

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

#### **NURSERY**

**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  
**Dec 17** Shari Benthem, Jan Rivera, Karen Oeverman, Karsyn Meyering

#### **CHILDREN’S CHURCH**

**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  
**Dec 17** Teacher: Megan Plugger; Helpers: Jordyn Richardson, Harper Tossey  
**Dec 24 & 31** No Children’s Church: Christmas/New Year’s Break

#### **SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT**

**Nov 26** Cary Sikkema, Jonathan Ouwinga, Kendra Jenema  
**Dec 3** Matt Thompson, Roger Hagerman, Deborah Ouwinga  
**Dec 10** Cary Sikkema, Dan Ouwinga, Jodi DeHate  
**Dec 17** Kyle Meyering, Kaylie Benthem, Deborah Ouwinga

#### **USHERS**

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

#### **2ND OFFERINGS:**

<b>November:</b>	<b>December:</b>
<b>5<sup>th</sup>:</b> Booster Club	<b>3<sup>rd</sup>:</b> Booster Club
<b>12<sup>th</sup>:</b> World Renew	<b>10<sup>th</sup>:</b> Lydia Shaarda
<b>19<sup>th</sup>:</b> Existing Building Fund	<b>17<sup>th</sup>:</b> Existing Building Fund
<b>23<sup>rd</sup>:</b> Thanksgiving Envelopes	<b>24<sup>th</sup>:</b> Benevolence
<b>26<sup>th</sup>:</b> Love Inc.	<b>31<sup>st</sup>:</b> 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 16, 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 26, 2023

## The People of God Gather:

Welcome & Call to Worship

God's Greeting

Greet One Another

To Praise God

*Holy Water*

*Speak to the Mountains*

Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God

Announcements

Congregational Prayer

To Proclaim God's Word

Children's Message: Pastor Jim DeZeeuw

Song of Preparation: *Agnus Dei*

**Scripture: Luke 2: 41-52**

**Sermon: Searching for the Savior**

Prayer of Response

Song of Response/Offertory: *God You Reign*

Offerings: 1st: General Fund; Love INC

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.  
There is no Children's Church or Sunday School this week.*

## NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:

December 4 at 6:30 pm -Elders

December 4 at 7:00 pm -Deacons

December 4 at 6:30 pm -Council

## 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:

<b>President</b>	Jon Dracht	<b>Pastor Mark Bonnes</b> <b>Pastor Ashley Bonnes</b> *personal contact info is not posted online. Please call the church office.
<b>Vice President</b>	Don Eisenga	
<b>Clerk</b>	Alan Baas	
<b>Sec. of Deacons</b>	Kyle Meyering	
<b>Vice Treas.</b>	Kasey Rees	

### Districts for 2023:

Elders	District	Deacons
Den Kamphouse	<b>#1, A-C</b>	David Wing
Alan Baas	<b>#2, D-E</b>	Kyle Meyering
Jon Dracht	<b>#3, F-L</b>	Devon Dracht
Paul Shaarda	<b>#4, M-O</b>	Kasey Rees
Don Eisenga	<b>#5, P-T</b>	Scott Oeverman
Don Ellens	<b>#6, U-Z</b>	Anne Thomas

<p><b><u>Church Office</u></b> (231) 825-2171 office@highlandcrc.org <b><u>Normal Office Hours:</u></b> <b>Mon-Thurs 8:30 am – 2:00 pm</b> <b>Fri-Sun: Closed</b> All bulletin announcements must be turned in by <u>noon</u> on Thursdays.</p>	<p><b><u>Ministry Team Leaders</u></b> <b>Care &amp; Fellowship Team</b> (Cindy Vennema) <b>Education Team</b> (Megan Pluger) <b>Facilities Team</b> (Greg Hesselink) <b>Outreach Team</b> (Jodi DeHate) <b>Prayer Team</b> (Sandy Rice) <b>Service Team</b> (Carrie Thompson) <b>Worship Team</b> (DaNay Tossey)</p>
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**“Leftover” containers needed** – If you have any clean, gently used containers (with matching lids) you’d be willing to share with the church kitchen, please bring them in or contact Cindy Vennema. These are greatly appreciated for Family Night leftovers. Thank you!

