

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

GREETERS – Please arrive by 9:15 am	
Jan 19	South: Ken & Jodi Meyering; North: Kevin & Jodi DeHate
Jan 26	South: Curt & Becky Wemple; North: Paul & Jan Rivera
Feb 2	South: Kyle & Abby Meyering; North: Al & Anne Thomas
Feb 9	South: Hilda Cruz; North: Greg & DaNay Tossey

NURSERY – Please arrive by 9:15 am	
Jan 19	DaNay Tossey, Bev Taylor, Jackie Schmid, Emma Lee
Jan 26	Megan Pluger, Cindy Vennema, Patti Koop, Penny Bruno
Feb 2	Brooke Benthem, Lizelle Bazuin, Bev Kamphouse, Amara Beerens
Feb 9	Kasey McQuestion, Shari Benthem, Jan Rivera, Elijah Rees

CHILDREN’S CHURCH	
Jan 19	Teacher: Jodi DeHate; Helpers: Sam VanHouten, Charlotte Thomas
Jan 26	Teacher: Miranda Dykhouse; Helpers: Nicole Schultz, Gracy Swiler
Feb 2	Teacher: Jordyn Richardson; Helpers: Lindsay Beerens, Harmony Kirkby
Feb 9	Teacher: Sara Bruno, Helpers: Steph VanHouten & Alan Thomas

SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT	
Jan 19	Kyle Meyering, Kaylie Benthem, Deborah Ouwinga
Jan 26	Cary Sikkema, Jon Ouwinga, Kendra Jenema
Feb 2	Matt Thompson, Deb Eisenga, Tami Eisenga
Feb 9	Kyle Meyering, Dan Ouwinga, Jodi DeHate

USHERS – Please arrive by 9:15 am	
January	Kevin Huttenga, Den Kamphouse, Butch Karsten, Aaron Koetje
February	Jerry Koop Jr, Joey Kulhawick, Bob Lee, Ryan McQuestion

2ND OFFERINGS:	
January:	February:
5 th : Booster Club	2 nd : Booster Club
12 th : Project Canefire	9 th : Mississippi Mission Trip
19 th : Right to Life – Michigan	16 th : Matt & Emily Slack
26 th : Capital Improvement Fund	23 rd : Capital Improvement Fund



January 19, 2025
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)

Welcome to
HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
Morning Worship Service – 9:30 am
January 19, 2025

The People of God Gather:

Prelude
Welcome & God’s Greeting
Greet One Another

To Praise God in Song:
Behold Our God (vs 1-3)
Crown Him with Many Crowns (vs 1,3,4)
Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God
Announcements
Congregational Prayer

To Proclaim God’s Word
Children’s Message: Marilyn Visser
Song of Preparation: *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing (vs 1,2,4)*

Scripture: John 2:1-12
Title: *The Best for Last*

Prayer of Response
Song of Response/Offertory: *Yet Not I, But Through Christ In Me (vs 1,3,4)*
Today’s Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: Right to Life - MI

To Go in God’s Name
God’s Blessing
Closing Song: *Tell Your Children (vs 1,2)*
Postlude

***Children’s Bulletins** are available on the information table in the Fellowship Hall.*
***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.*

COUNCIL CORNER:

Next Communion:
Sunday, March 2, 2025

Next Council Meetings:
Monday, February 10, 2025
6:30 pm Elders
7:00 pm Deacons
7:30 pm Full Council

Preaching Schedule:
January 5: Rev. Mark Bonnes
January 12: Rev. Mark Bonnes
January 19: Rev. Mark Bonnes
January 26: Rev. Mark Bonnes

HIGHLAND COUNCIL:

Council Officers for 2025:

President	Mark Eisenga	Pastor Mark Bonnes Pastor Ashley Bonnes *Please contact the church office for contact information (231) 825-2171
Vice President	Ken Meyering	
Clerk	Bob Vennema	
Sec. of Deacons	Carrie Thompson	
Vice Treasurer	James Bazuin	

Districts for 2025:

Elders	District	Deacons
Jerry Nemeth	#1, A-C	Carrie Thompson
Jason Benthem	#2, D-E	Jon Ouwinga
Bob Vennema	#3, F-L	Curt Wemple
Mark Eisenga	#4, M-O	Gary Hesselink
Joe Kulhawick	#5, P-T	Ryan McQuestion
Ken Meyering	#6, U-Z	James Bazuin

OFFICE CONTACT INFO:	MINISTRY LEADERS:
<p>Phone: (231) 825-2171 Email: office@highlandcrc.org Office Hours: Monday-Thursday; 8:30 am – 2 pm **All bulletin announcements must be submitted to the church office by <u>noon on Thursdays</u></p>	<p>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 – Bonnie McBride</p>

Abide: Wednesday, February 5 at 6:30 pm: A multi-church gathering for a time of worship, prayer, testimony, and resting in the presence of God. Hosted at Lake City CRC, 1657 S. Morey Rd., Lake City.

Discovery NMCS Open House: February 7th from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. If you or someone you know is interested in Christ-centered education and extracurricular opportunities, we encourage all prospective students and families to join us for this special opportunity. This is the perfect opportunity to tour the school, meet current families, meet teachers and administration, and discover the many opportunities that NMCS has to offer. To register for the open house and for further information visit our website at www.nmcs.us/admissions We are excited about what God is doing at NMCS and we are eager to share that with as many families as possible.

Save The Date: Protect Young Eyes Presentation- Parents and caring adults, the Education Team is hosting an event titled *Fabulous & Fragile: Mental Health, Tech, & Our Kids*, and you won't want to miss it! Devices and technology are capable of so much and easily captivate our children. Come unpack the brain, science, and solutions needed to help our amazing kids navigate an addictive digital world. Join us Saturday, February 22, from 1:00-2:30PM for this compelling presentation. This is a free event open to the public with childcare provided, refreshments, and door prizes. Donations will be accepted at the door to help cover speaker costs. We are also looking for sponsors for the event. If you are interested in financially supporting this endeavor, please contact the church office at (231) 825-2171.

