

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

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

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| <b>Feb 1</b>  | South: Dale & Bev Taylor; North: Den & Bev Kamphouse     |
| <b>Feb 8</b>  | South: Ken & Jodi Meyering; North: Jon & Michelle Dracht |
| <b>Feb 15</b> | South: Gin Dodde; North: Kevin & Jodi DeHate             |
| <b>Feb 22</b> | South: Kurt & Becky Wemple; North: Paul & Jan Rivera     |

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

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| <b>Feb 1</b>  | Jodi DeHate, Jodi Meyering, Madalyn Oeverman   |
| <b>Feb 8</b>  | Addean Oeverman, Makayla Powers, Harper Tossey |
| <b>Feb 15</b> | DaNay Tossey, Bev Taylor, Alan Thomas          |
| <b>Feb 22</b> | Jackie Schmid, Lauren Smith, Gracyn Swiler     |

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

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| <b>Feb 1</b>  | Teacher: Makayla Powers; Helper: Harper Tossey    |
| <b>Feb 8</b>  | Teacher: Amanda Lutke; Helper: Steph VanHouten    |
| <b>Feb 15</b> | Teacher: Miranda Dykhouse; Helper: Bentley Dracht |
| <b>Feb 22</b> | Teacher: Megan Pluger; Helper: Briggs Tossey      |

**SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT**

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|---------------|---|
| <b>Feb 1</b>  | Matt Thompson, Deb Eisenga, Tami Eisenga      |
| <b>Feb 8</b>  | Kyle Meyering, Dan Ouwinga, Jodi DeHate       |
| <b>Feb 15</b> | Matt Thompson, Jon Ouwinga, Micah Chrispell   |
| <b>Feb 22</b> | Cary Sikkema, Kaylie Benthem, Deborah Ouwinga |

**USHERS – Please arrive by 9:15 am**

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| <b>February:</b> | Kevin Huttenga, Aaron Koetje, Jerry Koop, Ryan McQuestion |
| <b>March:</b>    | Bob Lee, Jon Ouwinga, Ken Roede, Adam Swiler              |

**2ND OFFERINGS:**

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| <b>February:</b>                            |  |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> : Booster Club              |  |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> : Mississippi Mission Trip  |  |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> : 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\*\*



**February 1, 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

(231) 825-2171

[www.highlandcrc.org](http://www.highlandcrc.org)

Welcome to  
**HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH**  
**Morning Worship Service – 9:30 am**  
**February 1, 2026**

*This morning, we welcome Rev. Steve Boven from Chapel Hill Church.*

**The People of God Gather:**

Prelude: *Bow the Knee*

Welcome & God's Greeting

Greet One Another

**To Praise God in Song:**

*Wonderful, Merciful Savior (vs 1 & 3)*

*Jesus Draw Me Ever Nearer (vs 2 & 3)*

*Ephesians 2: 4-5*

*Grace Alone (vs 1-2)*

Prayer of Praise

**To Pray and Serve God**

Announcements

Congregational Prayer

**To Proclaim God's Word**

Children's Message: Rev. Steve Boven?

Song of Preparation: *God We Sing Your Glorious Praises (vs 1, 3 & 4)*

**Scripture: Matthew 4: 12-23**

**Sermon: Jesus Brought the Light**

Prayer of Response

Song of Response/Offertory: *His Name Is Wonderful/My Wonderful Lord*

Today's Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: Booster Club

**To Go in God's Name**

God's Blessing

Closing Song: *People of God*

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:**

Sunday, 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:**

February 1: Rev. Steve Boven

February 8: Rev. Ashley Bonnes

February 15: Rev. Mark Bonnes

February 18: Rev. Mark Bonnes

(Ash Wednesday Service)

February 22: Rev. Mark Bonnes

**HIGHLAND COUNCIL**  
**Council Officers for 2026:**

|                        |                   |                             |
|------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>President</b>       | Steve Meeuwenberg | <b>Pastor</b> Mark Bonnes   |
| <b>Vice President</b>  | Ken Meyering      | <b>Pastor</b> Ashley Bonnes |
| <b>Clerk</b>           | Greg Tossey       |                             |
| <b>Sec. of Deacons</b> | Jon Ouwinga       |                             |
| <b>Vice Treasurer</b>  | James Bazuin      |                             |

\*\*Please contact our church office at (231) 825-2171 for directory assistance

**Districts for 2026:**

| <b>Elders</b>     | <b>District</b> | <b>Deacons</b>   |
|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Greg Tossey       | <b>#1, A-C</b>  | Kevin DeHate     |
| Jason Benthem     | <b>#2, D-E</b>  | Jon Ouwinga      |
| Steve Meeuwenberg | <b>#3, F-L</b>  | Miranda Dykhouse |
| Paul Shaarda      | <b>#4, M-O</b>  | Kyle Veltema     |
| Doug Mitchell     | <b>#5, P-T</b>  | Ryan McQuestion  |
| Ken Meyering      | <b>#6, U-Z</b>  | 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>.

