

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

NURSERY

- 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
Oct 15 Shari Benthem, Karen Oeverman, Dana Baas, Claire Thompson

CHILDREN’S CHURCH

- Sept 24** Teacher: Jodi DeHate; Helpers: Nicole Koetje, Emerson Tossey
Oct 1 Teacher: Megan Plugger; Helpers: Jordyn Richardson, Steph VanHouten
Oct 8 Teacher: Miranda Dykhouse; Helpers: Lindsay Beerens, Emma Lee
Oct 15 Teacher: Sara Bruno; Helpers: Nicole Schultz, Gracyn Swiler

SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT

- Sept 24** Cary Sikkema, Roger Hagerman, Kendra Jenema
Oct 1 Matt Thomson, Jon Ouwinga, Deborah Ouwinga
Oct 8 Cary Sikkema, Dan Ouwinga, Jodi DeHate
Oct 15 Kyle Meyering, Kaylie Benthem, Tami Eisenga

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 24, 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
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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 24, 2023

The People of God Gather:

Welcome
 God's Greeting
 Greet One Another

To Praise God
Mighty to Save
Counting My Blessings (new)
 Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God
 Announcements
 Congregational Prayer

To Proclaim God's Word
 Children's Message: Marilyn Visser
 Song of Preparation: Jesus Draw Me Ever Nearer
 Scripture: **Psalm 51**
 Sermon Title: **Shame: When You Want to Hide Your Face**
 Prayer of Response
 Song of Response/Offertory: New Wine
 Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: George & Sarah De Vuyst

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

PREACHING SCHEDULE:

September 24 – Pastor Mark Bonnes
 October 1 – Pastor Mark Bonnes
 October 8 – Pastor Ashley 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 Worship Service: Join us at Lucas CRC (10479 S Lucas Rd, McBain, MI 49657) on October 15th at 6:00 pm for a special worship service! We are excited to welcome Rev. Kurt Selles, who will be preaching and providing an update on ReFrame Ministries. We invite all surrounding churches to come and worship together.

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.

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.

THANK YOU

Dear Highland Family, Thank You so much for continuing to keep us in your prayers. Thank You for the cards, visits, and kind words. We love our Highland Family.
~ Dick & Mary Bruno

PRAYER REQUESTS AND UPDATES:

- ✚ **B.J. & Sue Cook-** Please continue to pray for good health & patience as BJ begins the re-immunization process this fall.
- ✚ **Bonnie Veddler** has been receiving treatments at U of M. Please continue to pray for safe travels, renewed strength and healing.
- ✚ **Josh & Mandy Shaarda** and family were able to fly back to the US this past Thursday. We are thankful for their safe return despite some last minute flight changes.

OUR MISSIONARIES:

- ✚ **Josh & Mandy Shaarda & Family** (Serving in Uganda)
Email: jshaarda@crncpartners.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've been focusing on prayers for the Vulnerable:

- **This Sunday**, we lift up prayers for the children, both near and far, that suffer in various ways beyond their control.

During the month of October, we want to focus on Trusting in God:

- **In the week ahead and next Sunday**, we ask that you pray for those with financial concerns and that they will trust in God to provide.

OUR CHURCH WEEK: SEPTEMBER 24-30

SUN 9/24	9:15 AM	Prayer
	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	10:40 AM	Sunday School, Catechism & Men's Small Group
	4:00 PM	Annual ORV Ride (4:00 departure from church; 6:00 potluck in the Fellowship hall)
	4:30 PM	Fellowship Bible Study – Heros of Faith: Lesson 6 (meeting at Lynn & Sandy Rice's house)
	6:00 PM	Extreme & Strong Tower Youth Groups
TUES 9/26	9:00 AM	Classis Northern Michigan at Lucas CRC
	9:30 AM	Ladies Bible Study – Lesson 4
	5:45 PM	REV Moms in the MS Youth Room
WED 9/27	7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Today:

- **Safe Church Meeting:** If you are involved with any ministries working with our youth (Sunday school, Children in Worship, Nursery, GEMS, Centershot, Strong Tower, Extreme, VBS), there will be a brief meeting in the sanctuary immediately following the church service for a review of our Safe Church Policy and to update policy agreement forms. 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.

Tonight:

- **Sunday Evening Fellowship Bible Study** will be looking at Lesson 6 this week on their "Heros of the Faith" Bible Study, beginning at 4:30 pm at Lynn & Sandy Rice's house, followed by a pot luck supper at 5:30 pm.
- **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
- **Youth Group** starts **TONIGHT** from 6-7:30 pm. Middle School (Extreme) will meet in their new youth room downstairs and High School (Strong Tower) will meet in the Youth Building.

Ladies Bible Study (w/ Hilda) will be looking at Lesson 4 of "Women & Identity" this Wednesday beginning at 9:30 am.

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 are needed!** Please contact Abby DeZeeuw at (231) 884-1114 for details.

Thank you to all those that had a hand in setting up our new internet service: BJ Cook, Roger Hagerman, Jun Brinks, Ken Roede, Butch Karsten, Jon Dracht Sara Bruno and Hilda Cruz. Thank you to the congregation of Highland church as well for your patience as we sorted this all out and we

Save the Date: Trunk or Treat is fast approaching!!! Saturday, October 30 from 3-5 pm, we will have candy, a photo station, soup, donuts and cider! Cost is free but don't forget your (family-friendly) costume!!! **Please check the sign-up table in the fellowship hall for opportunities to help! We need Trunkers, servers and volunteers to make soup or donate candy**

Christmas Shoeboxes: 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. Your generosity and continued support of the Christmas Shoebox Project is greatly appreciated. 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.

Volunteers Needed: Hurricane season is in full swing and World Renew needs you! Our volunteers are aging and retiring and recently some time slots have been canceled because of a lack of volunteers. Most, but not all jobs require a variety of construction skills and 'on the job' training is provided! Current sites are open in Sarasota, Florida; Boutte, Louisiana; and Whatcom County, Washington. For more information, contact Diana Marquez at 1-800-552-0740 If your church, business or family is interested in a short mission trip, contact Chris Gibson at cjgibson@worldrenew.net. You can make a donation at www.worldrenew.net or send it to World Renew 8970 Byron Commerce Dr., SW.; Byron Center, MI 49315.