

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

GREETERS – Please arrive by 9:15 am

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
Feb 8	South: Ken & Jodi Meyering; North: Jon & Michelle Dracht

NURSERY – Please arrive by 9:15 am

Jan 18	Sue Meeuwenberg, Diane Nemeth, Lilly Schoch
Jan 25	Tami Eisenga, Barb Dore, Natalie Veddler
Feb 1	Jodi DeHate, Jodi Meyering, Madalyn Oeverman
Feb 8	Addean Oeverman, Makayla Powers, Harper Tossey

CHILDREN'S CHURCH – (September – May; Sundays Only)

Jan 18	Teacher: Jodi DeHate; Helper: Harrison Tossey
Jan 25	Teacher: Sara Bruno; Helper: Alan Thomas
Feb 1	Teacher: Makayla Powers; Helper: Harper Tossey
Feb 8	Teacher: Amanda Lutke; Helper: Steph VanHouten

SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT

Jan 18	Kyle Meyering, Jon Ouwinga, Micah Chrispell
Jan 25	Cary Sikkema, Kaylie Benthem, Deborah Ouwinga
Feb 1	Matt Thompson, Deb Eisenga, Tami Eisenga
Feb 8	Kyle Meyering, Dan Ouwinga, Jodi DeHate

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:	February:
4 th : Booster Club	1 st : Booster Club
11 th : Project Canefire	8 th : Mississippi Mission Trip
18 th : Right to Life	15: The Slack Family
25 th : Capital Improvement Fund	22 nd : 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 18, 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 18, 2026

The People of God Gather:

Prelude
 Welcome & God's Greeting
 Greet One Another

To Praise God in Song:

Behold Our God (vs 1-2)
Holy, Holy (vs 1-4)
How Great Thou Art (vs 1-2)
 Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God

Announcements
 – Sleep In Heavenly Peace Update

Congregational Prayer

To Proclaim God's Word

Children's Message: Mark Bonnes
 Song of Preparation: *Wonderful Words of Life* (vs 1 & 3)

Passage: **Matthew 18.12-14**

Sermon: **Disgust or Celebration?**

Prayer of Response

Song of Response/Offertory: *Revive Us Again* (vs 1-4)

Today's Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: Right to Life

To Go in God's Name

God's Blessing

Closing Song: *I Need Thee Every Hour* (vs 1 & 4)

Postlude

Nursery is available year-round downstairs for children ages 0 - 3 years old.

Children's Church is available downstairs for children age 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:

March 1, 2026

Next Council Meetings:

Monday, February 9, 2026

6:30 pm Elders

7:00 pm Deacons

7:30 pm Full Council

Preaching Schedule:

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 is now on our YouTube channel, **Highland CRC LIVE (make sure it says LIVE) visit <http://www.youtube.com/@HighlandCRCLIVE>.

Notes:

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).**

- **Council Retreat:** February 1st, 9 am – 1 pm in the Youth Building. Council is continuing its tradition of doing a single morning retreat. This is to help foster a positive culture for the council and to learn how to be more effective church leaders.
- **Sleep in Heavenly Peace** - Council voted to officially host a chapter of Sleep in Heavenly Peace. This also allows them to ask for donations from church and church members. Look for updates on this ministry. Also, continue to pray for the leadership team as they work to bring this ministry to Osceola county.
- **Weather!** - The lights have been fixed but the elevator still is down from the power outage. We are hoping to have it back operational in the next few weeks. Council also allocated funds for a generator for the parsonage in case of future power outages.

TREASURER'S REPORT – DECEMBER 2025

December General Fund		2nd Offerings	
7th	6,958.00	Booster Club	1,288.00
14th	6,249.00	Single MOMM	662.00
21st	6,529.63	Marion Food Pantry	1,144.00
28th	no church		
Total Dec Offerings	19,736.63		
Budget needed weekly	6,341.59	Parking Lot Fund	44,822.50
Times 52 weeks	329,762.54	Offering	120.00
Received to date	<u>334,460.08</u>	Parking Lot Fund	44,942.50
Balance	4,697.54		

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS:

TODAY, January 18: Sanctity of Human Life Sunday – Please join the pro-life community across the nation in 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, this afternoon 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. Coffee, hot chocolate and homemade cookies will be served.

