

| GREETERS – Please arrive by 9:15 am | |
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| Jan 5 | South: Dale & Bev Taylor; North: Bonnie Veddler |
| Jan 12 | South: Den & Bev Kamphouse; North: Jon & Michelle Dracht |
| Jan 19 | South: Ken & Jodi Meyering; North: Kevin & Jodi DeHate |
| Jan 26 | South: Curt & Becky Wemple; North: Paul & Jan Rivera |
| NURSERY – Please arrive by 9:15 am | |
| Jan 5 | Barb Dore, Tami Eisenga, Jodi Meyering, Alan Thomas |
| Jan 12 | Addean Oeverman, Mikayla Powers, Mary Rees, Gracyn Swiler |
| Jan 19 | DaNay Tossey, Bev Taylor, Jackie Schmid, Emma Lee |
| Jan 26 | Megan Plugger, Cindy Vennema, Patti Koop, Penny Bruno |
| CHILDREN’S CHURCH | |
| Jan 5 | Christmas Break – No Children’s Church |
| Jan 12 | Teacher: Megan Plugger; Helpers: Hillary Dracht, Emma Lee |
| Jan 19 | Teacher: Jodi DeHate; Helpers: Sam VanHouten, Charlotte Thomas |
| Jan 26 | Teacher: Miranda Dykhous; Helpers: Nicole Schultz, Gracyn Swiler |
| SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT | |
| Jan 5 | Matt Thompson, Deb Eisenga, Tami Eisenga |
| Jan 12 | Cary Sikkema, Dan Ouwinga, Jodi DeHate |
| Jan 19 | Kyle Meyering, Kaylie Benthem, Deborah Ouwinga |
| Jan 26 | Cary Sikkema, Jon Ouwinga, Kendra Jenema |
| USHERS – Please arrive by 9:15 am | |
| January | Kevin Huttenga, Den Kamphouse, Butch Karsten, Aaron Koetje |
| February | Jerry Koop Jr, Joey Kulhawick, Bob Lee, Ryan McQuestion |
| 2ND OFFERINGS: | |
| January: 5 th : Booster Club 12 th : Project Canefire 19 th : Right to Life – Michigan 26 th : Capital Improvement Fund | |



January 5, 2025
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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| office@highlandcrc.org | Sunday Worship 9:30 am | 9034 23 Mile Rd; Marion |
| www.highlandcrc.org | Sunday School & Catechism 10:40 am – 11:30 am (Sept-May) | (231) 825-2171 |



Welcome to
HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
Morning Worship Service – 9:30 am
January 5, 2025

The People of God Gather:

Prelude: *Lordship Medley (special music)*
Welcome & God’s Greeting
Greet One Another

To Praise God in Song:
Before the Throne of God (vs 1-3)
Behold Our God (vs 1-3)
Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God
Announcements
Congregational Prayer

To Proclaim God’s Word
Children’s Message: David McBride
Song of Preparation: *Ancient Words*

Scripture: Genesis 1:1
Title: *In the Beginning*

To Partake in the Lord’s Supper
The Apostles’ Creed
Communion *please remain seated as the elements are passed
 Bread: *Yet Not I, But Through Christ In Me (vs 1, 3 & 4)*
 Juice: *There is a Redeemer (vs 1-3)*
Prayer of Response
Song of Response/Offertory: *Blood of Jesus Medley (special music)*
Today’s Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: Booster Club

To Go in God’s Name
God’s Blessing
Closing Song: *To God Be The Glory (vs 1, 2)*
Postlude

***Nursery** is available year-round downstairs for children ages 0 - 3 years old.*
***Children’s Bulletins** are available on the information table in the Fellowship Hall.*
***Children’s Church** is currently on Christmas break but will resume January 12.*

COUNCIL CORNER:

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| Council Installation: Sunday, January 12, 2025 | Communion: Sunday, January 5, 2025 |
| Next Council Meetings: Monday, January 13, 2025 6:30 pm Elders 7:00 pm Deacons 7:30 pm Full Council | Preaching Schedule: January 5: Rev. Mark Bonnes January 12: Rev. Mark Bonnes January 19: Rev. Mark Bonnes January 26: Rev. Mark Bonnes |

HIGHLAND COUNCIL:

Council Officers for 2025:

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| President | Mark Eisenga | Pastor Mark Bonnes Pastor Ashley Bonnes *Please contact the church office for contact information (231) 825-2171 |
| Vice President | Ken Meyering | |
| Clerk | Bob Vennema | |
| Sec. of Deacons | Carrie Thompson | |
| Vice Treasurer | James Bazuin | |

Districts for 2025:

| Elders | District | Deacons |
|---------------|----------|-----------------|
| Jerry Nemeth | #1, A-C | Carrie Thompson |
| Jason Benthem | #2, D-E | Jon Ouwinga |
| Bob Vennema | #3, F-L | Curt Wemple |
| Mark Eisenga | #4, M-O | Gary Hesselink |
| Joe Kulhawick | #5, P-T | Ryan McQuestion |
| Ken Meyering | #6, U-Z | James Bazuin |

| OFFICE CONTACT INFO: | MINISTRY LEADERS: |
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| Phone: (231) 825-2171 Email: office@highlandcrc.org Office Hours: Monday-Thursday; 8:30 am – 2 pm **All bulletin announcements must be submitted to the church office by <u>noon on Thursdays</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 – Bonnie McBride |

Notes:

PRAYER CONNECTIONS:

- We lift up those in prayer that are battling long-term and recent health concerns. We pray for healing and strength and wisdom through those journeys and for the caregivers walking alongside.
- We also pray for those struggling with the loss of loved ones, especially during the holiday season. We pray that they are wrapped in God’s love and comfort.

