

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

**GREETERS – Please arrive by 9:15 am**

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
Feb 15	South: Virginia Dodde; North: Kevin & Jodi DeHate

**NURSERY – Please arrive by 9:15 am**

Jan 25	Tami Eisenga, Barb Dore, Natalie Veddler
Feb 1	Jodi DeHate, Jodi Meyering, Madalyn Oeverman
Feb 8	Addean Oeverman, Mikayla Powers, Harper Tossey
Feb 15	DaNay Tossey, Bev Taylor, Alan Thomas

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

Jan 25	Teacher: Sara Bruno; Helper: Alan Thomas
Feb 1	Teacher: Makayla Powers; Helper: Harper Tossey
Feb 8	Teacher: Amanda Lutke; Helper: Steph VanHouten
Feb 15	Teacher: Miranda Dykhouse; Helper: Bentley Dracht

**SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT**

Jan 25	Cary Sikkema, Kaylie Benthem, Deborah Ouwinga
Feb 1	Matt Thompson, Deb Eisenga, Tami Eisenga
Feb 8	Kyle Meyering, Dan Ouwinga, Jodi DeHate
Feb 15	Matt Thompson, Jon Ouwinga, Micah Chrispell

**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:**

4<sup>th</sup>: Booster Club  
11<sup>th</sup>: Project Canefire  
18<sup>th</sup>: Right to Life  
25<sup>th</sup>: Capital Improvement Fund

**February:**

1<sup>st</sup>: Booster Club  
8<sup>th</sup>: Mississippi Mission Trip  
15: The Slack Family  
22<sup>nd</sup>: 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 25, 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)

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Welcome to  
**HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH**  
**Morning Worship Service – 9:30 am**  
**January 25, 2026**

**The People of God Gather:**

Welcome & God's Greeting

Greet One Another

**To Praise God in Song:**

*Who You Say I Am*

*Blessed Be Your Name*

Prayer of Praise

**To Pray and Serve God**

Announcements

Congregational Prayer

**To Proclaim God's Word**

Children's Message: Mark Bonnes

Song of Preparation: *Goodness of God*

Scripture: **Luke 14.25-34**

Sermon: **"What? ...just...What!?"**

Prayer of Response

Song of Response/Offertory: *I Speak Jesus*

Today's Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: Capital Improvement Fund

**To Go in God's Name**

God's Blessing

Closing Song: *I Speak Jesus*

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 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:**

<b>President</b>	Steve Meeuwenberg	<b>Pastor</b> Mark Bonnes <b>Pastor</b> Ashley Bonnes  Please contact our Church office at (231) 825-2171 for directory assistance.
<b>Vice President</b>	Ken Meyering	
<b>Clerk</b>	Greg Tossey	
<b>Sec. of Deacons</b>	Jon Ouwinga	
<b>Vice Treasurer</b>	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>.

**AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS:**

**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:** Are you feeling discouraged and need to redirect your focus? Are you feeling rushed and distracted, and just need to rest in God's presence? Are you struggling with an addiction or depression, and need prayers for deliverance? Are you needing providence from Jehovah Jireh, or healing from Jehovah Rapha, or peace from Jehovah Shalom, or someone to have your back from Jehovah Nissi? Are you feeling lonely or disconnected, and need to experience connection with others and our Heavenly Father? Do you want to share of God's goodness in your life? Or do you just want to pour out your love and adoration to Jesus? Then Abide is the place for you!!! We invite you to this multi-church time of worship, prayer, testimony, and rest on Wednesday, January 28 from 6:30-8:00 at Lake City CRC. This time will be facilitated by worshippers from at least 7 different area churches. All are welcome. Please reach out to the Lake City CRC office if you plan to attend Abide and would like childcare for kids under age 4. Where: 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](http://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.

## PRAYER CONNECTIONS:

Our condolences to **Adam & Laura Swiler** and family in the recent passing of Adam's brother-in-law, **Duane Dykhouse**, last Sunday, January 18. He was 52. A Celebration of life was held on Saturday, January 24 at 1:00 at the Hitesman-Holdship Funeral Home in Cadillac with public visitation 1 hour prior. To view a full obituary, please visit <https://www.holdshipfuneralhomes.com/obituary/Duane-Dykhouse>.

