

"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)

9034 23 Mile Rd; Marion, MI

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

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.

January 18: Sanctity of Human Life Sunday – Please join the pro-life community across the nation I observing Sanctity of Human Life Sunday. We mourn and pray for the hundreds of millions of innocent lives lost to abortion, the women harmed, and the families and communities forever impacted. Join us locally, as we commemorate the sanctity of life at the Northern Light Church, 115 Cobb Street in Cadillac, on Sunday, January 18th at 2 pm. A brief memorial update will be given by Wexford/Missaukee Right to life followed by an open microphone for those who would like to offer group prayer. Hot coffee, hot chocolate and homemade cookies will be served.

Notes:

THANK YOU:

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

PRAYER CONNECTIONS:

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.

OUR MISSIONARIES:

- **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

OUR ACTIVE MILITARY

- **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 place 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.