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 2024—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!

Denominational Survey: Our congregation has a once-in-five-year opportunity to participate in the 2025 CRC denominational survey. This survey helps denominational leadership understand the concerns and needs of local congregations like ours. It is crucial that as many people from our congregation as possible participate. Please visit crcna.org/survey/1249 to answer the survey questions **by March 31**.

PRAYER CONNECTIONS:

- Bob & Lori Hesselink would appreciate your prayers as Bob was recently diagnosed with cancer in his back. After undergoing additional testing, the decision was made to bring in Hospice care.
- Butch & Mary Karsten would appreciate your continued prayers as Mary was still in the ICU as of this printing.

OUR MISSIONARIES:

****Prayer Letters and Updates are available on our Missions bulletin board:**

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

OUR ACTIVE MILITARY:

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

PRAYER & SCRIPTURE RESOURCES:

Bible Promises for You: “For every circumstance and season of life, God has promises that offer direction, peace, perspective, and wisdom. *Bible Promises for You* is a collection of promises taken from the New International Version of the Bible and is categorized by topic for easy reference”. As a blessing to you in the New Year, the Highland Prayer Team has placed a copy of this little book in each mailbox. Feel free to either keep or share this helpful resource with someone who could use some encouragement from the Bible for any circumstance in their life. If you don't have a church mailbox or would like additional copies, please contact the church office or Sandy Rice.

HIGHLAND COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS • JANUARY 13, 2025

- Council began with a reading & review of the Covenant of Office bearers, with new officers signing. We also reviewed the Code of Conduct Agreement and all signed for the year.
- Council noted that we ended 2024 with approximately \$20,000 excess of the budget. We would like to thank the congregation for their generosity. There are no current needs for the funds, so council plans to save it until needed.
- We designated a council member to help get quotes for the playground, which we are hoping to update this summer.
- Council designated ministry team liaisons (see below). Please note that the Outreach team currently does not have a team leader.

Ministry Team Liaisons for 2025:

Ministry Team:	Team Chair:	Council Liaisons:
Care & Share Team	Cindy Vennema	Jerry Nemeth
Education Team	Megan Pluger	Gary Hesselink
Facilities Team	Greg Hesselink	Ryan McQuestion
Prayer Team	Sandy Rice	Rev. Ashley Bonnes
Outreach	**Open**	Pending
Service Team	Carrie Thompson	Bob Vennema
Worship Team	Bonnie McBride	Rev. Mark Bonnes
Human Resources	Marilyn Visser	Mark Eisenga

TREASURER’S REPORT FOR DECEMBER:

December General Fund		2nd Offerings	
1st	6,645.00	Booster Club	1,148.00
8th	16,113.00	Single MOMM	1,052.00
15th	7,990.00	Friendship Bible Study	769.00
22nd	5,732.00	Right to Life	700.00
29th	6,839.99	Capital Improvement Fund	1,401.00
Total Dec Offerings	43,319.99		
Budget needed weekly	6,471.23		
Times 52 weeks	336,504.18		
Received to date	<u>353,875.06</u>		
Balance	17,370.88		

OUR CHURCH WEEK: JANUARY 19-25

SUN 1/19	9:15 AM 9:30 AM 10:40 AM ----- 6-7:30 PM	Prayer Worship Service; Ordination & Installation of Council Sunday School & Catechism resume; Dismissed at 11:30 No Fellowship Bible Study – will resume January 26 MS Youth Group only
MON 1/20	7:00 PM	Praise Team Practice – Anne’s team
TUES 1/21	9:30 AM	Ladies Bible Study – Lesson 3
WED 1/22	7:00 PM	Praise Team Practice – Al’s team

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ladies Bible Study (w/ Hilda) will meet this Tuesday at 9:30 am for Lesson 3 of their new Life Guide Bible study *“Nehemiah - The Courage to Face Opposition”*

Fellowship Bible Study will begin next Sunday, January 26 at 4:30 pm in the fellowship hall with potluck to follow. Join us for Ray Vander Laan’s six-lesson video series, “Kings & Prophets”. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Sandy Rice.

Office Hours for Pastor Ashley are Tuesdays & Wednesdays from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. She is available by phone or email during that time and available in-person by appointment.

1989 Highland Cookbooks: Looking for the perfect gift? Highland CRC Booster Club did a reprint of the classic 1989 Highland CRC cookbook with the recipes that everyone loves (this is the one with vegetables on the cover). They are \$22 each. Available at McBain Grain and Highland CRC. Shipping available for a higher rate. Any questions, please contact Laura Swiler or the Highland Church office at (231) 825-217.

Clothing Drive Update: The Service Team will continue to take donations to the Marion Elementary, Junior High and High Schools as they come in. Most needed, as of this date, are shoes and boots, all sizes. Thanks so much for your commitment to this project!

TODAY: Silent March for SOHLS: In honor of Sanctity of Human Life Sunday (SOHLS), Wexford-Missaukee RTL invites you to join with them for a Silent today, January 19, at 2:00 pm. We will gather at the Northern Light Church at 115 Cobb Street in Cadillac. After brief instructions at the church, we will be invited to pick up a (provided) poster sign, and march single file to Mt. Carmel Cemetery where we will have 52 crosses in place. Each cross represents an abortion in Wexford & Missaukee counties in 2023. We will then place a luminary at each cross followed by a short eulogy and prayer. You will be invited back to the church for homemade cookies and refreshments.