

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

#### NURSERY

- 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, Stephanie VanHouten, Madelyn Oeverman  
**Feb 18** Becky Wemple, Diane Eisenga, Dana Baas, Franklin Baas

#### CHILDREN’S CHURCH

- Jan 28** Teacher: Jodi DeHate; Helpers: Nicole Koetje, Gracyn Swiler  
**Feb 4** Teacher: Megan Pluger; Helpers: Jordyn Richardson, Alan Thomas  
**Feb 11** Teacher: Sara Bruno, Lindsay Beerens, Harper Tossey  
**Feb 18** Teacher: Miranda Dykhouse; Helpers: Nicole Schultz, Emerson Tossey

#### SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT

- Jan 28** Cary Sikkema, Kaylie Benthem, Kendra Jenema  
**Feb 4** Matt Thompson, Jonathan Ouwinga, Jodi DeHate  
**Feb 11** Kyle Meyering, Deb Eisenga, Deborah Ouwinga  
**Feb 18** Matt Thompson, Jonathan Ouwinga, Tami Eisenga

#### 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 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  
**Feb 18** South Door: Greg & Laura Hesselink; North Door: Larry & Marilyn Visser

#### 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 28, 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 28, 2024

## The People of God Gather:

Welcome  
God's Greeting  
Greet One Another

### To Praise God

*The Lord's Prayer*  
*Graves Into Gardens*  
Prayer of Praise

### To Pray and Serve God

Announcements  
Congregational Prayer

### To Proclaim God's Word

Children's Message: Pastor Ashley  
Song of Preparation: *Who You Say I Am*

### **Scripture: Genesis 3**

### **Message: "...So Now What?"**

Prayer of Response  
Song of Response: *Holy Spirit*  
SOHLS Video & Offering:

Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: Existing Building Fund

### To Go in God's Name

God's blessing  
Closing Song: *The Blessing*  
Postlude

## NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:

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

## PREACHING SCHEDULE:

February 4 – Rev. Mark Bonnes  
February 11 – Rev. Mark Bonnes  
February 18 – Rev. Mark Bonnes  
February 25 – Rev. Mark Bonnes

## HIGHLAND COUNCIL:

### Officers for 2024:

<b>President</b>	Don Eisenga	<b>Pastor Mark Bonnes</b> <b>Pastor Ashley Bonnes</b> *personal contact info is not posted online. Please call the church office.
<b>Vice President</b>	Bob Vennema	
<b>Clerk</b>	Alan Baas	
<b>Sec. of Deacons</b>	Kyle Meyering	
<b>Vice Treas.</b>	Curt Wemple	

### Districts for 2024:

Elders	District	Deacons
Jerry Nemeth	<b>#1, A-C</b>	Carrie Thompson
Alan Baas	<b>#2, D-E</b>	Kyle Meyering
Bob Vennema	<b>#3, F-L</b>	Curt Wemple
Mark Eisenga	<b>#4, M-O</b>	Gary Hesselink
Don Eisenga	<b>#5, P-T</b>	Scott Oeverman
Don Ellens	<b>#6, U-Z</b>	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 Plugger  
**Facilities Team** - Greg Hesselink  
**Outreach Team** - Jodi DeHate  
**Prayer Team** - Sandy Rice  
**Service Team** - Carrie Thompson  
**Worship Team** - DaNay Tossey

\*\* **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.

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**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.

**Spring Enrollment Season:** Northern Michigan Christian School in McBain is NOW ENROLLING preschool through high school students for next school year. Schedule a tour today and learn more by calling 231-825-2492 or by visiting our updated website at nmcs.us. Discover the NMCS difference today! Challenging minds, nurturing hearts, and developing gifts through our Christ-centered education initiatives. Through our biblical focus, we are able to teach truth, something hard to find in the public-school setting. Scholarships and discounts are available. Transportation to and from Cadillac, Ewart, Marion, and Lake City is provided.

**NMC Open House:** NMCS will be holding our annual spring open house on February 9th from 5:30pm to 7:30pm during our home basketball games with Ewart. This is the perfect time to tour the school and meet with faculty and staff. Please RSVP with Trey Reed at treed@nmcs.us.

**NMC Alumni Night / DR Benefit Dinner:** Attention all NMCS alums! NMCS is hosting their annual alumni basketball games on Feb. 9 vs. Ewart at 5:30pm. There will also be a special cinnamon roll and chili dinner to benefit our Dominican Republic mission trip. This will be a great night of fellowship! Make plans to attend!

