

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

NURSERY

- 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
Oct 22 Jan Rivera, Becky Wemple, Diane Eisenga, Addean Oeverman

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

- Oct 1** Teacher: Megan Pluger; 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
Oct 22 Teacher: Kasey McQuestion; Helpers: Hillary Dracht, Alan Thomas

SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT

- Oct 1** Matt Thomson, Jon Ouwinga, Deborah Ouwinga
Oct 8 Cary Sikkema, Dan Ouwinga, Jodi DeHate
Oct 15 Kyle Meyering, Kaylie Benthem, Tami Eisenga
Oct 22 Cary Sikkema, Deb Eisenga, Kendra Jenema

USHERS

- October:** Ryan McQuestion, James Bazuin, Jason Benthem, Brandon Veddler
November: Kyle Meyering, Jun Brinks, Scott Oeverman, Jim Ouwinga

2ND OFFERINGS:

- 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.**



October 1, 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

October 1, 2023

The People of God Gather:

Prelude: *Holy Ground (Special Music)*

Welcome

God's Greeting

Greet One Another

To Praise God

Psalm 100:4

Come Into His Presence

Speak O Lord

The Servant Song (vs 1,2,3,5)

Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God

Announcements

Congregational Prayer

To Proclaim God's Word

Children's Message: Anne Thomas

Song of Preparation: Nearer to the Heart of God (vs 1-3)

Scripture: **Psalm 131**

Sermon: ***When Peace Like A River***

Prayer of Response

Song of Response/Offertory: *It is Well with My Soul (Special Music)*

Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: Booster Club

To Go in God's Name

God's blessing

Closing Song: *Peace Like a River (vs 1,2)*

Postlude

PREACHING SCHEDULE:

October 1 – Pastor Mark Bonnes
 October 8 – Pastor Ashley Bonnes
 October 15 – Pastor Mark Bonnes
 October 22 – Pastor Mark Bonnes
 October 29 – 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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***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.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED:

AMEN Chorus & Women's Philharmonic Chorus: Would you like to join a choir to sing in this holiday season? The program we will be preparing for is on Saturday, December 2 and Sunday, December 3. If you have any questions, please contact director, Angela Warner, at kirkangelawarner@hotmail.com or (231) 330-0894.

Here is a list of options to join a community choir for this program:

- **The AMEN Chorus** is open to any gentleman that enjoys singing. Rehearsals will be held at the Cadillac Christian Reformed Church starting October 21 from 5:00-7:00 P.M. Please bring \$10 to cover the cost of music.
- **The Women's Philharmonic Chorus** is open to any woman that would like to join the group. Practices will be held at the United Methodist Church in Cadillac on Monday Mornings starting October 23 from 10 -12. This women's group will be performing in the program listed above as well as a separate program on December 11.
- If you want to sing in **The Mass Choir** for this program, rehearsals will be Saturday nights starting November 11 from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. at Cadillac Christian Reformed Church.

Ladies Night Out: Wednesday, October 25, 2023. Doors open at 5:30. Mark your calendars and get your tickets. It will again be hosted by Olde Mill Venue in Marion and sponsored by the Vogel Center CRC. The theme this year is "SEEK HIM" and a catered dinner from Longer Table will be followed by speaker, Jolene DeHeer. Come out for a great night of fellowship, food, singing and being inspired to SEEK HIM! Tickets are \$20 and available at Vogel Center CRC (231) 825-2053 or through Kim Winkel, Connie Carrick or Sandy Pearson.

McBain Area Men's Night Out: Come on out for a fun evening November 8th at the Old Mill Venue in Marion. Our feature speaker will be Dr. David Murray, the author of *Reset: Living a Grace-paced Life in a Burn-out Culture*. Doors open at 6:00 pm and a New York Strip dinner will start at 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$20. Please RSVP by Nov. 6th to the Vogel Center Church office at (231) 825-2053. Questions can be directed to Phil Lucas (231) 429-2288 or Jim Winkel (231) 920-7751.

