid, Megan Plugger, Evan Wemple  
**May 21** Julie Dorman, Melissa Oeverman, Cindy Vennema, Leah Thompson  
**May 28** Patti Koop, Bev Kamphouse, Shari Benthem, Karsyn Meyering

#### **CHILDREN’S CHURCH**

- May 7** Teacher: Lizelle Bazuin; Helpers: Nicole Koetje, JD Bazuin  
**May 14** Teacher: Jodi DeHate; Helpers: Hillary Dracht, Addean Oeverman  
**May 21** Teacher: Sara Bruno; Helpers: Amy VanPolen, Karsyn Meyering  
**May 28** Teacher: Kasey McQuestion; Helpers: Lindsay Beerens, Kendyn Meyering

#### **SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT**

- May 7** Kyle Meyering, Roger Hagerman, Tami Eisenga  
**May 14** Cary Sikkema, Kaylie Benthem, Tami Eisenga  
**May 21** Matt Thomson, Deb Eisenga, Deborah Ouwinga  
**May 28** Cary Sikkema, Jonathan Ouwinga, Kendra Jenema

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

- May:**  
**7<sup>th</sup>** – Booster Club  
**14<sup>th</sup>** – Johnson/Hoekwater families  
**21<sup>st</sup>** – Josh & Mandy Shaarda  
**28<sup>th</sup>** – Middle School Youth Room

#### **USHERS**

- May:** Matt Thompson, Bob Vennema, Ken VanPolen Jr, Gary Hesselink  
**June:** Roger Hagerman, Ryan McQuestion, Greg Hesselink, Kevin Huttenga

**\*\*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!**



**May 7, 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  
www.highlandcrc.org

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

9034 23 Mile Rd; Marion  
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**HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH**  
**Morning Worship Service – 9:30 am**  
**May 7, 2023**

**The People of God Gather:**

Prelude: *Praise the King*  
 Welcome / Lighting the Christ Candle  
 God's Greeting  
 Greet One Another

To Praise God:

*10,000 Reasons*  
*How Marvelous (I Stand Amazed)*  
 1 Peter 1:3-4  
*Living Hope*  
 Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God:

Announcements  
 Congregational Prayer

To Proclaim God's Word:

Children's Message: Pastor Jim DeZeeuw  
 Song of Preparation: *Lord I Need You*  
 Scripture: John 6:1-14  
 Sermon Title: A Little Meal From A Little Boy  
 Prayer of Response:

Song of Response/Offertory: *Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me*  
 Offerings: 1<sup>st</sup>: General Fund; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Booster Club

To Go in God's Name:

God's blessing  
 Closing Song: *What The Lord Has Done In Me*  
 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:** This 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:

**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.

**Items for Christmas Shoeboxes-** For the months of **May/June** we will be collecting hygiene items: toothbrushes and toothbrush holders, combs, hairbrushes, hair ties/bows, washcloths, bars of soap, Band-aids, lip balm, etc. We appreciate your continued support as we collect these donated 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 next Sunday...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!

**Vogel Center CRC will be hosting an Ascension Day service** on Thursday, May 18, 2023 at 7:00 pm. Join us in worshipping our ascended King!

**Abide:** A multi-church gathering for a time of worship, prayer, testimony, and resting in the presence of God. Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm. Hosted by Lake City CRC.

The **AMEN Chorus** will be presenting a program on **Sunday, May 21 at 3:00** at the United Methodist Church in Cadillac. We invite you to attend this afternoon of worship and praise as we sing about the life of Jesus. A free will offering will be collected.