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**The Patriots present “A Christmas to Believe In”**- Join us for our Christmas Concert and Bake Sale on Friday, December 15 at 6:00 pm at the United Methodist Church 1020 E. Division, Cadillac, MI 49601.

**Theological Foundations of the Restoration of Ukraine:** I (George De Vuysts) would like to invite you to an upcoming event at Calvin Theological Seminary. I’ll attach the flyer below, but one of my ministry partners, the Poltava Theological Seminary, will be presenting at Calvin Seminary on the evening of December 14 about the future of Ukraine and the role of sound theological education in the rebuilding of Ukraine. It promises to be a very informative and, hopefully, interactive evening. The president of Poltava Theological Seminary, Pavlo Mykhnevych, and the academic dean, Ihor Skrypnichenko, will be presenting. I will be moderating the event. The event is also open to anyone who is interested, so we would extend the invitation to the congregation as well. The Poltava Theological Seminary would like to have a sense of the number of people who will be in attendance, so they ask for people to register in advance using this google form: <https://forms.gle/8oyqdZExikpzi9kK7>

## PRAYER CONNECTIONS:

### Weekly Prayer Emphasis:

**During the month of November, we want to focus on being thankful for God’s blessings:**

- **This Sunday**, we pray for contentment in our lives.

**During the month of December, we want to focus on Peace and Reconciliation:**

- **In the week ahead and next Sunday**, we lift up prayers for the restoration of relationships.

### ✚ Our Missionaries:

- **Josh & Mandy Shaarda & Family** (Serving in Uganda)  
Email: [jshaarda@crnapartners.org](mailto:jshaarda@crnapartners.org); Blog: <http://shaarda.blogspot.com>
- **George & Sarah de Vuyst & Family** (Serving in Ukraine & the U.S.)  
Email: [gdevuyst@crcna.org](mailto: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 26 - DECEMBER 2**

<b>SUN 11/26</b>	9:15 AM	Prayer
	9:30 AM	Worship Service (No Children's Church this week)
	10:40 AM	No Sunday School –Thanksgiving break
	4:30 PM	A Harvest of Thankful Prayer
<b>TUES 11/28</b>	9:30 AM	Ladies Bible Study (with Hilda) – Lesson 2
<b>WED 11/29</b>	7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting
<b>THURS 11/30</b>	7:00 PM	Ladies Bible Study (with Linda)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**TODAY:**

**This morning**, we welcome **Pastor Jim DeZeeuw** as he leads our worship service. \*\*The Bonnes family will be visiting family November 24-27. Please contact one of the elders for any Pastoral Care needs during that time.

**Thanksgiving Break:** here is be no Children's Church, Sunday School or Catechism this Sunday.

**TONIGHT: 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.

**COMING UP:**

**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.

**Ladies Bible Study** (w/ Linda) will be meeting this Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Middle School youth room.

**J.O.Y. Group Christmas Luncheon** will take place on Tuesday, December 12, at noon in the fellowship hall. Sign-up is on the information table.

**Our Sunday School Christmas Program** will be Sunday, December 17 at 6:00 pm. Practice will begin December 3 during the Sunday School hour. More details yet to come.

**Greeters:** Beginning the first of the year, we are planning to have greeters once again at the sanctuary doors. If you are interested in serving Highland CRC in this way, please sign-up at the information table.

**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.

**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](http://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.

**Now Enrolling Throughout the Year:** Northern Michigan Christian School in McBain is enrolling preschool through high school students throughout the school year. Schedule a tour today and learn more by calling 231-825-2492 or by visiting our updated website at [nmcs.us](http://nmcs.us). Discover the NMCS difference today! Challenging minds, nurturing hearts, and developing gifts through our Christ-centered education initiatives. Scholarships and discounts are available. Transportation to and from Cadillac, Evart, and Lake City is provided.

**NMC Auction:** NMCS will be holding our annual "Building the Future" school auction on December 2 in our cafeteria and gymnasium at 6pm. The online auction will run Nov. 30 through Dec. 1, with the main live auction happening on Dec. 2. Tickets can be purchased online or at the door for \$15. Appetizers and desserts will be served throughout the evening. Proceeds will benefit students directly through tuition assistance. Visit [nmcs.us/auction](http://nmcs.us/auction) for more information.