Project Canefire: We are grateful to God and to all of you for your continued support in helping us build homes, dig fresh water wells, support students, start businesses and teach sewing classes in the Dominican Republic. This year, 21 volunteers will be headed to the Dominican Republic from Jan. 20 to Feb. 3.

We covet your prayers for healthy bodies, safe travels to and from the DR and within the country, and the completion of the proposed projects for this year. Thank you so much!

Attention: Roaring 20's (Area group for those in their 20s) will be meeting every other Wednesday at 6:30 PM at Rehoboth Reformed Church. Our next gathering is on Wednesday, January 28. Dinner will be provided as we start our study, *Created to Commune* by Rachel Joy. Come join us for an evening of fellowship and connection.

Abide: Wednesday, January 28, 6:30pm: A multi-church gathering for a time of worship, prayer, testimony, and resting in the presence of God. Hosted by Lake City CRC, 1657 S. Morey Rd., Lake City.

Discover NMCS Open House – All are invited to NMCS's open house on February 20 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. To register and RSVP for the open house, please visit nmcs.us/admissions. This is a night to tour the school, take in a basketball game, ask questions, and meet our staff.

Mississippi Trip 2026: The Mississippi Trip will be March 27-April 4, 2026. 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 address the physical and spiritual needs of any of God's people we encounter. The total cost of this year's trip is \$125. If interested, please contact Dennis Anderson or Ross Vrieze. Youth and Adult application forms are available in the church office.

OUR CHURCH WEEK: JANUARY 18-24

SUN 1/18	9:15 AM 9:30 AM 10:40 AM -----	Prayer Worship Service & Communion Sunday School/Catechism resumes; dismissed at 11:30 No Fellowship Bible Study; Resumes next Sunday, 1/25
MON 1/19	5-7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Youth Building Use JUMP Practice
TUES 1/20	9:30 AM 5:45 PM	Ladies Bible Study with Hilda REV Moms
WED 1/21	6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Family Night Dinner Centershot & GEMS
THUR 1/22	7:00 PM	FIC Bible Study (w/ Linda) – Youth Building

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The 2026 Baby Bottle Campaign for Life Resources of Northern Michigan kicks off this morning. 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.

HS Catechism will not be meeting this morning due to the Winter Retreat.

Fellowship Bible Study will begin Season 2 of Ray Vander Laan's "The Study" next Sunday, January 25 at 4:30 pm in the fellowship hall. Potluck supper to follow. Please contact Sandy Rice to reserve your Season 2 participant guide. **If you attended Season 1, please remember to bring your emptied 3-ring binder to use this season. If you're new to the series, one will be provided.

The Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study will be meeting this Tuesday at 9:30 for Lesson 15 of their study on Genesis. Please contact Hilda with any questions.

REV Moms will be meeting this Tuesday, January 20 at 5:45 pm. Please take a moment to check their menu board in the fellowship hall for an items still needed. Your help with even the simplest items is greatly appreciated by all moms that attend.

Freedom in Christ Bible Study will meet this Thursday at 7:00 pm in the youth building for Lesson 2. Please contact Linda Wing with any questions.

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

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 Sara in the office.

****NEW** Family Game Night:** We would like to invite everyone to participate in a game night once a month at Highland. This is for all ages 3-100+. Bring your favorite board or card game (put your name on your game). Feel free to bring a snack but it is not required. We will have water and lemonade available for drinks. Several tables will be set in the fellowship hall up to accommodate a variety of games. Some games may last 10 minutes while other games may take the whole two hours. This is a great opportunity for people of all ages to interact with each other and meet new people. The first one will be Friday January 23 from 6 pm to 8 pm. Other dates are February 20, March 20 and April 17. If you have any questions, please contact Mike or Jen Chrispell.

HIGHLAND SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:

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. **ITEMS NEEDED:** soup, cereal, canned vegetables, canned fruit, tuna, canned chicken, stuffing mix, boxed rice/pasta, spaghetti sauce, spaghetti noodles and peanut butter.

Christmas Shoebox Collection: Thank you again for all the ongoing support and donations you have given for our recent Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection for 2025—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. Throughout **January/February** we will be collecting **CRAFT ITEMS:** small sewing kits, craft packets, coloring books, bracelet kits, marker coloring sets, puzzles, playdough, etc. —if you have a skill/talent with making dolls, or marble bags or toiletry bags, these would be greatly appreciated too! There is 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!