

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

GREETERS – Please arrive by 9:15 am	
Jan 11	South: Jean Venema; North: Kevin & Tami Eisenga
Jan 18	South: Sam & Steph VanHouten; North: Jim & Bev Ouwinga
Jan 25	South: Jason & Shari Benthem; North: Paul & Carole Shaarda
Feb 1	South: Dale & Bev Taylor; North: Den & Bev Kamphouse
NURSERY – Please arrive by 9:15 am	
Jan 11	Esther Bode, Cam Mulder, Charlotte Thomas
Jan 18	Sue Meeuwenberg, Diane Nemeth, Lilly Schoch
Jan 25	Tami Eisenga, Barb Dore, Natalie Veddler
Feb 1	Jodi DeHate, Jodi Meyering, Madalyn Oeverman
CHILDREN’S CHURCH – (September – May; Sundays Only)	
Jan 11	Teacher: Jordyn Richardson; Helper: Gracyn Swiler
Jan 18	Teacher: Jodi DeHate; Helper: Harrison Tossey
Jan 25	Teacher: Sara Bruno; Helper: Alan Thomas
Feb 1	Teacher: Makayla Powers; Helper: Harper Tossey
SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT	
Jan 11	Cary Sikkema, Dan Ouwinga, Jodi DeHate
Jan 18	Kyle Meyering, Jon Ouwinga, Micah Chrispell
Jan 25	Cary Sikkema, Kaylie Benthem, Deborah Ouwinga
Feb 1	Matt Thompson, Deb Eisenga, Tami Eisenga
USHERS – Please arrive by 9:15 am	
January:	Greg Hesselink, Kerwin Huttenga, Den Kamphouse, Jerry Nemeth
February:	Kevin Huttenga, Aaron Koetje, Jerry Koop, Ryan McQuestion
2ND OFFERINGS:	
JANUARY: 4 th : Booster Club 11 th : Project Canefire 18 th : Right to Life 25 th : Capital Improvement Fund	**Parking Lot Pledges can be turned in via the offering plate at any time but please use the pledge envelopes available on the information table**



January 11, 2026

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

Sunday Worship 9:30 am
Sunday School & Catechism
10:40 am - 11:30 am (Sept-May)

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Welcome to
HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
Morning Worship Service – 9:30 am
January 11, 2026

The People of God Gather:

Prelude: *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*
Welcome & God’s Greeting
Greet One Another

To Praise God in Song:
All Glory Be To Christ
Jesus Messiah
Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God
Announcements
– FIC Testimonial video
Congregational Prayer

To Proclaim God’s Word
Children’s Message: Anne Thomas
Song of Preparation: *Above All*
Passage: **Luke 14:15-24**
Sermon: ***What’s Our Excuse?***

To Partake in the Lord’s Supper
Heidelberg Catechism Q&A #21
Communion *please remain seated as the elements are passed
Bread: *Hallelujah for the Cross*
Juice: *Thank You Jesus for the Blood*
Prayer of Response
Song of Response/Offertory: *Behold Our God*
Today’s Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: Project Canefire

To Go in God’s Name
God’s Blessing
Closing Song: *The Blessing*
Postlude

Nursery is available year-round downstairs for children ages 0 - 3 years old.
Children’s Church is available for children ages 3-Kindergarten immediately following the Children’s message. **Children under 7 must be picked up from their classroom by a parent/guardian.
Children’s Bulletins are available on the information table in the Fellowship Hall.