Northern Michigan Christian School 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.

Life Resources of Northern Michigan is hiring a Business Manager (Part-time position). The Business Manager is responsible for overseeing the day-to-day administrative operations. Major duties involve ensuring efficient office procedures, donor data entry, overseeing contracts & vendors, and helping maintain a comprehensive budget. Applicant must have strong computer & software skills, experience & confidence with spreadsheets, & Quick-books online as well as excellent organizational skills. Please email resumes to executive.director@liferesources.org. **If you wish to view a full job description, please check the bulletin board by the mailboxes.

PRAYER REQUESTS AND UPDATES:

- ✚ **Mary Dracht** would appreciate your prayers as she has a pacemaker put in this coming Tuesday in Grand Rapids.
- ✚ **B.J. & Sue Cook-** Please continue to pray for good health & patience as BJ begins the re-immunization process this fall.
- ✚ **Bonnie Veddler** is thankful to report that her skin responded so well to the first 2 treatments that the Doctors decided she didn't even need the 3rd treatment. She will continue with some at-home treatments but is doing much better.

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 October, we want to focus on Trusting in God:

- **This Sunday**, we ask that you pray for those with financial concerns and that they will trust in God to provide.
- **In the week ahead and next Sunday**, we want to focus on prayer for the times with life is hard!

OUR CHURCH WEEK: OCTOBER 1-7

SUN 10/1	9:15 AM	Prayer
	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	10:40 AM	Sunday School, Catechism & Men's Small Group
	4:30 PM	Fellowship Bible Study – Heros of Faith: Lesson 7 (in the fellowship hall)
TUES 10/3	9:30 AM	Ladies Bible Study – Lesson 5
WED 10/4	6:30 PM	Family Night Dinner
	7:00 PM	Centershot, GEMS & Prayer Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Today:

- **Sunday School & Catechism:** 10:40 am – 11:30 am
- **Men's Small Group Book Study (during Sunday School):** Week 2 of an 8-week marriage book study and small group discussion.

Tonight:

- **Sunday Evening Fellowship Bible Study** will be looking at Lesson 7 this week on their "Heros of the Faith" Bible Study, beginning at 4:30 pm in the fellowship hall, with a light potluck supper at 5:30 pm.

Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study (w/ Hilda) will be looking at Lesson 5 of "Women & Identity" this Tuesday beginning at 9:30 am.

Family Night begins this Wednesday, October 4 with dinner 6:30 pm followed by Centershot, GEMS and Prayer Meeting at 7:00 pm. Family dinner this week will be buttered noodles and meatballs. Bring your appetite and a friend!

J.O.Y. Group will meet Monday, October 9 at 12:30 pm at Highland CRC for a leisurely color tour. It will be a GENTLE ride on side-by-sides around our Highland area. We will then return to church for fellowship and nourishment of coffee/cider and donuts! Please sign up on the information table if you plan to attend as this helps us plan food. If you are willing to lend out your side-by-side or be a driver, please contact Cindy Vennema or Bev Taylor

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**

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.

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.

Versiti Blood of Michigan will be here for our next blood drive on Wednesday, October 11 from 1-6:30 pm. To schedule your donation appointment, please call 1-866-MI-BLOOD or visit www.Versiti.org/Mi. You may also schedule through the office by calling (231) 825-2171 during normal office hours.

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.

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.

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 cgibson@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.

The McBain Community Library along with the Cadillac Friends of the Library group are hosting a program called **The American Soldier**, featuring Actor Douglas Taurel as he honors veterans with his one-man show. Program will be held Friday, October 20th at 7 p.m. and Saturday, October 21st at 2 p.m. at the Elenbaas Auditorium. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. Tickets can be purchased at the McBain library, Horizon Books or Brinks Art and Frame shop.

The Faithful Journey Quartet with their Southern Gospel sound will be giving a concert at Vogel Center CRC on **Sunday, Oct. 22 at 6 pm**. A love offering will be taken. For more information about them, go to www.faithfuljourneyquartet.com.