

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

NURSERY

- Jan 8** Cindy Vennema, Patti Koop, Lizelle Bazuin, Franklin Baas
Jan 15 Bev Kamphouse, Kasey McQuestion, Shari Benthem, Kendyn Meyering
Jan 22 Karen Oeverman, Becky Wemple, Stephanie VanHouten, Evan Wemple
Jan 29 Diane Eisenga, Dana Baas, Ruth Kulhawick, Leah Thompson

CHILDREN’S CHURCH

- Jan 8** Teacher: Sara Bruno; Helpers: Lindsay Beerens, Kendyn Meyering
Jan 15 Teacher: Jodi DeHate; Helpers: Jordyn Richardson, Gracyn Swiler
Jan 22 Teacher: Megan Plugger; Helpers: Nicole Schultz, Alan Thomas
Jan 29 Teacher: Cindy Vennema; Helpers: Nicole Koetje, Addean Oeverman

SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT

- Jan 8** Kyle Meyering, Dan Ouwinga, Kendra Jenema
Jan 15 Matt Thompson, Jonathan Ouwinga, Deb Eisenga
Jan 22 Cary Sikkema, Dan Ouwinga, Sue Cook
Jan 29 Kyle Meyering, Roger Hagerman, Tami Eisenga

2ND OFFERINGS

- January:**
1st – Booster Club
8th – Building & Maintenance Fund
15th – Life Resources
22nd – Marion Food Pantry
29th – Friends Ministry

USHERS

- January:** Jerry Nemeth, Jim Ouwinga, Aaron Plugger, Dale Taylor
February: Kerwin Huttenga, Henry Baas, Mike Southwick

****If you are unable to serve on your scheduled date, please find a replacement.
Please call the church office (231) 825-2171 if you have any questions. Thank you!**



January 8, 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

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Sunday Worship 9:30 AM
Sunday School 10:50 AM (Sept-May)

9034 23 Mile Rd; Marion
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HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
Morning Worship Service – 9:30 am
January 8, 2023
Epiphany

The People of God Gather:

Prelude
 Welcome & Lighting Christ Candle
 God's Greeting
 Greet One Another

To Praise God:

Matthew 18:20 & Genesis 28:16a
Surely the Presence
He is Here
 Galatians 2:20
In Christ Alone (vs 1-3)
 Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God:

Ordination / Installation of Elders and Deacons
 Vows of the congregation
 Song of Dedication: *Take My life and Let it Be (vs 1 & 5)*
 Announcements
 Congregational Prayer (starting with the Lord's Prayer)

To Proclaim God's Word:

Children's Message- Megan Pluger
 Song of Preparation: *God Has Spoken by His Prophets (vs 1 & 2)*
 Sermon Title: **More Than a Flashlight**
 Scripture: **Isaiah 60:1-5**
 Prayer of Response

Song of Response/Offertory: *Shine, Jesus Shine (vs 1-3)*
 Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: Building and Maintenance Fund

To Go in God's Name

God's blessing
 Closing Song: *Worthy, You Are Worthy (vs 1 & 3)*
 Postlude

*Our **Nursery** is available downstairs for children ages 0 - 3 years old.
Children's Church is available downstairs for children ages 3-Kindergarten
 following the children's message.*

HIGHLAND COUNCIL

Officers for 2023:

President	Jon Dracht
Vice President	Don Eisenga
Clerk	Alan Baas
Sec. of Deacons	Kyle Meyering
Vice Treas.	Kasey Rees

Pastor Mark Bonnes Pastor Ashley Bonnes
**Contact info is not published online. Please call the church office for assistance.

Districts for 2023:

*Redistricting will be addressed at the 01/09/23 council meeting

Elders	District	Deacons
Den Kamphouse	#1, A-C	David Wing
TBA	#2, D-E	TBA
TBA	#3, F-L	Devon Dracht
Paul Shaarda	#4, M-O	Kasey Rees
TBA	#5, P-T	TBA
TBA	#6, U-Z	TBA

Important Upcoming Dates:
January 8: Installation of Elders and Deacons
January 9: Next Council Meeting
January 15: Communion
January 19: Classis NM at Highland CRC

Church Office
 (231) 825-2171
 office@highlandcrc.org
 Office Hours:
 Mon - Thurs: 8:30 am-2:00 pm
 Fri-Sun: Closed
****All bulletin content is due
 at noon on Thursdays****

Ministry Team Leaders
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)

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED:

Items for Christmas Shoeboxes- Thank you again for all the ongoing support and donations you have given for our recent Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection for 2022—it was a great year! We would like to ask the congregation for ongoing support and donations by collecting 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! (I have an example that I will put out in the fellowship hall) I will be setting out a Tote labeled for the donations each month that will be located in the Fellowship Hall. Please feel free to purchase any of these items at any time as we greatly appreciate all the support.