OUR MISSIONARIES:

- **Prayer Letters and Updates are available on our Missions bulletin board:
- **Josh & Mandy Shaarda & Family** (Serving in Uganda)
Email: jshaarda@crnapartners.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>
 - **Matthew & Emily Slack & Family** (Serving in Asia)

OUR ACTIVE MILITARY:

- **SSgt, Tyler Bode** (US Airforce; currently stationed in 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: JANUARY 5-11 | | |
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| SUN 1/5 | 9:15 AM | Prayer |
| | 9:30 AM | Worship Service & Communion |
| | ----- | No Sunday School / Catechism – will resume next Sunday |
| | ----- | No Fellowship Bible Study – will resume January 26 |
| MON 1/6 | 7:00 PM | Praise Team Practice |
| FRI 1/10 | 2:30-5 PM | Classis Interim Committee Meeting in the Youth Building |

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Communion: This morning, we have the privilege of celebrating the Lord’s supper.

Installation for incoming Council members will be next Sunday, January 12. Please continue to pray over these individuals as they prepare for the next 2 years of service. Incoming Elders are Jason Benthem, Joe Kulhawick, Ken Meyering. Incoming Deacons are James Bazuin, Ryan McQuestion & Jon Ouwinga.

Bible Promises for You: “For every circumstance and season of life, God has promises that offer direction, peace, perspective, and wisdom. *Bible Promises for You* is a collection of promises taken from the New International Version of the Bible and is categorized by topic for easy reference”. As a blessing to you in the New Year, the Highland Prayer Team has placed a copy of this little book in each mailbox. Feel free to either keep or share this helpful resource with someone who could use some encouragement from the Bible for any circumstance in their life. If you don’t have a church mailbox or would like additional copies, please contact the church office or Sandy Rice.

1989 Highland Cookbooks: Looking for the perfect gift? Highland CRC Booster Club did a reprint of the classic 1989 Highland CRC cookbook with the recipes that everyone loves (this is the one with vegetables on the cover). They are \$22 each. Available at McBain Grain and Highland CRC. Shipping available for a higher rate. Any questions, please contact Laura Swiler or the Highland Church office at (231) 825-2171.

Attention HS: Winter Retreat at Spring Hill Camp is scheduled for January 17-19. The cost for the retreat is \$189 to cover travel, lodging, 5 meals, the speaker, worship and activities. However, half of the cost has already been paid, bringing the fee down to \$95 per student. Visit <https://my.springhillexperiences.com/camper/express/446> to register. Please contact Alan of Dana Baas with any questions.

Memorial Poinsettias: Thank you to everyone that helped provide the beautiful poinsettias once again at the front of church during the Christmas season. All unclaimed poinsettias have been moved to a table in the fellowship hall and are free to take.

Save-the-date: Fellowship Bible Study will resume on Sunday, January 26 at 4:30 pm in the fellowship hall.

Winter Clothing Drive: We are again having a Winter Clothing Drive on behalf of Marion Public Schools and local community resources. We need Coats (all sizes), boots (all sizes), snow pants (all sizes, preferably black in color), and gloves. We are all set in the hat department! All donations should be new or gently used. Donation can be placed by the service team table in the east wing. Items will be delivered throughout the winter months.

Christmas Shoebox: Thank you again for all the ongoing support and donations you have given for our recent Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection for 2024—it was a great year! We would like to ask the congregation for ongoing support and donations for this year as well. Once again, we will be collecting these items on a monthly basis. For **January/February** we would like to start out with **CRAFT ITEMS**—if you have a skill/talent with making dolls, or marble bags or toiletry bag this will be greatly appreciated! There will be a “Christmas Shoebox Tote” labeled for the donations needed each month located in the Fellowship Hall. Please feel free to purchase any of these items at any time as we greatly appreciate all the support. If you would like to give monetary donations that will be accepted as well! Thank you again for your ongoing support and generosity!

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Messiah sing-along takes place TONIGHT, January 5, 2025 at 3 PM, at the First Congregational Church of Cadillac. People are invited to attend as audience or as singers for the choruses. Those planning to sing are also invited to join for the final rehearsal 6 PM on Thursday January 2 at the same venue.

Grief Share sessions for 2025 at Vogel Center CRC 1789 E. Stoney Corners Rd. McBain, MI will be held on Saturdays, January 4 - March 29 from 9-11 AM. For more information contact the Vogel Center CRC office at Office@outlook.com or call (231) 825-2053.

Mississippi Trip 2025: The Mississippi Trip will be March 21-29, 2025. We are planning our area church youth and adult mission trip to Port Gibson, Mississippi. The vision of this trip involves stewardship and loving others through Christ. As adult leaders and youth participants, we strive to encourage one another in our walk of faith, grow closer to God, and serve wholeheartedly with Christian Volunteer Services to the physical and spiritual needs of any of God’s people we encounter. The total cost of this year’s trip is \$125. If interested, please contact Dennis Anderson or Ross Vrieze. Youth and Adult application forms are available on the Information table in the Fellowship hall.