

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

NURSERY

- 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
Sept 24 Mikayla Powers, Lindsay Beerens, Jackie Schmid, Owen Wemple

CHILDREN’S CHURCH

- Sept 10** Teacher: Sara Bruno; Helpers: Nicole Schultz, Alan Thomas
Sept 17 Teacher: Kasey McQuestion; Helpers: Hillary Dracht, Harper Tossey
Sept 24 Teacher: Jodi DeHate; Helpers: Nicole Koetje, Emerson Tossey

SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT

- Sept 3** Matt Thompson, Jon Ouwinga, Tami Eisenga
Sept 10 Cary Sikkema, Kaylie Benthem, Jodi DeHate
Sept 17 Kyle Meyering, Dan Ouwinga, Deborah Ouwinga
Sept 24 Cary Sikkema, Roger Hagerman, Kendra Jenema

USHERS

- September:** Jonathan Ouwinga, Kyle Veltema, Kevin DeHate, Tucker Tossey
October: Ryan McQuestion, James Bazuin, Jason Benthem, Brandon Veddler

2ND OFFERINGS

- September:**
3rd: Booster Club
10th: Benevolence
17th: Existing Building Fund
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.**



Septmeber 3, 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
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HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

Morning Worship Service – 9:30 am

September 3, 2023

The People of God Gather:

Prelude: (Special Music) *He is Exalted*

Welcome

God's Greeting

Greet One Another

To Praise God

Daniel 4:37

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (vs 1,2,4)

How Great Thou Art (vs 1-3)

His Name Is Wonderful

Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God

Preparing our Hearts for Communion (Colossians 3:1-14)

Announcements

Congregational Prayer

To Proclaim God's Word

Children's Message: Pastor Ashley Bonnes

Song of Preparation: *Thy Word (vs 1-2)*

Scripture: **Psalm 33**

Sermon Title: ***JOY: A Lot Harder Than We Think***

Prayer of Response

Song of Response/Offertory: (Special Music) *Your Love Compels Me*

Today's Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: Booster Club

To Go in God's Name

God's blessing

Closing Song: *They Will Know We Are Christians (vs 1-3)*

Postlude

***Our Nursery is available downstairs for children ages 0 - 3 years old.*

*Children's Church will resume on September 10. There are activity sheets available for children ages 3-6 & 7-12 on the information table.***

PREACHING SCHEDULE:

September 3 –Pastor Mark Bonnes

September 10 –Pastor Mark Bonnes

September 17 –Pastor Mark Bonnes

September 24 –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 style="text-align: center;"><u>Church Office</u> (231) 825-2171 office@highlandcrc.org <u>Normal Office Hours:</u> Mon-Thurs 8:30 am – 2:00 pm Fri-Sun: Closed **The office will be CLOSED on Monday, September 4** All bulletin announcements must be turned in by noon on Thursdays.</p>	<p style="text-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:

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!

For the months of **September and October, we will be collecting clothing items:

Sandals/Shoes, Hats/Mittens, T-shirts, Socks, slippers, small bags, sunglasses etc.**

The donation tote is sitting next to the information table in the fellowship hall.

Thank you for your continued support of the Christmas Shoebox Project. If you would like to make a monetary donation and have someone else do the shopping for you, please contact Becky Wemple. November is quickly approaching and will be our final collection month and the packing of our shoeboxes. We'll post more details here as we get closer to the packing date.

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

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.

Project Christmas is in its 35th year of operation! That's 35 years of serving and supporting our community to have a brighter Christmas. We realize that many people still do not know about our mission. We would love anyone interested in learning more about our organization or anyone wanting to get involved in Project Christmas to attend our kickoff meeting on Thursday, September 21 at 5:30 at the Cadillac UMC. We will have desserts and plenty of conversation.

Project Canefire, a mission trip to the Dominican Republic during the weeks of Jan. 23 to Feb. 6, is preparing for their winter 2024 trip. Well drillers, construction workers, sewing crews and supporters of this amazing ministry, to bring hope and healing, are needed. This year we are also looking for a medical person to join us in our work and who will be available for consultation and helping with work related injuries. Please consider joining us this year as a volunteer or as a continuing supporter in both prayer and monetary donations. For more information, please contact one of the board members: Paul Benthem (231-667-7200), Mark Mortenson, Dave VanHouten, Betsy Diemer (231-878-9880), M

PRAYER CONNECTION:

- ✚ Our heartfelt condolences to the **Rev. Ken Koning and family** in the passing of his wife, Laurie Koning this past Wednesday. **Bev Ouwinga's** pacemaker surgery this past Wednesday went well and she is now home. Please pray for healing and renewed strength and that this device will prevent future episodes.
- ✚ **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** is scheduled for surgery on his neck on Tuesday, September 5 in Grand Rapids. Please pray for the surgical team and for healing afterwards and that this will relieve his intense neck pain.
- ✚ **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.
- ✚ **Prayer Letter for Josh and Mandy Shaarda:** Their latest (August/September) prayer letter is now available on the information table in the fellowship hall. We give praise to God for the work the Shaardas are doing in Uganda (Prison Ministry) and Ethiopia (Marriage Course) through Freedom In Christ Ministries.