## THANK YOU NOTES:

- ✚ Thank you to the people of Highland Church for all the prayers, calls/texts, cards and uplifting support after my surgery. *"Heal me O Lord, and I will be healed; save me and I will be saved, for you are the one I praise."* -Jeremiah 17:14  
~Dan & Brenda Ouwinga
- ✚ Dear Highland CRC, Thank you for all of your thoughts and prayers and gifts of support over the last few weeks. They were very much appreciated! Shelly is doing better every day and is excited to be home. There is still a long road ahead for her and our family and we ask for your continued prayers in the months ahead.  
Thank you! ~ The Jenema Family

## PRAYER CONNECTIONS:

- ✚ **MaryLou Karsten** had an outpatient procedure done on her lower back this past Thursday to cement a couple vertebrae. Please pray that this will relieve the back pain and that she will heal quickly.
- ✚ **Brad Pluger:** We lift up prayers of thanks for the progress that Brad is making at Mary Free Bed in Grand Rapids where he is receiving therapy. Please pray for the confusion and frustration to subside and for continued healing each day.
- ✚ **Lydia Shaarda** will soon begin Discipleship Training School with YWAM. Please keep her in your prayers for safe travel but also for strength & peace as she and her family adjust to this time apart.
- ✚ **Update on Matt & Emily Slack family:** In early January, they arrived at their destination in Central Asia. Please join us in prayer for the following: 1.) that the Holy Spirit comforts, protects, and guides them during the first month in their new home; 2.) that they settle into their temporary apartment and adjust to a new culture; 3.) for energy and endurance as they attend language school; 4.) that Juniper finds a friend; 5.) that God provides financial support through consistent pledges.
- ✚ **Our Missionaries:**
  - **Josh & Mandy Shaarda & Family** (Serving in Uganda)  
Email: [jshaarda@crcnapartners.org](mailto:jshaarda@crcnapartners.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 28 – FEBRUARY 3**

<b>SUNDAY 1/28</b>	9:15 AM	Prayer
	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	10:40 AM	Sunday School & Catechism
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<b>TUESDAY 1/30</b>	9:30 AM	Ladies Bible Study - Lesson 7
<b>WEDNESDAY 1/31</b>	7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting
<b>SATURDAY 2/3</b>	9:00 AM-1:00 PM	Council Retreat (Youth Building)

**HIGHLAND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**The 2024 Baby Bottle Campaign** for Life Resources of Northern Michigan is in full swing, however if you still need a bottle, it's not too late! Empty bottles are available on the information table. Please fill and return but **February 11**. Cash, change and checks are all welcome! If you wish to write a check, please make it payable to Life Resources of Northern Michigan. A box for returned bottles (full or empty) will be available near the information table in the fellowship hall. Please return any unused fundraiser bottles as well so they can be used in future campaigns. Thank you!

**NOTICE: The Highland Hymn-sing** for this evening has been postponed.

**10K to Flight**, a Christian Contemporary band, with siblings, harmonies and worship dance will be offering a free concert at Rehoboth Reformed Church TONIGHT at 6:00 pm. This 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)

**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 - Plan on joining us on Tuesday, February 13 at noon in our fellowship hall for a Valentine Luncheon of hot soup, delicious salads, and fantastic desserts! Following our tasty lunch we will be blessed with some special and fun entertainment! So be prepared to sit back and enjoy! A sign-up sheet will be on the table in our fellowship hall! Anyone interested in contributing a pot of soup or a salad contact Cindy Vennema or Bev Taylor.

**Save the Date:** Pastor Mark will be leading a new Adult Bible Study based on C.S. Lewis' book *The Screwtape Letters* on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm beginning February 21, 2024. Please contact Pastor Mark or Pastor Ashley to reserve a book.

**Save the Date: Highland's next Prayer Retreat** is scheduled for Wednesday, May 22, 2024 from 9 am – 2 pm at Center Lake Bible Camp. More information will become available as we get closer to this event.

**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.

**Save the Date:** The Highland Education Team invites you to a presentation called "Protect Young Eyes" on Saturday, February 24, 2024 from 1-3 pm. More details will be noted here as we get closer to the event.

**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!

**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.