

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

NURSERY

Nov 19 Jodi DeHate, Jodi Meyering, Mikayla Powers, Ben Thompson
Nov 23 Mary Rees, DaNay Tossey, Bev Taylor, Kendyn Meyering
Thanksgiving
Nov 26 Jackie Schmid, Brenda Ouwinga, Megan Plugger, Evan Wemple
Dec 3 Melissa Oeverman, Cindy Vennema, Patti Koop, Emma Oeverman
Dec 10 Brooke Benthem, Lizelle Bazuin, Bev Kamphouse, Leah Thompson

CHILDREN’S CHURCH

Nov 19 Teacher: Sara Bruno; Helpers: Nicole Schultz, Steph VanHouten
Nov 23 No Children’s Church
Thanksgiving
Nov 26 No Children’s Church
Dec 3 Teacher: Jodi DeHate; Helpers: Hillary Dracht, Emma Lee
Dec 10 Teacher: Kasey McQuestion; Helpers: Nicole Koetje, Alan Thomas

SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT

Nov 19 Matt Thompson, Kaylie Benthem, Tami Eisenga
Nov 23 Kyle Meyering, Dan Ouwinga, Deb Eisenga
Thanksgiving
Nov 26 Cary Sikkema, Jonathan Ouwinga, Kendra Jenema
Dec 3 Matt Thompson, Roger Hagerman, Deborah Ouwinga

USHERS

November: Kyle Meyering, Jun Brinks, Scott Oeverman, Jim Ouwinga
December: Steve Meeuwenberg, Isaac Baas, Dale Taylor, Aaron Plugger

2ND OFFERINGS:

November:	December:
5th: Booster Club	3rd: Booster Club
12th: World Renew	10th: Lydia Shaarda
19th: Existing Building Fund	17th: Existing Building Fund
23rd: Thanksgiving Envelopes	24th: Benevolence
26th: Love Inc.	31st: Marion Food Pantry

***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.*



November 19, 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	Sunday Worship 9:30 am	9034 23 Mile Rd; Marion
www.highlandcrc.org	Sunday School & Catechism	(231) 825-2171
	10:40 am – 11:30 am (Sept-May)	

HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

Morning Worship Service – 9:30 am

November 19, 2023

The People of God Gather:

Prelude
 Welcome & Call to Worship
 God's Greeting
 Greet One Another

To Praise God

Shout to the North (vs 1-3)
Glorify Thy Name (vs 1-2)
I Sing Praises to Your Name (vs 1-2)
 Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God

Announcements
 Congregational Prayer

To Proclaim God's Word

Children's Message: Pastor Mark Bonnes
 Song of Preparation: *Speak O Lord (vs 1-3)*

Scripture: I Peter 3: 8-18

Sermon: Sometimes Words Speak Louder

Prayer of Response
 Song of Response/Offertory: God, We Sing Your Glorious Praises (vs 1-4)
 Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: Existing Building Fund

To Go in God's Name

God's blessing
 Closing Song: The Servant Song (vs 1-2)
 Postlude

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:

December 11 at 6:30 pm -Elders
 December 11 at 7:00 pm -Deacons
 December 11 at 6:30 pm -Council

CONGREGATION MEETING:

November 19 at 10:40 am

PREACHING SCHEDULE:

November 5 – Pastor Mark Bonnes
 November 12 – Pastor Mark Bonnes
 November 19 – Pastor Mark Bonnes
 November 23 – Pastor Mark Bonnes
 November 26 – Pastor Jim DeZeeuw

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 <u>noon</u> 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.