Cookbooks available by the church office. These make great gifts that keeps giving all year long!

- **Community Hope presents "Taste Tested Hometown Cooking"** -A great collection of favorite recipes from 14 Missaukee County churches. Cookbooks are \$20 each. Checks can be made payable to **Community Hope** and given to the church office or mailed to Community Hope, P.O. Box 265, Lake City MI 49651. Please write cookbook on the memo line.
- **"Taste of Highland CRC" Centennial Cookbooks** are also available for \$5.

Northern Michigan Christian School invites you to **"A Night in the Galaxy"** Preschool – 12th Grade Open House, Thursday, January 12 from 4:30-6:00 PM. This will be an interactive night for prospective families to explore our Preschool - 12th grade classrooms. Guests will also receive FREE admission to the Boys' Basketball game and FREE concession vouchers for the evening. Please visit www.nmcs.us for more information.

Dear Highland CRC, We are thankful for your prayers and financial support this past year for our work and ministry in Ukraine with refugees affected by the war.

We will be giving an in depth presentation with pictures, stories, and information about our time in Ukraine and the situation there this coming Saturday, January 14 at 7:00 pm at Lucas CRC. Refreshments will be provided. All are welcome.

God Bless! ~Eric & Stacey Hoeksema

PRAYER CORNER

- ✚ We lift up in prayer those that need healing: **Amanda Lee, Bonnie Veddler, Dick Bruno, BJ Cook, Carol Niver, Bruce Vennema, & MaryJo Lee.**
- ✚ We are happy to report that **Ken VanPolen Sr.** was able to come home from the hospital earlier this past week following a cardiac event. Please pray for continued improvement and renewed strength.
- ✚ **Bruce Vennema** has completed his treatments. Please pray for good results on his CT scan in three weeks. Bruce and Deb greatly appreciate all your prayers and support.
- ✚ Continued prayers for **Margaret Westmaas** and **Mary Dracht** who are currently working with World Renew in Orange, Texas from January 7 until January 28.
- ✚ **Missionaries: George & Sarah de Vuyst family** (Ukraine)
Josh & Mandy Shaarda family (Uganda)
- ✚ **Active Military: SFC Seth Nowland** (US Army; Camp Casey, S. Korea)
SSgt Tyler Bode (US Airforce; Davis Monthan Airforce Base, Tucson, AZ)

THANK YOU!

- ✚ Thank you to our many friends and family at Highland for all your prayers and support following the loss of our great-grandson LJ back in December. They were deeply felt and appreciated. ~Ken & Arla Roede
- ✚ We would like to offer our heartfelt gratitude to our Highland family for the many ways we have experienced the love of God through you in the loss of our beloved sister Martha Zuiderveen. Our God is faithful, and has blessed us deeply through our family in Christ. ~Bob & Barb Lee & Family
- ✚ **Update from BJ Cook:** I would like to thank all of you who have sent me cards through the mail and especially those who have prayed for me, stopped by or called just to see how I am doing. As of January 6, I have decided to retire from Ferris State University after 22 ½ years. It has been a good journey. Starting January 10, I will begin a new round of chemo where I will be going to the Cadillac Hospital for further chemo treatments for my Multiple Myeloma every Tuesday. This is with anticipation of a stem cell transplant either early or late spring this year. For the stem cell transplant, I will be at the Corewell Health Medical Center (formerly Spectrum Hospital) in Grand Rapids just off of Michigan Street. I will be in isolation for at least three weeks where I will endure more treatments and then build up my immune system as I will be starting from ground zero. I hope to be home by summer, but will not be seeing too many people as it will take time to build up my immune system. My wife Sue has been wonderful to me throughout this whole process as I know this will be a lot of work for her this coming year as I won't be doing too much around the house. Thank you for your continued prayers. ~BJ Cook

