

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

#### NURSERY

- 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  
**Feb 11** Jan Rivera, Karen Oeverman, Dana Baas, Madelyn Oeverman

#### CHILDREN’S CHURCH

- 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  
**Feb 11** Teacher: Miranda Dykhouse, Lindsay Beerens, Harper Tossey

#### SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT

- Jan 21** Kyle Meyering, Deb Eisenga, Tami Eisenga  
**Jan 28** Cary Sikkema, Kaylie Benthem, Kendra Jenema  
**Feb 4** Matt Thompson, Jonathan Ouwinga, Jodi DeHate  
**Feb 11** Kyle Meyering, Deb Eisenga, Deborah Ouwinga

#### 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 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  
**Feb 11** South Door: Jerry & Diane Nemeth; North Door: Scott & Karen Oeverman

#### 2ND OFFERINGS:

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|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>January:</b>              | <b>February:</b>                |
| 7th: Booster Club            | 4th: Booster Club               |
| 14th: Project Cane Fire      | 11th: Friendship Bible Ministry |
| 21st: Right to Life          | 18th: Friends Ministry          |
| 28th: Existing Building Fund | 25th: 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 21, 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 21, 2024

## The People of God Gather:

Prelude  
Welcome & God's Greeting  
Greet One Another

### To Praise God

*That's Why We Praise Him (vs 1-2)*  
*What A Friend We Have In Jesus (vs 1-2)*  
*In Christ Alone (vs 1,2,4)*  
Prayer of Praise

### To Pray and Serve God

Announcements  
Congregational Prayer

### To Proclaim God's Word

Children's Message: Alan Baas  
Song of Preparation: *Lord, I Need You*

**Scripture: Genesis 32: 22-32**

**Message: Life Is Like A Wrestling Match**

Prayer of Response  
Song of Response: *Jesus Is Lord of All (vs 1-3)*  
SOHLS Video & Offering:

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

### To Go in God's Name

God's blessing  
Closing Song: *Have Thine Own Way, Lord (1,4)*  
Postlude

\*\* **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.

## NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:

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

## PREACHING SCHEDULE:

January 7 – Rev. Mark Bonnes  
January 14 – Rev. Mark Bonnes  
January 21 – Rev. Mark Bonnes  
January 28 – Rev. Mark Bonnes

## HIGHLAND COUNCIL:

### Officers for 2023:

<b>President</b>	Don Eisenga	Pastor Mark Bonnes Pastor Ashley Bonnes
<b>Vice President</b>	Bob Vennema	
<b>Clerk</b>	Alan Baas	*Please contact the church office at (231) 825-2171 for directory assistance
<b>Sec. of Deacons</b>	Kyle Meyering	
<b>Vice Treas.</b>	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

### Church Office

(231) 825-2171  
office@highlandcrc.org

### Normal Office Hours:

**Mon-Thurs 8:30 am – 2:00 pm**  
**Fri-Sun: Closed**

\*\*All Bulletin announcements must be submitted to the office by noon on Thursdays.

### Ministry Team Leaders

**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)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### ReFrame Ministries at [www.crcna.org](http://www.crcna.org):

**Kids Corner: Feeling Like Enough** - Check out this week's kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). It's easy to compare ourselves to others and end up feeling disappointed. Especially today, when people post so many photos of their lives online, it can be hard to feel good enough. Here's the good news: as a child of God, you are always enough! Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net), like KC's The Bible in One Year Plan.

**Groundwork: Thankfulness and Gratitude** - Why are thanksgiving and gratitude important virtues for Jesus' followers to cultivate? Join our Groundwork conversation as we study Luke 17:11-19, 1 Corinthians 10:16-17, Philippians 4:4-9, and Colossians 2:6-7 to discover why grateful hearts and expressing thankfulness are essential virtues and to discuss the difference these virtues can make in our thoughts and our lives. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

## PRAYER CONNECTIONS:

- ✚ Please pray for **Paul Shaarda** as he continues to heal from surgery on his tongue. Please pray for complete healing and relief from the pain.
- ✚ **Dan Ouwinga** had knee replacement surgery this past Monday. Please pray for a healing and patience through his recovery.
- ✚ **Brad Pluger**: We lift of prayers of thanks for the progress that he is making and that he is now at Mary Free Bed in Grand Rapids where he will receive therapy. Please pray for the confusion to clear, for patience and for continued progress.
- ✚ **Shelly Jenema** is now home! We lift up prayers of thanksgiving for her progress and ask for continued prayers as her body continues to heal.
- ✚ **Lydia Shaarda** will soon begin Discipleship Training School with YWAM. Please keep her in your prayers for safe travel but also for strength & peace she and her family adjust to this time apart.
- ✚ **Our Missionaries:**
  - **Josh & Mandy Shaarda & Family** (Serving in Uganda)  
Email: [jshaarda@crnapartners.org](mailto:jshaarda@crnapartners.org); Blog: <http://shaarda.blogspot.com>
  - **George & Sarah de Vuyst & Family** (Serving in Ukraine & the U.S.)  
Email: [gdevuyst@crcna.org](mailto:gdevuyst@crcna.org); Website: <http://www.devuysts.com>
  - **Matthew & Emily Slack & Family** (Serving in Central Asia)  
Email: [mslack@crcna.org](mailto:mslack@crcna.org)
- ✚ **Our Active Military:**
  - **SSgt, Tyler Bode** (US Airforce; currently stationed in Italy).

**OUR CHURCH WEEK: JANUARY 21-27**

<b>SUN 1/21</b>	9:15 AM 9:30 AM 10:40 AM 6:00 PM	Prayer Worship Service Sunday School & Catechism MS & HS Youth Group
<b>TUES 1/23</b>	9:30 AM 5:45 PM	Ladies Bible Study - Lesson 6 REV Moms
<b>WED 1/24</b>	7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting
<b>THURS 1/25</b>	7:00 PM	JUMP Practice

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**The 2024 Baby Bottle Campaign** for Life Resources of Northern Michigan begins TODAY! This morning, you will be offered a bottle at the end of the service to fill and return by February 11. Cash, change and checks 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.

**In honor of Sanctity of Human Life Sunday (SOHLS)**, Wexford/Missaukee RTL will be holding a "Silent March" this afternoon (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.

**Profession of Faith / New Members Class-** Are you interested in making a Profession of your Faith or want to become a member of Highland Church? If so, please contact either Pastor Mark or Pastor Ashley for more information.

**The Sunday Evening Fellowship Bible Study** will resume on February 11 at 4:30 pm in the church fellowship hall. The topic will be Angels. A potluck supper will follow. Please contact Sandy Rice for a study book.

**Save the Date: J.O.Y. Group Valentine Luncheon** – Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at noon in the fellowship hall. More details to follow.

**Highland Chili Cook-Off:** The Fellowship Team would like to host a chili cook-off on Sunday, February 18, following the worship service. To know if we have contestants, we would like those entering chili in the competition for fun prizes and bragging rights to sign up in the Fellowship Hall as soon as possible.

**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!

**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!

**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.

**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](http://www.rehoboth.church/events)

**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 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.

**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.