Single MOMM Nonprofit: Started in 2008, Single MOMM is a non-profit organization that started in the Traverse City area and is slowly expanding services to Wexford, Missaukee and Osceola Counties. It is a ministry that "addresses the core issues of single motherhood and provides innovative and diverse solutions for families desiring to reach self-sufficiency." More information can be found at their website:

www.singlemomm.org. ***As a Service Team project, Highland Church will be helping to provide this organization with \$25 Meijer gift cards that they can then hand out to their clients, depending upon their specific need/situation. Cards can be used for general merchandise, food or gas. A Christmas tree full of tags has been placed in the fellowship hall. Each tag represents a \$25 gift card that we need. Please take a tag if you are willing to buy a \$25 Meijer gift card. Gift cards should be turned in to either Carrie Thompson, Sara Bruno or Pastor Ashley Bonnes. Our goal is to gather 40 gift cards by **December 17th** to donate to this great organization!! **Please note that we will NOT be calling to request the purchase of gift cards over the phone or online. If you receive one of those calls, hang up.

Winter Clothing Drive: We are again having a Winter Clothing Drive for the Marion Public Schools. Coats (all sizes), boots (all sizes), snow pants (all sizes, preferably black in color), and gloves are needed (we are good in the hat department!). All donations should be new or gently used. Donations will be delivered throughout the winter months.

McBain PTO's Annual Holiday Craft Market: Saturday, November 25, from 9am - 3pm. There will be 175 booths of hand crafted items, a raffle, and luncheon. Admission is free.

Concert: The Amen Chorus, Women's Philharmonic Chorus, and Bells of Peace Hand- bell Choir will be "Singing in the Season" on Saturday, December 2 at 7:00 and Sunday, December 3 at 4:00 at the Elenbaas Auditorium in McBain. We invite you to join us for this special program. A free will offering will be received.

Christmas Worship Extravaganza - We invite you to join us for one of two great nights of worship and celebration on Friday, December 1, and Saturday, December 2, 7pm, at the Lake City Christian Reformed Church, 1657 S. Morey Rd., Lake City. Talented musicians from several surrounding communities and churches are joining together to celebrate our Savior and worship Him according to His excellent greatness. You won't want to miss this event! 2 nights, 1 program. Admission is free.

Rehoboth Reformed Christmas Marketplace! Saturday, December 2nd from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm! Start planning ahead to attend the Christmas Marketplace! There will be many vendors and talented crafters selling beautiful items for Christmas gifts! Also, we will be having our famous cookie walk and bake sale! We will also be serving lunch and cinnamon rolls. Please join us as we work to raise money for local charities. We are located at 8372 S. Lucas Rd., McBain

PRAYER CONNECTIONS:

11/14 Prayer Chain: Shirley Boven has made the decision to discontinue dialysis treatments and is now under Hospice care. Please pray for comfort and peace for Shirley and her family during this difficult time.

Weekly Prayer Emphasis: During the month of November, we want to focus on being thankful for God's blessings.

- **This Sunday**, we lift up prayers of thankfulness for good neighbors.
- **In the week ahead and next Sunday**, we lift up prayers of thankfulness for God's provisions and that we will find contentment in the fulfillment of those needs.

+ Our Missionaries:

- o **Josh & Mandy Shaarda & Family** (Serving in Uganda)
Email: jshaarda@crnapartners.org; Blog: <http://shaarda.blogspot.com>
- o **George & Sarah de Vuyst & Family** (Serving in Ukraine & the U.S.)
Email: gdevuyst@crcna.org; Website: <http://www.devuysts.com>

+ Our Active Military:

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

WE WANT TO PRAY FOR YOU:

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

- **Weekly Bulletin:** 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.
- **The Prayer Chain** 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.
- **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.

OUR CHURCH WEEK: NOVEMBER 19-25

SUN 11/19	9:15 AM	Prayer
	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	10:40 AM	Congregational Meeting ; SS & MS kids will be packing Christmas Shoeboxes in the new basement.
	12:30 PM	Highland's Thanksgiving Dinner
	4:30 PM	Fellowship Bible Study – Ruth: Lesson 6 (final week)
	6:00 PM	MS & HS Youth Group – Regular Meeting
TUES 11/21	9:30 AM	Ladies Bible Study (with Hilda) – Lesson 2
	6:00 PM	REV Moms Meeting
WED 11/22	7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting
THURS 11/23	9:30 AM	Thanksgiving Day Worship Service & Food Drive
	11-4:00 PM	Youth Building Use
	-----	No Ladies Bible Study (with Linda) this week

