

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

NURSERY

- Sept 17** Jodi DeHate, Julie Dorman, Jodi Meyering, Natalie Kvasnak
Sept 24 Mikayla Powers, Deborah Ouwinga, Jackie Schmid, Owen Wemple
Oct 1 Patti Koop, Melissa Oeverman, Cindy Vennema, Alan Thomas
Oct 8 Lizelle Bazuin, Bev Kamphouse, Kasey McQuestion, Aubrynn Bazuin

CHILDREN’S CHURCH

- Sept 17** Teacher: Kasey McQuestion; Helpers: Hillary Dracht, Harper Tossey
Sept 24 Teacher: Jodi DeHate; Helpers: Nicole Koetje, Emerson Tossey
Oct 1 Teacher: Megan Pluger; Helpers: Jordyn Richardson, Steph VanHouten
Oct 8 Teacher: Miranda Dykhouse; Helpers: Lindsay Beerens, Emma Lee

SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT

- Sept 17** Kyle Meyering, Dan Ouwinga, Deborah Ouwinga
Sept 24 Cary Sikkema, Roger Hagerman, Kendra Jenema
Oct 1 Matt Thomson, Jon Ouwinga, Deborah Ouwinga
Oct 8 Cary Sikkema, Dan Ouwinga, Jodi DeHate

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 Fund
17th: Existing Building Fund
24th: George & Sarah de Vuyst

October:

- 1st:** Booster Club
8th: Oasis Family Resource Center
15th: Feeding America
22nd: Existing Building Fund
29th: Friends Ministry

****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 17, 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

September 17, 2023

The People of God Gather:

Prelude - Children's Bell Choir: *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Welcome

God's Greeting

Greet One Another

To Praise God

Nearer, Still Nearer (vs 1,4)

My Jesus, I Love Thee (vs 1 & 2)

Lord Make Us Servants (vs 1,3,4)

Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God

Announcements

Congregational Prayer

To Proclaim God's Word

Children's Message: Pastor Mark

Song of Preparation: *Lord, Speak to Me (vs 1,3,4)*

Scripture: **Psalm 63**

Sermon Title: **A Burning Desire for God?**

Prayer of Response

Song of Response/Offertory: *Give Me Jesus (Special Music)*

Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: Existing Building Fund

To Go in God's Name

God's blessing

Closing Song: *Sent Forth by God's 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 17 –Pastor Mark Bonnes

September 24 –Pastor Mark Bonnes

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:

October 9 - 6:30 pm Elder

October 9 - 7:00 pm Deacons

October 9 - 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><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 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:

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 November.

Women's Retreat: Are you looking to be refreshed and renewed? Join us for a women's retreat at Grace Adventures (near Ludington) Friday Oct. 6 - Sunday Oct. 8. Cost is \$165/person but financial assistance is available if needed. Please contact Anita Kvasnak or Linda Wing asap if interested.

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.

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.

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** has been receiving treatments at U of M. Please continue to pray for safe travels, renewed strength and healing.
- ✚ **Josh & Mandy Shaarda**, Lord willing, will be back in Michigan from September 21-November 5. They are thankful for the 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:

[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 a prayer concern that you all gave us.]

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

This Sunday, we life up in prayer those that are homeless and at risk.

In the week ahead and next Sunday, we lift up prayers for the children, both near and far, that suffer in various ways beyond their control.

HIGHLAND COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS: SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

- The Council would appreciate your prayers as they begin the **nomination process** for incoming council members. Pray too for the nominees and that their answers will be Spirit-led.
- Missionary Introduction**-The Slack family will be here this Sunday, September 17th, to introduce themselves to the congregation. There will be a brief introduction during the service with a time for Q&A during the Sunday school hour in the fellowship hall.
- Classis Northern Michigan Fall Meeting** is scheduled for September 26 at Lucas Christian Reformed Church. Delegates representing Highland Church will be Pastor Mark Bonnes and Elder Alan Baas.
- 2nd Offering Schedule for October:** 1st: Booster Club; 8th: Oasis Family Resource Center; 15th: Feeding America; 22nd: Existing Building Fund; 29th: Friends Ministry
- The next Council meeting is scheduled for **October 9**.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

August General Fund		2nd Offerings	
6th	6,549.00	Booster Club	908.00
13th	5,478.00	Church Building Fund	1,030.00
20th	4,060.00	American Bible League	590.00
27th	5,408.82	Josh & Mandy Shaarda	1,645.00
Total August Offerings	21,495.82		
Budget needed weekly	6,184.04		
Times 35 weeks	216,441.45		
Received to date	<u>207,500.95</u>		
Balance	(8,940.50)		

OUR CHURCH WEEK: SEPTEMBER 17-23

SUN 9/17	9:15 AM	Prayer
	9:30 AM	Worship Service & Communion
	4:30 PM	Fellowship Bible Study – Heros of Faith: Lesson 5
TUES 9/19	9:30 AM	Ladies Bible Study – Lesson 3
	7:00 PM	REV Moms Steering Team Meeting
WED 9/20	7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting
THUR 9/21	7:00 PM	JUMP Practice
SAT 9/23	10:00 AM-4:30 PM	Youth Building Use

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

TODAY:

- Sunday School & Catechism** will resume this morning from 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.
- Sunday Evening Fellowship Bible Study** will resume, Lord willing, this evening. 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. We hope to see you there!

The Ladies Bible Study (w/ Hilda) will be looking at Lesson 3 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.

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 24 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 6:00-ish 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

Friendship Bible Ministries for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities will begin Bible studies on Monday nights at 7pm starting on October 16 at Living Light Christian Church (5700 W Blue Rd Lake City). **Volunteers needed!** Please contact Abby DeZeeuw 231-884-1114 for details.