

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

#### NURSERY

- 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  
**Feb 5** Nicole Schultz, Linda Ellens, Maggie Southwick, Karsyn Meyering

#### CHILDREN’S CHURCH

- Jan 15** Teacher: Jodi DeHate; Helpers: Jordyn Richardson, Gracyn Swiler  
**Jan 22** Teacher: Cindy Vennema; Helpers: Nicole Schultz, Alan Thomas  
**Jan 29** Teacher: Megan Plugger; Helpers: Nicole Koetje, Addean Oeverman  
**Feb 5** Teacher: Lizelle Bazuin; Helpers: Hillary Dracht, Harper Tossey

#### SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT

- Jan 15** Matt Thompson, Jonathan Ouwinga, Deb Eisenga  
**Jan 22** Cary Sikkema, Dan Ouwinga, Sue Cook  
**Jan 29** Kyle Meyering, Roger Hagerman, Tami Eisenga  
**Feb 5** Matt Thompson, Deb Eisenga, Jodi DeHate

#### 2<sup>ND</sup> OFFERINGS

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| <b>January:</b>                               | <b>February:</b>                               |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> – Booster Club                | 5 <sup>th</sup> – Booster Club                 |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> – Building & Maintenance Fund | 12 <sup>th</sup> – Building & Maintenance Fund |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> – Life Resources             | 19 <sup>th</sup> – World Renew                 |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Middle School Youth Room   | 26 <sup>th</sup> – Middle School Youth Room    |

#### 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 15, 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 15, 2023**  
*Communion*

**The People of God Gather:**

**Prelude**

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

To Praise God:

Psalm 148:1

*Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens, Adore Him! (vs 1 & 3)*

Psalm 86:10

*How Great Thou Art (vs 1-3)*

Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God:

Installation of Elder Don Ellens  
 Vows of the congregation  
 Announcements  
 Congregational Prayer

To Proclaim God's Word:

Children's Message- DaNay Tossey

Song of Preparation: *Speak O Lord (vs 1 & 3)*

Sermon Title: **Praise Without Action is Dead**

Scripture: **Psalm 111**

Prayer of Response

To Partake in the Lord's Supper:

The Apostles' Creed

Communion \*please remain seated as the elements are passed

Bread: *The Old Rugged Cross (vs 1-3)*

Juice: *Behold The Lamb (vs 1-3)*

Song of Response/Offertory: *Blessed Assurance (vs 1-3)*

Offerings: 1<sup>st</sup>: General Fund; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Life Resources

To Go in God's Name

God's blessing

Closing Song: *Blessed Assurance (vs 4)*

Postlude

**HIGHLAND COUNCIL**

**Officers for 2023:**

(All have a 231 area code unless otherwise noted)

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

**Pastor Mark Bonnes**  
**Pastor Ashley Bonnes**

\*personal contact #'s are not posted online. Please contact the church office for assistance.

**Districts for 2023:**

<b>Elders</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Deacons</b>
Den Kamphouse	<b>#1, A-C</b>	David Wing
Alan Baas	<b>#2, D-E</b>	Kyle Meyering
Jon Dracht	<b>#3, F-L</b>	Devon Dracht
Paul Shaarda	<b>#4, M-O</b>	Kasey Rees
Don Eisenga	<b>#5, P-T</b>	Scott Oeverman
Don Eisenga	<b>#6, U-Z</b>	Anne Thomas

**Important Upcoming Dates:**

**January 15:** Communion & Don Ellens Installation

**January 19:** Classis NM at Highland CRC

<p align="center"><b><u>Church Office</u></b>                  (231) 825-2171                  office@highlandcrc.org                  Office Hours:                  Mon - Thurs: 8:30 am-2:00 pm                  Fri-Sun: Closed  <b>**All bulletin content is due at noon on Thursdays**</b></p>	<p align="center"><b><u>Ministry Team Leaders</u></b>  <b>Care &amp; Fellowship Team</b> (Cindy Vennema)  <b>Education Team</b> (Megan Pluger)  <b>Facilities Team</b> (Greg Hesselink)  <b>Outreach Team</b> (Jodi DeHate)  <b>Prayer Team</b> (Sandy Rice)  <b>Service Team</b> (Carrie Thompson)  <b>Worship Team</b> (DaNay Tossey)</p>
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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.

