

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

NURSERY

Sept 10 Diane Nemeth, Tami Eisenga, Barb Dore, Karsyn Meyering
Sept 17 Jodi DeHate, Tami Eisenga, Jodi Meyering, Harper Tossey
Sept 24 Mikayla Powers, Deborah Ouwinga, Jackie Schmid, Owen Wemple
Oct 1 Megan Plugger, Melissa Oeverman, Cindy Vennema, Alan Thomas

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
Oct 1 Teacher: Megan Plugger; Helpers: Jordyn Richardson, Steph VanHouten

SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT

Sept 10 Cary Sikkema, Kaylie Benthem, Jodi DeHate
Sept 17 Kyle Meyering, Dan Ouwinga, Deborah Ouwinga
Sept 24 Cary Sikkema, Roger Hagerman, Kendra Jenema
Oct 1 Matt Thomson, Jon Ouwinga, Deboarh Ouwinga

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 10, 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
(231) 825-2171

HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

Morning Worship Service – 9:30 am

September 10, 2023

The People of God Gather:

Prelude: *Lord of Mercy, Lord of Grace*

Welcome

God's Greeting

Greet One Another

To Praise God

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Amazing Love

Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God

Announcements

Congregational Prayer

To Proclaim God's Word

Children's Message: Jodi Meyering

Song of Preparation: *People Need the Lord*

Scripture: **Psalm 142**

Sermon Title: ***Fear Breaks in the Face of Trust***

Prayer of Response

To Partake in the Lord's Supper:

The Apostles' Creed

Communion *please remain seated as the elements are passed

Bread: *How Deep the Father's Love For Us*

Juice: *Yet Not I, But Through Christ In Me*

Song of Response/Offertory: Special Music: *In Christ Alone*

Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: Benevolence

To Go in God's Name

God's blessing

Closing Song: *We Receive Your Blessing*

Postlude

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

Children's Church is available for children ages 3 years old - Kindergarten downstairs following the Children's message.

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 (765) 532-4612 hrcrcpastor@gmail.com Pastor Ashley Bonnes (765) 532-0331 bonnes.ashley@gmail.com
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><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 Wednesday, Sept 13 for the Prayer Retreat</p> <p>All bulletin announcements must be turned in by noon on Thursdays.</p>	<p><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:

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 November.

Northern Michigan Christian School - Job Opening: is looking for a full-time maintenance/custodian. This person would primarily do general cleaning such as vacuuming, mopping, dusting, emptying trash, etc. This person would work the evening shift from 2:30-11:00. Benefits include health insurance and 401K. Please send resumes to Scott Curell at scurell@nmcs.us. This position could be a part-time position for those who are interested in a part-time position.

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. Volunteers are still needed! Please contact the school office at (231) 825-2492 or deisenga@nmcs.us if you are able help or donate supplies.

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 United Methodist Church. We will have desserts and plenty of conversation.

Abide: Wednesday, September 27, 6:30pm: You are invited to this multi-church gathering for a time of worship, prayer, testimony, and resting in the presence of God. Hosted by Lake City CRC, 1657 S. Morey Rd., Lake City.

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), Mark Mogan, Ray and Gladys Brinks, Jack Klunder, Nick Ochampaugh or Kyle Hammer.

THANK YOU:

- ✚ Thank you to everyone for your prayers, cards, calls and visit before and after my pacemaker surgery. Thank you too, for the meals brought in for us. We appreciated everything. ~Bev & Jim Ouwinga

PRAYER REQUESTS AND UPDATES:

- ✚ **BJ & Sue Cook Update:** Sue and I would like to thank everyone for your phone calls and the many cards you have been sending. I am happy to report that my recovery is doing well. I'm back working in my woodshop and have increased my ability to do things around the house. I won't get my immunization shots to help with my immune system until around November, but I am getting out and meeting with people in small groups. My smell and taste isn't 100% back yet, but I'm happy to report that I can eat some of those foods I used to eat and progress is going well. We appreciate all your prayers as I continue my recovery. ~BJ & Sue Cook
- ✚ **Bonnie Veddler** would appreciate your prayers over the next three weeks as she receives treatments at U of M. She will be there during the week but home on weekends. Please pray for strength and healing.
- ✚ **Dick Bruno's** surgery on his neck went well and the pain is relieved. Surgery was not as extensive as anticipated and he was able to return home the following day.
- ✚ **Josh & Mandy Shaarda**, Lord willing, will be coming to Michigan this fall (late Sept to early Nov.). They are thankful for housing that has become available and ask for our continued prayers as they adjust back into the day-to-day flow of living in Michigan.

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 in prayer those in nursing homes and/or facing the challenges that come with aging.

In the week ahead and next Sunday, we lift up in prayer those that are homeless and at risk.

OUR CHURCH WEEK: SEPTEMBER 10-16

SUN 9/10	9:15 AM 9:30 AM 6:00 PM	Prayer Worship Service & Communion MS & HS Event with Rehoboth
MON 9/11	6:30 PM 7:00 PM 7:30 PM	Elders Meeting Deacons Meeting Council Meeting
TUES 9/12	9:30 AM 6:00 PM	Ladies Bible Study –Lesson 2 REV Moms Campfire & Supper (YB)
WED 9/13	9 AM – 2 PM -----	Prayer Retreat at Center Lake Bible Camp **Office Closed for Retreat** No Evening Prayer Meeting
SAT 9/16	All Day	Fellowship Hall & Youth Building Use

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

TODAY:

- **Communion:** This morning, we will be celebrating the Lord’s Supper.
- **Children’s Church** will resume this morning during the worship hour following the children’s message. Children’s church is for kids ages 3-Kindergarten.
- **Sunday School & Catechism** will resume this morning at 10:40 am – 11:30. Preschool-5th grade will begin in the sanctuary once the bell rings. Middle School & High School Catechism classes will meet in their designated youth rooms.

Names for new Council candidates: If you have any names you would like the council to consider as potential candidates for incoming council (elders/deacons), please contact a member of council or the church office.

Council Meeting this Monday, September 11 at the times noted above.

The Ladies Bible Study (w/ Hilda) will be looking at Lesson 2 of their new study 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.

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 this 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. Registration is now closed. Anyone still wanting to join will be added to a waiting list should someone cancel. If you are registered to attend and need to cancel last minute please contact Pastor Ashley or the church office by Tuesday morning so this spot can be made available to someone on our waiting list.

Sunday Evening Fellowship Bible Study: Lord willing, we will begin meeting next Sunday, 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.

Highland CRC Annual ORV ride will be September 24. We will meet at Highland CRC at 4 pm and then leave from there for a scenic ride on roads and trails! Our return should be about 6ish for fellowship and a potluck meal. We will provide the sloppy joes, drinks and tableware. Any questions contact Bev and Dale Taylor or Bob and Cindy Vennema

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:

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