**Chris Sheats Update:** Recent scans show that the tumors in Chris' back are GONE! Today there is no evidence of Cancer!!! Chris is missing a large chunk of his spine due to damage from the cancer and this is causing continued pain. They are giving him bone strengthening medicine, but the damage has been done. Myeloma is not curable hence the reason for the bone marrow transplant. This is done to push out the myeloma for many years. Today we will celebrate this victory! We appreciate all the prayers, support and encouragement. ~ The Sheats Family

**Colter Bailey** began his 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:jshaarda@crcnapartners.org); Blog: <http://shaarda.blogspot.com>
- **George & Sarah de Vuyst (Serving in Europe)**  
Email: [gdevuyst@crcna.org](mailto:gdevuyst@crcna.org); Website: <http://www.devuysts.com>
- **Matthew & Emily Slack (Serving in the England)**  
Email: [mslack@crcna.org](mailto:mslack@crcna.org)

## OUR ACTIVE MILITARY:

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

## OUR CHURCH WEEK: JANUARY 25 - 31

SUN 1/25	9:15 AM	Prayer
	9:30 AM	Worship Service & Communion
	10:40 AM	Sunday School/Catechism resumes; dismissed at 11:30
	4:30 PM	Fellowship Bible Study: Season 2 of RVL: The Study
TUES 1/27	9:30 AM	Ladies Bible Study with Hilda – Lesson 14
	5:45 PM	REV Moms (rescheduled from last week)
THUR 1/29	7:00 PM	Freedom In Christ (FIC) Bible Study – fellowship hall

**Note:** \*\*Pastor Mark & Pastor Ashley will be out of the office January 26-Feb 2.  
 ▪ Please contact an elder during that week for any Pastoral Care needs.  
 ▪ Pastor Steve Boven will be leading our worship on February 1<sup>st</sup>.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The **2026 Baby Bottle Campaign for Life Resources of Northern Michigan** is in full swing. Last Sunday you were 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. If you still need a bottle to fill, please check the information table for any emptied bottles.

**TONIGHT: Fellowship Bible Study** will begin Season 2 of Ray Vander Laan's "The Study" this evening at 4:30 pm in the fellowship hall. Potluck supper to follow. Please contact Sandy Rice to claim your Season 2 participant guide. \*\*If you attended Season 1, please remember to bring your emptied 3-ring binder to use for 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 14 of their study on Genesis. Please contact Hilda with any questions.

**REV Moms** will be meeting this Tuesday, January 27 at 5:45 pm since they were unable to meet last week due to weather conditions.

**Freedom in Christ Bible Study** will meet this Thursday at 7:00 pm in the fellowship hall for Lesson 3. Please contact Linda Wing with any questions.

**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 find a Member Profile Update Form in your church mailbox. Please verify the info we have or provide the updated information and return your form to the tray on the office desk. Please contact Sara in the church office if you still need a church mailbox of family information forms.

### SAVE THE DATE:

**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.

**J.O.Y. Group** - Ready for some fun and fellowship? Tired of snow and cold? We can help! Join us for a hot meal on February 10 at 12 p.m. in the Highland fellowship hall. Hope you can attend! There is a sign-up sheet on the table in fellowship hall.

**Highland's 3rd Annual Chili Cook-off:** The Fellowship Team invites you back for another chili cook-off on Sunday, February 22 at noon (following Sunday School). To know if we have contestants and to plan fun prizes, we would like those entering chili in the competition to sign up in the Fellowship Hall as soon as possible. Could this be your year to claim the bragging rights?

### 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** will soon be here and will run 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 for your continued support of Operation Christmas Child. We are on our way to another great year! 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. Monetary contributions are accepted as well.

**Sleep in Heavenly Peace** -Thank you for all the support, encouraging words, and prayers as we follow God's prompting. If you would like to support us financially, you can either visit <https://give.shpbeds.org/page/FUNADPTHLYG> or make a check out to **Sleep in Heavenly Peace**, but be sure to put MI-Osceola Co. in the memo. Checks can be turned in to anyone on our core team. Todd and Al will have more to share after this weekend's training in Utah.