OUR CHURCH WEEK: JANUARY 8-14

SUN 01/08	9:15 AM 9:30 AM 10:50 AM 6:00 PM	Prayer Morning Worship Service Sunday School & Catechism resume Extreme & Strong Tower
MON 01/9	6:30 PM 7:00 PM 7:30 PM	Elders Meeting Deacons Meeting Council Meeting
TUES 01/10	5:45 PM	REV Moms
WED 01/11	9:30 AM 7:00 PM	Ladies Bible Study (w/ Hilda) –Lesson 1 Prayer Meeting
THURS 01/12	7:00 PM	Ladies Bible Study (w/ Linda) –F.H.
SAT 01/14	12-5:00 PM	YB Use

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

This morning we will have the Installation of Elders and Deacons for 2023. Incoming Elders: Don Eisenga, Don Ellens and Alan Baas. Incoming Deacons: Anne Thomas, Kyle Meyering and Scott Oeverman.

Thank you- As we install new elders and deacons to serve on the Highland Church council, we honor those who have just completed two year terms of service: Elders Ken Meyering, Jerry Koop Jr. and Bryan Eisenga, and Deacons Greg Tossey, Adam Swiler and Doug Mitchell. We honor them for investing their time, energy hearts as leaders and servants at Highland Church. We are grateful to God for their service and for being a source of God's blessing to the people of Highland Church.

Tonight: Strong Tower and Extreme Youth Groups meet TONIGHT from 6:00-7:30pm. Be sure to bring your favorite full-size candy bar for our candy bar madness game.

Communion- We will have the honor of celebrating the Lord's Supper next week. If you or a loved one of Highland are homebound but would still like to take part in Communion, please contact one of the elders or the church office so this can be arranged.

The Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Study (w/ Hilda) will begin a new study on the Apostles' Creed starting January 11 at 9:30 am. If you are interested in joining this next study, please contact Hilda Cruz for a book.

The Sunday Evening Fellowship Bible Study will begin a new study on January 29 at 4:30 pm on the book of James. Please contact Sandy Rice if you would like to be a part of this next study.

Notice: Classis Northern Michigan will be meeting at Highland CRC on Thursday, January 19 starting at 10:00am.

If you purchased a Memorial Poinsettia, please take it home this Sunday. They can be found on a table in the fellowship hall. If you haven't already paid for your memorial poinsettia, please contact Jodi Meyering.

Help Needed: Our Strong Tower and Extreme Youth Groups are in need of volunteers! If you are able to help in any of these areas, please contact our Youth Director, Lindsay Zuiderveen or the church office.

- **Large Group Leaders:** Present lesson to group (lesson is provided). Lead discussions as a whole with group. Lead game with helper (game idea/supplies are provided as well if needed).
- **Adult helper:** Aid the large group leader with keeping group focused and engaged. Help with group game.

Save the Date: Highland Hymn-sing: The Sunday Evening Fellowship Bible Study invites you to a night of song on Sunday, January 22, 2023 at 5:00 pm followed by a time of fellowship and a light supper.

The Service Team has started planning for the holiday and winter season. Over the next couple months, we will be gathering the following items to disperse to area agencies. All of the donations can be placed on the table in the east wing. Any questions, please contact Carrie Thompson.

- **January:** Paper products (paper towels, toilet paper, feminine hygiene products, disinfectant wipes, etc.).

Lost & Found:

- Missing: Men's black jacket, size L, last seen on 12/11. If found, please bring it to the church office.
- Please take a moment to check our lost and found shelf (above the north entrance coat racks) for any items that might be yours. Please do not use those shelves for storage as we wish to avoid further clutter.

In honor of Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, Wexford/Missaukee will be holding a "Silent March" at 2pm on January 22nd at the Northern Light Church at 115 Cobb Street in Cadillac. We will be marching to Mt. Carmel Cemetery where we will have 55 black crosses representing the 55 abortions in Wexford and Missaukee Counties in 2021. We will have a short eulogy. Refreshments will then be served back at the church.

REV Moms' 4th Annual Craft Day Retreat -Treat yourself to some "Me Time" from 8am - 8pm on February 25, 2023. Join us for a well-deserved day of crafting & self-care! Whether you scrapbook, sew, quilt, knit, make jewelry, or assemble photo books from your phone or laptop, etc...., we have a spot for you! We'll feed you 3 amazing meals with snacks and drinks, provide local music, giveaways, quiet rooms and gentle yoga. Price is \$30 for a half day or \$45 for the whole day.