

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

NURSERY

Jan 14 Mikayla Powers, Mary Rees, DaNay Tossey, Addean Oeverman
Jan 21 Bev Taylor, Jackie Schmid, Megan Plugger, Jayden Benthem
Jan 28 Cindy Vennema, Patti Koop, Brooke Benthem, Charlotte Thomas
Feb 4 Shari Benthem, Bev Kamphouse, Kasey McQuestion, Emerson Tossey

CHILDREN’S CHURCH

Jan 14 Teacher: Kasey McQuestion; Helpers: Nicole Schultz, Steph VanHouten
Jan 21 Teacher: Sara Bruno; Helpers: Hillary Dracht, Emma Lee
Jan 28 Teacher: Jodi DeHate; Helpers: Nicole Koetje, Gracyn Swiler
Feb 4 Teacher: Megan Plugger; Helpers: Jordyn Richardson, Alan Thomas

SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT

Jan 14 Matt Thompson, Jonathan Ouwinga, Deborah Ouwinga
Jan 21 Kyle Meyering, Deb Eisenga, Tami Eisenga
Jan 28 Cary Sikkema, Kaylie Benthem, Kendra Jenema
Feb 4 Matt Thompson, Jonathan Ouwinga, Jodi DeHate

USHERS

January: Kevin Eisenga, Bob Lee, Mike Southwick, Kendyn Meyering,
February: Den Kamphouse, Kerwin Huttenga, Adam Southwick, Alan Thomas

GREETERS – PLEASE ARRIVE BY 9:15 AM

Jan 14 South Door: Kevin & Jodi DeHate; North Door: Kyle & Abby Meyering
Jan 21 South Door: Al & Anne Thomas; North Door: Marlin & Jean Venema
Jan 28 South Door: Hilda Cruz; North Door: Greg & DaNay Tossey
Feb 4 South Door: Dave & Linda Wing; North Door: Todd & Jackie Schmid

2ND OFFERINGS:

January:	February:
7th: Booster Club	4 th : Booster Club
14th: Project Cane Fire	11 th : Friendship Bible Ministry
21st: Right to Life	18 th : Friends Ministry
28th: Existing Building Fund	25 th : Existing Building Fund

If you are unable to serve on your scheduled week, please find a replacement. For directory assistance, please contact the church office (231) 825-2171.



January 14, 2024

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

January 14, 2024

The People of God Gather:

Prelude
 Welcome & Remembering our Baptism
 God's Greeting
 Greet One Another

To Praise God
10,000 Reasons
Jesus Messiah
 Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God
 Announcements
 Congregational Prayer

To Proclaim God's Word
 Children's Message: Al Thomas
 Song of Preparation: *Above All*
Scripture: John 6: 35-59
Message: This is Jesus' Body?

To Partake in the Lord's Supper
 The Apostles' Creed
 Communion *please remain seated as the elements are passed
 Bread: *Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*
 Juice: *Living Hope*
 Prayer of Response
 Song of Response/Offertory: *Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me*
 Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: Booster Club

To Go in God's Name
 God's blessing
 Closing Song: *Revive Us Again*
 Postlude

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:
 Monday, February 12
 6:30 pm Elders
 7:00 pm Deacons
 7:30 pm –Full Council

PREACHING SCHEDULE:
 January 7 – Pastor Mark
 January 14 – Pastor Mark
 January 21 – Pastor Mark
 January 28 – Pastor Mark

HIGHLAND COUNCIL:
Officers for 2024:

President	Don Eisenga	Pastor Mark Bonnes Pastor Ashley Bonnes *personal contact info is not posted online. Please call the church office.
Vice President	Bob Vennema	
Clerk	Alan Baas	
Sec. of Deacons	Kyle Meyering	
Vice Treas.	Curt Wemple	

Districts for 2024:

Elders	District	Deacons
Jerry Nemeth	#1, A-C	Carrie Thompson
Alan Baas	#2, D-E	Kyle Meyering
Bob Vennema	#3, F-L	Curt Wemple
Mark Eisenga	#4, M-O	Gary Hesselink
Don Eisenga	#5, P-T	Scott Oeverman
Don Ellens	#6, U-Z	Anne Thomas

<p><u>Church Office</u> (231) 825-2171 office@highlandcrc.org <u>Normal Office Hours:</u> Mon-Thurs 8:30 am – 2:00 pm Fri-Sun: Closed **All Bulletin announcements must be submitted to the office by <u>noon</u> on Thursdays.</p>	<p><u>Ministry Team Leaders</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 (DaNay Tossey)</p>
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** **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.

In honor of Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, Wexford/Missaukee RTL will be holding a "Silent March" on January 21, 2024 at 2:00 pm at the Northern Light Church at 115 Cobb Street in Cadillac. From there, we will be marching to Mt. Carmel Cemetery to commemorate the 63 million babies lost to abortion since Roe v Wade. There will be a short eulogy at the cemetery followed by refreshments back at the church.

Love INC of Wexford, Osceola and Missaukee Counties is looking for volunteers to help with their new Food Pantry that is scheduled to open in February. If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact Sara in the church office to complete a volunteer questionnaire. If you would like to help stock their Food Pantry please visit their Facebook page for a list of items they currently need.