COMING UP:

Next Communion:

Today, January 11, 2026

Next Council Meetings:

Monday, January 12, 2026
6:30 pm Elders
7:00 pm Deacons
7:30 pm Full Council

Preaching Schedule:

January 11: Rev. Mark Bonnes
January 18: Rev. Mark Bonnes
January 25: Rev. Mark Bonnes
February 1: Guest Pastor; TBA
February 8: Rev. Ashley Bonnes
February 15: Rev. Mark Bonnes

HIGHLAND COUNCIL

Council Officers for 2026:

President	Steve Meeuwenberg	Pastor Mark Bonnes Pastor Ashley Bonnes Please contact our Church office at (231) 825-2171 for directory assistance.
Vice President	Ken Meyering	
Clerk	Greg Tossey	
Sec. of Deacons	Jon Ouwinga	
Vice Treasurer	James Bazuin	

Districts for 2026:

Elders	District	Deacons
Greg Tossey	#1, A-C	Kevin DeHate
Jason Benthem	#2, D-E	Jon Ouwinga
Steve Meeuwenberg	#3, F-L	Miranda Dykhouse
Paul Shaarda	#4, M-O	Kyle Veltema
Doug Mitchell	#5, P-T	Ryan McQuestion
Ken Meyering	#6, U-Z	James Bazuin

CHURCH OFFICE INFO:

Phone: (231) 825-2171
Email: office@highlandcrc.org

Normal Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday
8:30 am – 2:00 pm
*Bulletin announcements due by noon on Thursdays

MINISTRY LEADERS:

Care & Fellowship Team – Cindy Vennema
Education Team – Megan Pluger
Facilities Team – Greg Hesselink & Devon Dracht
Outreach Team – Committee
Prayer Team – Sandy Rice
Service Team – Carrie Thompson
Worship Team – Bonnie McBride

****Our LIVE Stream has moved** over to our **YouTube** channel, **Highland CRC LIVE** (make sure it says LIVE) <http://www.youtube.com/@HighlandCRCLIVE>. Links can also be found on our Facebook page and under “sermons” on our website.

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We are so thankful for our Highland Church family and for all your prayers, calls and cards following [Mark's] shoulder replacement surgery just before Christmas. Your continued prayers for complete healing are greatly appreciated. ~Mark & Deb Eisenga

Lynn Rice had left knee replacement surgery on December 30. Prayers for healing and relief from any discomfort are greatly appreciated.

Chris Sheats Update: On December 23, we received a highly encouraging report from the Hematologist with numbers that exceeded our expectations! Chris's kidneys and liver function are performing exceptionally well, which is a significant triumph in the face of myeloma. An x-ray was conducted to investigate the source of additional pain on the left side, and although it revealed two new lesions, we remain hopeful. A PET scan has been scheduled for January 12th. We would like to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you who have stood by us throughout this challenging journey. Your unwavering support and love have been a constant source of strength and inspiration, and we feel truly blessed to have you all in our lives. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus ~ The Sheats Family

Colter Bailey began his 2nd Stem Cell Rescue on December 29. Please continue to hold Colter and his family up in prayer in the following weeks:

- For protection over Colter and minimal side effects from the chemotherapy.
- For wisdom and discernment for the medical team.
- For strength and peace for Kait and Justin as they care for Colter and are away from their other children.
- That when they don't know what to pray for that God and friends and family will intercede for them and carry them.
- That their other children stay healthy & for strength, patience, and peace for those caring for them.

- **Josh & Mandy Shaarda (Serving in Uganda)**
Email: jshaarda@crcnapartners.org; Blog: <http://shaarda.blogspot.com>
- **George & Sarah de Vuyst (Serving in Europe)**
Email: gdevuyst@crcna.org; Website: <http://www.devuysts.com>
- **Matthew & Emily Slack (Serving in the England)**
Email: mslack@crcna.org

- **SSgt, Tyler Bode (US Airforce; currently stationed in Italy).**

OUR CHURCH WEEK: JANUARY 11-18

SUN 1/11	9:15 AM 9:30 AM 10:40 AM ----- 6-8:00 PM	Prayer Worship Service & Communion Sunday School/Catechism resumes; dismissed at 11:30 No Fellowship Bible Study – winter break MS/HS Youth Groups
MON 1/12	5-7:00 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM 7:30 PM	Youth Building Use Elders Meeting Deacons Meeting Council Meeting
TUES 1/13	9:30 AM	Ladies Bible Study with Hilda
THUR 1/15	7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Worship Team Meeting Freedom In Christ Bible Study (w/ Linda) - youth building
FRI-SUN	See below	HS Youth Retreat in Houghton Lake

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

This morning, we will have the opportunity to celebrate the Lord’s supper.

