

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

NURSERY

Aug 27 Nicole Schultz, Linda Ellens, Maggie Southwick, Evan Wemple
Sept 3 Karianne Smith, Donna Veddler, Esther Bode, Leah Thompson
Sept 10 Diane Nemeth, Tami Eisenga, Barb Dore, Karsyn Meyering
Sept 17 Jodi DeHate, Tami Eisenga, Jodi Meyering, Harper Tossey

CHILDREN’S CHURCH

Starting Sept 10 ***If you are interested in being a Children’s Church teacher or helper, please contact the CC Coordinator, Lindsay Beerens or visit the Education table during Sign-Up Sundays on August 20 & 27***

SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT

Aug 27 Cary Sikkema, Dan Ouwinga, Kendra Jenema
Sept 3 Matt Thompson, Jon Ouwinga, Tami Eisenga
Sept 10 Cary Sikkema, Kaylie Benthem, Jodi DeHate
Sept 17 Kyle Meyering, Dan Ouwinga, Deborah Ouwinga

USHERS

August: Henry Baas, Ken Roede, Todd Schmid, Dale Taylor
September: Jonathan Ouwinga, Kyle Veltema, Kevin DeHate, Tucker Tossey

2ND OFFERINGS

August:	September:
6th: Booster Club	3rd: Booster Club
13th: Existing Building Fund	10th: Benevolence
20th: American Bible League	17th: Existing Building Fund
27th: Josh & Mandy Shaarda	24th: George & Sarah de Vuyst

****If you are unable to serve on your scheduled date, please find a replacement.
For additional assistance, please call the church office (231) 825-2171.**



August 27, 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)

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

HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

Morning Worship Service – 9:30 am

August 27, 2023

The People of God Gather:

Welcome
 God's Greeting
 Greet One Another

To Praise God

Lifesong
Hosanna, Praise Is Rising
 Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God

Announcements
 The Lord's Prayer & Congregational Prayer

To Proclaim God's Word

Children's Message: Pastor Ashley
 Song of Preparation: *Lord I Need You*

Scripture: Psalm 37: 1-17

Sermon "Feeling Furious, Trusting in God's Justice"

Prayer of Response
 Song of Response/Offertory: God So Loved

Today's Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: Josh & Mandy Shaarda

To Go in God's Name

God's blessing
 Closing Song: *The Blessing*
 Postlude

*Our **Nursery** is available downstairs for children ages 0 - 3 years old.
 **Children's Church is on Summer Break June-August, but children's bulletins
 (activity sheets) are available on the information table.*

PREACHING SCHEDULE:

Aug. 6th – Pastor Ashley Bonnes
 Aug. 13th – Pastor Mark Bonnes
 Aug. 20th – Pastor Bill VanderHeide
 Aug. 27th – Pastor Mark Bonnes

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:

Sept 11 - 6:30 pm Elders
 - 7:00 pm Deacons
 - 7:30 pm Council

HIGHLAND COUNCIL:

Officers for 2023:

President	Jon Dracht	Pastor Mark Bonnes Pastor Ashley Bonnes *personal contact info is not posted online. Please call the church office.
Vice President	Don Eisenga	
Clerk	Alan Baas	
Sec. of Deacons	Kyle Meyering	
Vice Treas.	Kasey Rees	

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>Church Office (231) 825-2171 office@highlandcrc.org <u>Normal Office Hours:</u> Mon-Thurs 8:30 am – 2:00 pm Fri-Sun: Closed All bulletin announcements must be turned in by noon on Thursdays.</p>	<p>Ministry Team Leaders 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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Sunday Evening Fellowship Bible Study: Lord willing, we will begin meeting again on September 17. We will meet for Bible study, "Heros of the Faith", at 4:30 pm in the Fellowship hall followed by pot luck supper at 5:30 pm. We would be happy to have you join us as we pick up at lesson 5. Even though the first 4 lessons were done last spring, there is no problem if you join us now since each "hero" is a lesson in itself. Extra books are still available. Please contact Sandy Rice or sign up at the Prayer Team table this Sunday. We hope to see you there!

Save The Date: Highland's Annual ORV Ride has been scheduled for Sunday, September 24. More details next week!

Community School Supply Drive: We will be collecting school supplies for the Marion School and the surrounding area through September 17th. Please keep your eyes open for the following items when out shopping over the next few weeks:

Backpacks	Folders	1-subject, wide-ruled notebooks
Colored pencils	Washable Markers	Disinfectant wipes
#2 Pencils	Head-phones/ear-buds	Hand sanitizer

Christmas Shoeboxes: Thank you for all the donations that have come in so far. The blue tote has been filled and it is great to see our church family helping out in this way! We will be collecting School Supplies during July and August. Now is a great time to collect these items as the stores begin their "Back to School" sales. Here is a list of items that would be greatly appreciated for Christmas Shoeboxes while you're already out shopping for the kiddos: Crayons, pencils, pencil sharpeners, soft pencil pouch, glue sticks, markers, rulers, erasers, colored pencils, compasses or protractors, small solar calculators, etc.

NMCS Annual Fish Fry: NMCS is excited to once again host our annual Fish Fry on September 8th and September 15th. Tickets can be purchased at the door and everyone is welcome! Chicken options are also available. All proceeds benefit Christian education and Northern Michigan Christian School.