10K to Flight, a Christian Contemporary band, with siblings, harmonies and worship dance will be offering a free concert at Rehoboth Reformed Church at 6 PM on January 28. The family performs original music, classic hymns, and shares their unique testimonies to passionately bear witness to God's life changing power. For more information, please go to www.rehoboth.church/events

Financial Peace University: You work way too hard to be this broke! Now is the time to take back control of your money, and that starts by taking Financial Peace University. Class starts on Sunday, January 21 at 11am at Rehoboth Reformed Church (8372 S Lucas Rd, McBain). There will be childcare for your kiddos, some light snacks, and a *fun* class that will make 2024 the year you get control of your money. For more info and registration: <https://www.fpu.com/E45CA9>.

Mississippi Trip 2024: The Mississippi Trip will be March 22-30, 2024. 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 you are interested please contact Dennis Anderson (231-878-1778) or Ross Vrieze (231) 920-6793. Youth and Adult application forms are available in the Highland church office.

Area Men's Bible Study: Feeling stuck? Looking for a new start? Vogel Center Church is sponsoring a 10-week Men's Bible study going through the *Freedom in Christ* course. The group will meet on Saturdays at 10:45 am at the New Beginning's Church in McBain, (100 N Harrison St.), beginning on Saturday, January 13. A light breakfast will be included.

PRAYER CONNECTIONS:

- ✚ Our condolences to the Jodi & Ken Meyering & family in the passing of Jodi's dad, **Curt VanHouten** this past Monday, January 8, 2024. He was 84. The funeral was held this past Friday at Lucas Christian Reformed Church.
- ✚ Please pray for **Paul Shaarda** who had surgery on his tongue this past Tuesday, January 9. Surgery went well with no surprises. He sees his surgeon next week Wednesday for a follow-up and the results of the pathology report. Please pray that the results will be good and for complete healing and relief from the pain.
- ✚ **Dan Ouwinga's** knee replacement surgery is scheduled for Monday, January 15. Please pray for a successful surgery and for complete healing afterwards.
- ✚ **Brad Pluger:** We lift of prayers of thanks for the progress that he is making and continue to pray for complete healing and comfort.
- ✚ **Shelly Jenema** is currently at Mary Free Bed (Traverse City campus) where she is receiving physical therapy and doing well in her recovery. Please continue to pray for patience and complete healing.
- ✚ Please pray for **Margaret Westmaas** and **Mary Dracht** as they wrap up on their work project with World Renew in Sarasota, FL.
- ✚ **Our Missionaries:**
 - **Josh & Mandy Shaarda & Family**
Email: jshaarda@crncpartners.org; Blog: <http://shaarda.blogspot.com>
 - **George & Sarah de Vuyst & Family**
Email: gdevuyst@crcna.org; Website: <http://www.devuysts.com>
 - **Matthew & Emily Slack & Family**
Email: mslack@crcna.org
- ✚ **Our Active Military:**
 - **SSgt, Tyler Bode** (US Airforce; currently stationed in Italy).

HIGHLAND’S JANUARY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS • JANUARY 9, 2024

- **Offerings for February:** 4th: Booster Club; 11th: Friendship Bible Ministry
18th: Friends Ministry; 25th: Existing Building Fund
- **Watershed Visit:** At the request of Classis Northern Michigan, each Church will be sending a representative to visit the Watershed Church, in Traverse City (church plant). Don Ellens will be the Highland Church representative for February.
- A **Council Retreat** has been scheduled for Saturday, February 3 from 9-1 in the Youth Building.
- **Mutual Censure** was taken of Council.
- **Communion** confirmed for January 14, 2024.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

December General Fund:		2nd Offerings:	
3rd	6,208.00	Booster Club	806.00
10th	8,980.00	Lydia Shaarda	1,618.00
17th	6,405.00	Church Building Fund	1,899.00
24th	6,010.00	Benevolence	2,036.00
31st	<u>7,878.42</u>	Marion Food Pantry	829.00
Total December GF Offerings	35,481.42		
Budget needed weekly	6,184.04		
Times 53 weeks	327,754.20		
Received to date	<u>343,704.24</u>		
Balance	15,950.04		

OUR CHURCH WEEK: JANUARY 14-20

SUN 1/14	9:15 AM	Prayer
	9:30 AM	Worship Service & Communion
	10:40 AM	Sunday School & Catechism resume
	-----	No Fellowship Bible Study (December & January)
MON 1/15	-----	Office Closed
TUES 1/16	9:30 AM	Ladies Bible Study - Lesson 5
	7:00 PM	REV Moms Steering Team Meeting
WED 1/17	6:30 PM	Family Night Dinner: Chicken Tenders & Mashed Potatoes
	7:00 PM	Centershot, GEMS & Prayer Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

This morning we have the privilege of celebrating the Lord’s Supper.

Help Needed: Family Night dinner is this Wednesday, January 17 at 6:30 pm. We will be serving Chicken tenders and mashed potatoes. We are requesting donations of (4) large crockpots of mashed potatoes. Please sign up in the fellowship hall if you are willing to donate mashed potatoes. Centershot, GEMS and Prayer Meeting will begin at 7:00 pm.

Modified Office Hours: The Church office will be closed on Monday, January 15.

Christmas Shoebox: Thank you again for all the ongoing support and donations you have given for our recent Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection for 2023—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!

Greeters/Ushers/Nursery Volunteers: If you missed the opportunity during Sign-up Sundays and would still like to sign up to be part of our Greeter rotation, Usher rotation, or Nursery rotation, please notify the church office. Your help is greatly appreciated!

Abide: Wednesday, January 24, 6:30pm: A multi-church gathering for a time of worship, prayer, testimony, and resting in the presence of God. January Abide will have a youth focus; youth groups are welcome come Abide. Hosted by Lake City CRC, 1657 S. Morey Rd., Lake City.