**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.

**Positions available at Lake City Christian Reformed Church** (All position descriptions are available on their website at <https://lakecitycrc.org/opportunities> or by contacting their church office at [office@lakecitycrc.org](mailto:office@lakecitycrc.org). Resumes/Applications may be emailed to [office@lakecitycrc.org](mailto:office@lakecitycrc.org) or mailed to Lake City CRC, P. O. Box 659, Lake City, MI 49651):

- **Church Administrator (Full-time):** Lake City CRC is currently seeking a person who has a passion to oversee, coordinate and direct key ministries of LCCRC including a direct role in facilities management. The Church Administrator is a full-time, salaried position.
- **Church Administrator (Part-time):** Lake City CRC is currently seeking a person who has a passion to oversee, coordinate and direct key ministries of LCCRC. The Church Administrator is a part-time position.
- **Young Children’s Ministry Coordinator:** Lake City CRC is seeking a person who has a passion to oversee and coordinate the programming for children ages birth to school age. The Young Children’s Ministry Coordinator is a part-time/hourly employee who will normally work 8-10 hours per week.

**PRAYER CORNER**

- ✚ We lift up in prayer those that need healing: **Amanda Lee, Bonnie Veddler, Dick Bruno, BJ Cook, Carol Niver, & MaryJo Lee.**
- ✚ Continued prayers for **Margaret Westmaas** and **Mary Dracht** who are currently working with World Renew in Orange, Texas from January 7 until January 28.
- ✚ **Request for prayer from George de Vuyst** –“We ask for your continued prayers and support for the work of Healing Hearts, Transforming Nations. This year we trained 24 facilitators in Sumas, Washington in September and 2 other people from the U.S. were trained at the International School of Reconciliation in Rwanda in October. This means that things are beginning to spread in North America!”

**DAILY PRAYER FOCUS**

*Almighty God, we thank you for each one serving on council.  
We pray that the Holy Spirit will cause our church council to be God fearing and to recognize that they are accountable only to You for each decision that is made.  
Fill them with wisdom and understanding and may they be gentle, honest and wise as they carry out their responsibilities. Amen.*

**OUR MISSIONARIES**

\*Contact the office for mailing addresses

**George & Sarah de Vuyst & Family**

Serving in Ukraine & the U.S.

Email: [gdevuyst@crcna.org](mailto:gdevuyst@crcna.org)

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**Josh & Mandy Shaarda & Family**

Serving in Uganda

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Blog: <http://shaarda.blogspot.com>

**OUR ACTIVE MILITARY**

\*Contact the office for mailing addresses

**Seth Nowland**

(Sergeant First Class; U.S. Army)

Camp Casey Army Base, South Korea

\*\*Parents: Larry & Marilyn Nowland

**Tyler Bode**

(Staff Sergeant, U.S. Air Force)

Davis Monthan Airforce Base, Tucson, AZ

\*\*Parents: Dale & Becky Bode

**OUR CHURCH WEEK: JANUARY 15-21**

<b>SUN</b> 01/15	9:15 AM 9:30 AM **10:40 AM 6:00 PM	Prayer Morning Worship Service & Communion Sunday School & Catechism (dismiss at 11:30) Extreme & Strong Tower –Regular Meeting
<b>TUES</b> 01/17	7:00 PM	REV Moms Steering Team Mtg. -YB
<b>WED</b> 01/18	9:30 AM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Ladies Bible Study (w/ Hilda) –Lesson 2 Family Night Dinner Centershot, GEMS & Prayer Meeting
<b>THURS</b> 01/19	7:00 PM	Ladies Bible Study (w/ Linda) –F.H.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**This morning:** We will have the honor of celebrating the Lord’s Supper. If you have professed that Jesus is your Lord and Savior, we invite you to share in this celebration.