**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.

**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/FUNADPHTLYG> 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.

**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.

#### AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS:

**Discover NMCS Open House** – All are invited to NMC'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.

#### THANK YOU

**Thank you** Highland Church for your donations to the Food Pantry. We have had more applicants over the past few months so we greatly appreciate your help ~The Marion Food Pantry

#### PRAYER CONNECTIONS:

**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 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!

**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: [msslack@crcna.org](mailto:msslack@crcna.org)

#### OUR ACTIVE MILITARY:

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

## OUR CHURCH WEEK: FEBRUARY 1-7

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| <b>SUN 2/1</b>  | 9:15 AM     | Prayer  |
|                 | 9:30 AM     | Worship Service                                       |
|                 | 10:40 AM    | Sunday School/Catechism; Dismissed at 11:30           |
|                 | 4:30 PM     | Fellowship Bible Study: Season 2 of RVL: The Study    |
|                 | 6-8:00 PM   | MS Youth Group only; No HS Meeting                    |
| <b>MON 2/2</b>  | 7:00 PM     | Praise Team Practice                                  |
| <b>TUES 2/3</b> | 9:30 AM     | Ladies Bible Study with Hilda – Lesson 15             |
|                 | 5:45 PM     | REV Moms  |
| <b>WED 2/4</b>  | -----       | **Office Closed**                                     |
|                 | 6:30 PM     | Family Night Dinner                                   |
|                 | 7:00 PM     | Centershot & GEMS                                     |
| <b>THUR 2/5</b> | 7:00 PM     | Freedom In Christ (FIC) Bible Study – fellowship hall |
| <b>SAT 2/7</b>  | 9 AM – 1 PM | Council Retreat – Youth Building                      |

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The **2026 Baby Bottle Campaign for Life Resources of Northern Michigan** is in full swing. All baby bottles are due back next Sunday, 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) is available near the information table in the fellowship hall. If needed, empty bottles are available as well on the table as well.

**Fellowship Bible Study** will meet at 4:30 for episode 2 of Season 2 of Ray Vander Laan's "The Study". A potluck supper will follow. Please contact Sandy Rice to claim your Season 2 participant guide.

**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, February 3 at 5:45 pm since they were unable to meet last week due to weather conditions.

**Family Night** is this Wednesday, February 4 starting at 6:30 pm with a delicious dinner of chicken tenders, mashed potatoes, peaches and corn. Centershot and GEMS will begin at 7:00. \*\*We are also looking for volunteers to contribute pans of mashed potatoes. Please contact Cindy Vennema if you can help with that.

**Freedom in Christ Bible Study** will meet this Thursday at 7:00 pm in the fellowship hall for Lesson 4. 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:** Please verify the info on the family information sheets you received couple weeks ago and return them to the wire tray on the office desk. Please contact Sara in the church office if you still need a church mailbox, family information forms or any corrections to the church phone tree.

**New-to-You Speakers Available:** We have a couple large speakers, a medium size mixer board and an amplifier in need of a new home. If interested, contact Matt Thompson or the church office.

### SAVE THE DATE:

**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.

**Versiti Blood Drive:** Join us Wednesday, February 11 for our next community blood drive. Due to the winter weather, state blood supply is low so please consider this opportunity for a life-saving donation. Each unit of blood collected can save up to 3 lives. To schedule your donation, please call (866) 642-5336 or online at [Versiti.org/MI](http://Versiti.org/MI).

**Ash Wednesday:** Join us on Wednesday, February 18, at 6 pm for a short service as we enter the season of Lent. Together, we will hear traditional words of scripture, sing a song or two and be invited to receive ashes on our foreheads reminding us of the confessional posture of this season. Everyone is then invited to our Family Night dinner at 6:30. GEMS & Centershot will start at 7 pm.

The next **Family Game Night** will be Friday, February 20 from 6-8 pm in the fellowship hall. Tables will be set up and water and lemonade will be provided.

**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:

**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. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** to help to sort food on Friday, February 13, 9:00 noon (lunch included) or by transporting food to The Junction at 1551 S. Morey Rd. Lake City on Feb 12 or 13 from various churches and businesses around town.