TODAY:

Fall Congregational Meeting will begin at 10:40 am (during the Sunday School hour.) We will be voting on the 2024 Budget (now available in mailboxes) as well as drawing names for three new deacons and three new elders to serve a two-year term (2024/2025) on council. **Nominees for Elder:** Mark Eisenga, Bob Lee, Jerry Nemeth, Joe Kulhawick, Ken VanPolen, Jr. and Bob Vennema. **Nominees for Deacon:** James Bazuin, Gary Hesselink, Todd Schmid, Carrie Thompson and Curt Wemple.

Sunday School & MS Catechism students will be packing Christmas Shoeboxes in the new basement during the Congregational Meeting. **HS Catechism** students are encouraged to attend the Congregational Meeting. We ask that Sunday School teachers/helpers that don't need to be at the meeting be available to assist the kids while packing the items. (Absentee ballots are available in the church office) Mary Rees will be supervising and can assist in getting everyone started. Becky Wemple will be collecting them later in the afternoon and delivering them to Tustin. Any Shoeboxes that were taken home to be filled will need to be returned to the church by 1:00 pm for pickup on November 19th. Suggested donation for shipping costs this year is \$10 per box. Any help would be greatly appreciated!

Highland's Thanksgiving Dinner will begin at 12:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

The Sunday Evening Fellowship Bible Study will be looking at Lesson 6 tonight of their 6-week study on "Ruth" starting at 4:30 pm in the fellowship hall with potluck supper following.

MS & HS Youth Group - Regular Meeting tonight at 6:00 PM

DUE TODAY- Booster Club's 2023 Christmas Wreath & Poinsettia Sale - Please check the order form in the fellowship hall or contact a booster club member directly for more information on our assorted options! **All orders are due TODAY** **If you would like to purchase a poinsettia in memory of a loved one to be placed in the front of church, please contact **Jodi Meyering** yet this morning!

THIS WEEK:

Modified Office Hours: The Church office will be CLOSED on Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24. All bulletin announcements for the November 26 bulletin must be submitted by noon on Wednesday, November 22. Please leave bulletin items either on the office desk or email them to office@highlandcrc.org. Thank you!

Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study (w/ Hilda) will be looking at Lesson 2 of their new book called *Meeting Jesus*, this Tuesday beginning at 9:30 am.

Thanksgiving Day Service & Marion Food Pantry: Our Thanksgiving Day Service will be held on Thursday, November 23 at 9:30 am. We will be collecting specific items on behalf of the Marion Food Pantry and the families they serve. The pantry is requesting the following items; Baby Items (especially diapers, any size, small packages), gravy packets, meatloaf seasoning packages, chili seasoning packets, and small packages of dog and cat food. Personal hygiene and paper products are also needed. As always, any donations are greatly appreciated, but pantry staffers indicate that drives, such as this one, allow for them to provide variety in the packages they provide to those in need.

Ladies Bible Study (w/ Linda) will not be meeting this Thursday (Thanksgiving Day).

COMING UP:

Next Sunday, November 26: We welcome special guest, Pastor Jim DeZeeuw as he leads our worship service. Pastors Mark & Ashley and their family will be away visiting family.

Children's Church, Sunday School and Catechism will be on Thanksgiving Break on November 26.

A Harvest of Thankful Prayer- Sunday, November 26 at 4:30 pm in the Fellowship hall. The Prayer Ministry Team invites you to a time of reflecting on God's Blessings. In small groups, people will share why they are thankful with regard to the following topics: family, Highland CRC, our country, work and unexpected blessings. After 15-20 mins of sharing, a prayer of thanksgiving will be lifted up by someone who has already been selected to pray. The evening will conclude with a time of fellowship and a light potluck supper.

Save the Date: Our Sunday School Christmas Program will be Sunday, December 17 at 6:00 pm. More details will be available next week!