**\*\*Attention Sunday School & Catechism Parents:** Starting today and throughout the rest of the year, our Sunday School and Catechism classes will start at 10:40 am when the bell rings and run until 11:30 am.

**Tonight: Extreme & Strong Tower (6:00-7:30 pm)** Regular meeting w/ Large Group Leaders – Al Thomas and Lindsay Zuiderveen; Snack – Becky Wemple and Karen Oeverman.

**Family Night: A delicious dinner** of chicken strips and mashed potatoes will be served at 6:30 pm this Wednesday, January 18 with Centershot, GEMS and Prayer meeting following at 7:00 pm. \*\*If you are willing to contribute a pan of mashed potatoes to this dinner, please check the sign-up sheet on the information table.

**The Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Study (w/ Hilda)** will be looking at lesson 2 of their new study of the Apostles’ Creed. If you are interested in joining this next study, it’s not too late! Please contact Hilda Cruz for a study guide.

**The Thursday Evening Ladies Bible Study (w/ Linda)** will be meeting this Thursday at 7:00 pm in the Youth Building for their video led study entitled “Finding Balance: Thriving in a ‘Do it all’ world”

**Next week: Highland Hymn-sing:** The Sunday Evening Fellowship Bible Study invites you to a night of song next Sunday, January 22, 2023 at 5:00 pm followed by a time of fellowship and a light potluck supper.

**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.

**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.

**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.).

**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.

**Versiti Blood of Michigan** will be here on Wednesday, February 15, from 1:00-6:30 pm in the Youth Building for our next Blood Drive. Appointments are preferred but walk-ins are welcome! For an appointment, please call 1 (866) 642-5663, or go to [www.versiti.org/mi](http://www.versiti.org/mi). You may also schedule through our site-coordinator, Sara by calling the church office at (231) 825-2171.

**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.

**HIGHLAND COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS    JANUARY 9, 2023**

- **Districts & Liaisons:** Elders and Deacons were selected for Congregational Districts and Council Liaisons were selected for each ministry team. Please check the Council Corner section of the bulletin for these updates.
- **Youth Group Room Update:** About a year ago, plans for putting together a middle school youth group room in the unfinished part of the basement was introduced and fundraising began. The room will be a large classroom with a kitchenette. It is primarily intended as a place for the middle school youth but has multi use options for other groups or activities. This past week council considered an estimate and approved a plan for the room. We currently have half the funds needed for the project. The deacons have scheduled offerings once a month to help raise funds for the remainder. Please prayerfully consider giving to this project as we try to use this facility to meet the needs of our community. There will be a brief presentation on this project next Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- **Adjustments to Special Offerings:** There have been some changes to the list of Special offerings for the months of January and February. January 22<sup>nd</sup> has been changed to “Right to Life of Michigan” in support of *Sanctity of Human Life Sunday*. The Council has also added “Middle School Youth Room” to the monthly rotation until the necessary funds to cover project expenses are raised.
- **FYI:** Highland CRC will be hosting a special Classis meeting on January 19<sup>th</sup> from 10:00-2:00.

**TREASURER’S REPORT FOR DECEMBER**

<b>December Offerings</b>		<b>2nd Offerings</b>	
4th	10,887.00	Booster Club	918.00
11th	3,006.00	Benevolence	928.00
18th	5,584.00	Freedom Summit Adventures	805.00
25th - No Church	<u>2,000.77</u>		
Total December Offerings	21,477.77		
Budget needed weekly	6,208.44		
Times 52 weeks	<u>322,839.00</u>		
Received to date	293,476.65		
Balance	(29,362.35)		