Fellowship Bible Study will begin Season 2 of Ray Vander Laan’s “The Study” on January 25. Please contact Sandy Rice to reserve your Season 2 participant guide.

The Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study will meet this Tuesday at 9:30 for Lesson 14 of their study on the book of Genesis. Please contact Hilda with any questions.

Freedom in Christ Bible Study: All are invited to join a Bible study recommended by Josh and Mandy Shaarda. This 11-week study will be held on Thursday evenings at 7 pm in the youth building, beginning January 15. Each lesson is video-led followed by a time of discussion. The course focuses on how to believe, not how to behave and will help you clear away the spiritual cobwebs and connect with Jesus in a deeper way. This course will help you grasp the amazing truth of your new identity in Christ and teach you to uncover and resist the enemy's deception. Homework is not required, but is optional to review what we are learning. Please contact Linda Wing with any questions and to reserve your participant workbook.

High School Youth Group’s Winter Retreat is next weekend, January 16th-18th. This will be a Christ-centered, fun weekend getaway for the kids. This year, we are doing our OWN Highland winter retreat in Houghton Lake. We are excited about getting to know each other better and having a ton of fun! The cost is \$75.00 per student and will include all meals and activities. During the weekend, we are going to focus on “Loving your Selfie” and redefining our self-worth according to what God teaches us. We plan on leaving from the church parking lot at 7 pm on Friday the 16th and returning around 1 pm on Sunday the 18th. Let us know if you have any questions on how you can help support us that weekend!

The **2026 Baby Bottle Campaign for Life Resources of Northern Michigan** is almost here! Next Sunday is Sanctity of Human Life Sunday and you will be offered a bottle after the service to fill and return by February 8. Cash, change and checks are welcome! If you wish to write a check, please make it payable to Life Resources of Northern Michigan. Please return any unused bottles as well so these can be used for future campaigns. A box for bottles (full or empty) will be available near the information table in the fellowship hall.

Profession of Faith/New Members Class will be offered during the season of Lent (starting in early February) Please contact Pastor Ashley if interested or for more information.

Winter Clothing Drive: The Service Team is holding a Winter Clothing Drive through the months of November, December, January. We are accepting new and gently used (in good condition) items. Needed items: coats, snow-pants, boots and gloves. Please placed donated items on the table in the east wing.

Community Hope's “LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR” Food Drive is coming soon! This year, the drive runs from January 31 – February 13. This food drive is the primary way we put food on the shelves of area food pantries that provide much-needed resources to the people of our community. More details to follow!

Phone Tree & Directory Information Update: In an effort to maintain clear communication in the event of a prayer chain, service/event cancellation or pastoral care you will soon receive a Member Profile Form in your church mailbox. Please verify the info we have or provide the updated information. If you don’t have a mailbox yet, you can request one alone with a Member Profile Form from the office.

Lost & Found: Are you missing a favorite casserole dish or those handy to-go containers? How about a coat? They’re probably here. Please take a moment to check the table in the fellowship hall this morning.

AREA EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

GriefShare 2026 sessions will begin at Vogel Center CRC on Saturday, January 3 from 9:00-11:00AM and will continue every Saturday through March 28. Please share this information with those who are grieving a loss and help them find hope and healing after the death of a loved one. For more information, contact Pastor Adam Barton at adam.mh.barton@gmail.com or (616) 566-7937.

Calling all 20 Somethings! (Post high school to age 29) - Rehoboth Reformed Church is kicking off a brand-new group on January 14 at 6:30 PM, and we’re starting strong— with corn-hole, competition, and copious amounts of pizza. Bring your best bean-bag toss skills (or just your appetite). Questions? Contact Kendrick & Katelyn Smallegan or Drew Vana.