OUR 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>

ACTIVE MILITARY:

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

WEEKLY PRAYER EMPHASIS:

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

This Sunday, we lift up prayers for Friends Ministry. Both the people that volunteer through this ministry and the community they serve.

In the week ahead and next Sunday, we lift up in prayer those in nursing homes and/or facing the challenges that come with aging.

OUR CHURCH WEEK: SEPTEMBER 3-9

SUN 9/3	9:15 AM 9:30 AM	Prayer Worship Service
MON 9/4	-----	Labor Day; Offices Closed
TUES 9/5	9:30 AM	Ladies Tuesday Morning Bible Study –Lesson 1
WED 9/6	7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting Praise 9 Practice
THUR 9/7	1:00 PM	Prayer Team Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Sunday:

- **Communion:** Lord willing, we will be celebrating the Lord's Supper on September 10. If you or a loved one of Highland Church are homebound and would like Communion brought to them, please contact one of our Elders so this can be arranged.
- **Children's Church** will resume on Sunday, September 10 during the worship hour following the children's message. Children's church is for kids ages 3-Kindergarten.
- **Sunday School & Catechism** will resume on Sunday, September 10 and go from 10:40 am – 11:30. Schedules were placed in mailboxes last Sunday along with a letter from the Education Team re: our Education Expectations and Behavior Standards.
**We still need teachers and helpers for our 4th and 5th grade classes. Please contact Mary Rees if you are able to fill any of these positions.

A Note from the Prayer Team: *"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. -1 Thessalonians 5:16-18."*

At Highland, we strive to lift each other, both in the good times and bad, in prayer and we have a few ways of doing that:

- We have the **Prayer Chain** which is a phone call sent out by the church office to the entire congregation through our Bright Arrow phone-tree. To request a prayer chain be started, please contact an Elder, Pastor, or the church office. If you are not already a part of the Prayer Chain but wish to be added, please contact the church office at (231) 825-2171.
- Our bulletin has a section called **Prayer Connections**. If you would like a prayer request added to the bulletin in addition to or in place of a Prayer Chain message, please contact the church office.
- We also have **Prayer Warriors**. These individuals are dedicated to confidential and consistent prayer over specific needs and concerns that might not yet be public knowledge. If you have a prayer request for one of our Prayer Warriors, or if you would like to become a Prayer Warrior, please contact Sandy Rice directly.

The Ladies Bible Study (w/ Hilda) will be starting up again on Tuesday, September 5 beginning at 9:30 am. 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 yet this morning to reserve your book.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED:

REV Moms: Thank you Highland for your continued support of REV Moms! Our new season begins on September 12 and we are asking our church family for help with food donations and nursery help:

- **Food:** Something as simple as providing a hot meal for our moms that they didn't have to make is truly be a blessing to these women. A list of food items we need for each meeting will be posted on the REV Moms bulletin board in the fellowship hall.
- **Nursery Volunteers:** the nursery time commitment is 6 pm – 8 pm the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month, September – May (15 meetings). The more volunteers we can get, the less nights you'd need to cover. Please prayerfully consider helping REV make our local moms feel welcome and enveloped in the Lord's love. Please contact Deborah Ouwinga or Anita Kvasnak to volunteer.

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.

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!

Friendship Bible Study: Good news! Friendship Bible Ministries for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities is beginning again. We'll have a bowling kickoff Friday, September 22, at 6pm at Parkview Lanes. Pizza, pop, and bowling for \$1 each! Please RSVP to Bev Taylor or Pastor Ashley by Sept. 15. **Volunteers needed as well.** All are welcome!"

Safe Church Meeting: If you are involved with any ministries working with our youth (Sunday school, children in worship, GEMS, Centershot, Strong tower, Extreme, VBS), please join us Sunday September 23 in the sanctuary after church for a safe church meeting to review our policy. Any questions, please contact Linda Wing.

Men's Small Group Book Study: We will be offering an 8-week marriage book study and small group for men on Sundays during the Sunday School hour, starting September 24. Space is limited! If interested, please contact Al Thomas for more information.