**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!

## PRAYER CONNECTION:

- ✚ Our condolences to the family of **Betty King**, who passed away on April 28, 2023. Her funeral was held at Highland Church this past Saturday. Please pray for peace and comfort for the King family during this difficult time.
- ✚ Prayer Request from Pastor Rod Kamrath on behalf of his wife, Betty: On Monday, **Betty Kamrath** went to the hospital for her second treatment of leukemia. In discussion with the doctor she was told that her ovarian cancer has returned and is causing multiple complications. The doctor explained that they could not treat both the leukemia and the ovarian cancer. Because of all of this we have chosen to call in hospice. We so very much appreciate your prayers as we navigate this difficult road.
- ✚ Please continue to keep **BJ Cook** in your prayers as he began the stem-cell replacement process this past week.
- ✚ **Amanda Lee** had an MRI on Tuesday. Please pray that it will be clear and that no radiation will be needed. Your continued prayers for peace and patience for the family are greatly appreciated.
- ✚ **Bonnie Veddler** has requested prayers for patience as she awaits her doctor appointment at U of M on July 16. We pray too that God will also relieve the itching and that she will not experience any more migraines.
- ✚ **MaryJo Lee** is giving praise to the Lord for her strength returning. She is happy that she is once again able to join John as he comes to Michigan for meetings in Grand Rapids and that she and the kids can be in our area with family.
- ✚ **Carol Niver** is so thankful for HCRC. Thankful her sores are healing and that she is able to be up a little more. She is thankful too for the flowers brought in for her to be able to enjoy.
- ✚ Please continue to pray for Carol Niver's granddaughter, **Shandell (Veddler) Banks** from Lucas as she continues to deal with severe pain issues.
- ✚ **Dick and Mary Bruno** are thankful to be home from Florida and would appreciate continued prayers for strength as they settle back in at home.
- ✚ **Jean Vennema** had her PICC line removed last week. She is thankful that her Dr. has cleared for 100% weight on her leg while using a walker. She plans to start Physical Therapy in the coming week. We ask God for continued healing & patience for Jean and her family. God is so good!
- ✚ **Sandy Rice** is thankful to be home and is recovering well. Please pray for continued healing.

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**PRAYER CONNECTION CONTINUED:**

- ✚ **Ken Vanpolen Sr.** is thankful to be out and about and is thankful for a caring church family.
- ✚ 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
- ✚ **Missionary Prayer Letters:** Please take a moment to check the Missions Bulletin Board for the latest prayer letters from the Shaardas and DeVuysts. Copies are available next to the bulletin board.
- ✚ **Weekly Prayer Emphasis:** On January 1, we began 2023 with a prayer service where we collected prayers from the congregation. 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 life up prayers for ageing: We give praise to God for each day but also ask for healing where needed and patience in the midst of changes, limitations or challenges that can come with aging.
  - **In the week ahead & next Sunday**, we pray for those with chronic health conditions.

**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.

**OUR CHURCH WEEK: MAY 7-13**

<b>SUN 5/7</b>	9:15 AM 9:30 AM 10:40 AM 4:30 PM 6:00 PM	Prayer Morning Worship Service Sunday School, MS & HS Catechism Fellowship Bible Study – <i>Heros of Faith</i> Series Extreme & Strong Tower –Regular Meeting
<b>MON 5/8</b>	6:30 PM 7:00 PM 7:30 PM	Elders Deacons Council
<b>TUES 5/9</b>	5:45 PM	REV Moms –Season Finale
<b>WED 5/10</b>	9:30 AM 7:00 PM	Ladies Bible Study (w/ Hilda) Prayer Meeting
<b>THUR 5/11</b>	7:00 PM	Ladies Bible Study (w/ Linda) in the YB
<b>**Reminder:</b> Mother's Day is next Sunday, May 14**		

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**This morning**, we welcome special guests, Pastors Jim & Abby DeZeeuw as they lead us in worship.

**This morning**, there will be a mandatory meeting for all Video, PowerPoint and Sound booth technicians immediately following the worship service in the sanctuary near the sound booth.

**Strong Tower & Extreme meets tonight!** 6:00-7:30 pm with Extreme leaders: Maggie & Adam Southwick. Strong Tower leader: Lindsay Zuiderveen. Food provided by: Jodi DeHate & Karen Oeverman

**Communion:** Lord willing, we will have the privilege of celebrating the Lord's Supper next Sunday, **May 14**.

**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 11 of their study on the Ten Commandments.

**You are invited to a new Ladies Bible Study** on Philippians that will meet on Thursday nights at 7 pm beginning May 4 in the youth building. Participants will have homework to complete during the week. Ladies of all ages welcome. Please contact Linda Wing if you are interested or have questions.