NMCS -Now enrolling throughout the year: Northern Michigan Christian School in McBain is enrolling preschool through high school students throughout the school year. Schedule a tour today and learn more by calling 231-825-2492 or by visiting our updated website at nmcs.us. Challenging minds, nurturing hearts, and developing gifts through our Christ-centered education initiatives.

PRAYER CONNECTION:

- ✚ **Bev Ouwinga's** pacemaker surgery has been scheduled for this coming Wednesday (8/30). Please pray for patience and renewed strength following the procedure.
- ✚ **Josh & Mandy Shaarda-** Lord willing, they will be coming to Michigan this fall (end of September to early November). While here, they will need a house to stay in near Hudsonville. Please pray with them that the right home will become available for their family.
- ✚ **BJ Cook** continues to make progress. He is grateful to now be able to meet with small groups of (healthy) people. Please continue to pray for patience and renewed strength as he slowly works to rebuild his immune system.
- ✚ **Dick Bruno** had his first cataract surgery this past Wednesday and it went well. His second eye will be done on August 30. He met with the surgeon re: his neck this past Friday and is expecting to have surgery in the near future in hopes of relieving his neck pain.

WEEKLY PRAYER EMPHASIS:

During the month of August we'll be focusing on prayers for our Kids / School / Education:

-This Sunday, we pray for the faculty, staff and volunteers in our schools.

During the month of September, we'll be focusing on prayers for the Vulnerable:

-In the week ahead and next Sunday, we lift up prayers for Friends Ministry. Both the people that volunteer through this ministry and the community they serve.

MISSIONARIES:

- **Josh & Mandy Shaarda & Family** (Serving in Uganda)
Email: jshaarda@crcnapartners.org; Blog: <http://shaarda.blogspot.com>
- **George & Sarah de Vuyst & Family** (Serving in Ukraine & the U.S.)
Email: gdevuyst@crcna.org; Website: <http://www.devuysts.com>

MILITARY:

- **SSgt, Tyler Bode**; U.S. Air Force; Aviano Air Force Base, Italy.

HIGHLAND COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS August 10, 2023

- **The Middle School Youth Room** is done and ready to be used! Thank you to all who helped work on this projected or contributed financially. The Council is very appreciative of your support!
- **Fire Suppression System:** The fire suppression system was tested and found to be in disrepair. Quotes were found to be quite expensive. Several deacons are taking up the responsibility to explore other options.
- **Human Resource Committee:** The HR committee conducted yearly reviews of non-pastoral staff. They interviewed Jan and June Brinks for the custodian position. Council also reviewed rules that guide HR's work. Thank you to the HR committee for their work.
- **Minors in Media Policy (see bulletin insert)** Council approved a policy concerning how we use images of our children on our website, on social media, and via livestream. Please review the handout in this week's bulletin. If you have any questions regarding this policy, please contact a member of council.

TREASURER'S REPORT: JULY

July General Fund		2nd Offerings	
2nd	7,572.00	Booster Club	677.00
9th	6,077.00	Friendship Family Homes	441.00
16th	7,319.00	REV Moms	622.00
23rd	5,321.00	Church Building Fund	697.00
30th	5,590.29	Basement Project	1,034.00
Total July Offerings	31,879.29		
Budget needed weekly	6,184.04		
Times 31 weeks	191,705.29		
Received to date	<u>186,005.13</u>		
Balance	(5,700.16)		

OUR CHURCH WEEK: AUGUST 27-SEPTEMBER 2

SUN 8/27	9:15 AM	Prayer
	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	10:30 AM	Ministry Sign-up
	5:00 PM	Annual Church Picnic
TUES 8/29	1-4:00 PM	Classis Interim Committee Meeting - YB
WED 8/30	-----	No Prayer Meeting this week
	7:00 PM	Praise 9 Practice

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

TODAY:

- **Ministry Sign-up Sundays - August 20 and 27:** We have tables set up in the fellowship hall for each ministry team. Each team has a selection of opportunities for you to serve both Highland Church and our Community. Please take a moment to check out all the ways that you can use your spiritual gifts for the glory of God!
- **Highland's Annual Church Picnic** will begin with dinner at 5:00pm this evening with activities to follow. Meat, drinks and tableware will be provided. Be sure to sign up for the Corn-hole Tournament before you eat so we have time to draw teams. We will also have the Slip 'n Slide ready for the kids so bring their swimsuits and towels.

Highland's Prayer Retreat is scheduled for Wednesday, **September 13, 2023** from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm (you may stay later if your schedule allows) at Center Lake Bible Camp in Tustin. We will NOT be praying out loud together for 3 hours. This will be a time of teaching, fellowship, eating, laughing, worship, and reflection. It is a time to lean into the best things of life including God's presence. Anyone in the HCRC community (men, women, teens!) is invited to take part in the event. The cost is \$10 per person which will include the retreat, snacks, coffee & lunch. Registration is open at the Prayer Ministry Team table. Please consider taking part in this experience.

Ladies Bible Study (w/ Hilda) is moving to Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am starting September 5. They will be working through a new book titled "Women & Identity". If you would like to join this group of ladies, please contact Hilda Cruz to reserve your book.