

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

NURSERY

- Feb 4** Shari Benthem, Bev Kamphouse, Kasey McQuestion, Emerson Tossey
Feb 11 Jan Rivera, Karen Oeverman, Steph VanHouten, Madelyn Oeverman
Feb 18 Becky Wemple, Diane Eisenga, Dana Baas, Franklin Baas
Feb 25 Ruth Kulhawick, Nicole Schultz, Maggie Southwick, Ben Thompson

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

- Feb 4** Teacher: Sara Bruno; Helpers: Jordyn Richardson, Alan Thomas
Feb 11 Teacher: Megan Pluger, Helpers: Lindsay Beerens, Harper Tossey
Feb 18 Teacher: Miranda Dykhouse; Helpers: Nicole Schultz, Emerson Tossey
Feb 25 Teacher: Kasey McQuestion; Helpers: Hillary Dracht, Steph VanHouten

SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT

- Feb 4** Matt Thompson, Jonathan Ouwinga, Jodi DeHate
Feb 11 Kyle Meyering, Deb Eisenga, Deborah Ouwinga
Feb 18 Matt Thompson, Jonathan Ouwinga, Tami Eisenga
Feb 25 Cary Sikkema, Kaylie Benthem, Kendra Jenema

USHERS

- February:** Den Kamphouse, Kerwin Huttenga, Adam Southwick, Alan Thomas
March: Kevin Huttenga, Todd Oeverman, Isaac Baas, Henry Baas

GREETERS – PLEASE ARRIVE BY 9:15 AM

- Feb 4** South: Dave & Linda Wing; North: Todd & Jackie Schmid
Feb 11 South: Jerry & Diane Nemeth; North: Scott & Karen Oeverman
Feb 18 South: Greg & Laura Hesselink; North: Devon & Hillary Dracht
Feb 25 South: Lindsay & Amara Beerens; North: Matt & Carrie Thompson

2ND OFFERINGS:

February:

- 4th: Booster Club
11th: Friendship Bible Ministry
18th: Friends Ministry
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.



February 4, 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

February 4, 2024

The People of God Gather:

Prelude: *Standing on the Promises (special music)*

Welcome

God's Greeting

Greet One Another

To Praise God

Holy Ground (2x)

Be Still & Know (vs 1,3,4,5)

The Joy of the Lord (vs 1-3)

Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God

Announcements

Congregational Prayer

To Proclaim God's Word

Children's Message: Dale Fredin

Song of Preparation: *Every Promise (vs 1,2,4)*

Scripture: Nehemiah 8:1-12

Message: "I Understand"

Prayer of Response

Song of Response/Offertory: *Speak Lord (special music)*

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

To Go in God's Name

God's blessing

Closing Song: *Wonderful Words of Life (vs 1,3)*

Postlude

- **Nursery** is available downstairs for children ages 0 - 3 years old.
- **Children's Bulletins** (activity sheets) are available on the information in the Fellowship Hall.
- **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:

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:

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

Districts for 2024:

Elders	District	Deacons
Jerry Nemeth	#1, A-C	David Wing
Alan Baas	#2, D-E	Kyle Meyering
Bob Vennema	#3, F-L	Devon Dracht
Mark Eisenga	#4, M-O	Kasey Rees
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

****Note from the Church Secretary:** Beginning January 31, the church office hours will be subject to some adjustment over the next couple weeks as I am currently receiving physical therapy. My appointment days tend to vary so to ensure that I am in the office the day/time you need assistance, please call the church office first at (231) 825-2171. Thank you! –Sara Bruno

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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 or Ross Vrieze. Youth and Adult application forms are available in the Highland church office.

Spring Enrollment Season: Northern Michigan Christian School in McBain is NOW ENROLLING preschool through high school students for next school year (2024-2025). 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, Evart, 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 Evart. 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 February 9 vs. Evart 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:

Thank you to all the people of Highland Church for the many cards, calls, prayers and kind words following the passing of our brother, Jerry Sikkema. ~Jan & June Brinks and Sue & Steve Meeuwenberg

PRAYER CONNECTIONS:

- ✚ **MaryLou Karsten** is home recovering from back surgery. Please continue to pray for complete healing and relief from the back pain.
- ✚ **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 continued healing each day.
- ✚ **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@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 Central Asia)
Email: mslack@crcna.org
- ✚ **Our Active Military:**
 - **SSgt, Tyler Bode** (US Airforce; currently stationed in Italy).

OUR CHURCH WEEK: FEBRUARY 4-10

SUNDAY 2/4	9:15 AM 9:30 AM 10:40 AM 6:00 PM	Prayer Worship Service Sunday School & Catechism MS/HS Youth Group
TUESDAY 2/6	9:30 AM 2:30-5:00 PM	Ladies Bible Study - Lesson 8 Classis NM Interim Committee Meeting (YB use)
WEDNESDAY 2/7	6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Family Night Dinner Centershot & GEMS
SATURDAY 2/10	11:00 AM	Prayer Team Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Our condolences to Pastor Ashley and family in the passing of her grandfather, Louis Bill, early this past Thursday following a battle with brain cancer. He was 86. Pastor Ashley will be away from church this coming week for the visitation and funeral service and for time with family.

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.

Family Night Dinner this week will be sloppy joes, Cheesy potatoes, carrots and applesauce beginning at 6:30 pm. Centershot, GEMS and Prayer Meeting will begin at 7:00 pm

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.

Community Hope Food Drive: Show love to your neighbors by donating to Community Hope's 2nd annual LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR FOOD DRIVE, February 1-14. A box for your non-perishable food donations is available in the fellowship hall (Look for sign with the large red heart)

Reminder: Baby Bottles for Life Resources of Northern Michigan are due back next Sunday, **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!

Adult Bible Study: 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: 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.

Highland Chili Cook-Off and Fellowship Lunch: On February 18, at noon, the congregation is invited to taste-test and judge the chili entries, then enjoy a lunch of chili, cinnamon rolls, cornbread, and hotdogs with all the toppings. Contestants are still invited to sign-up. The chili will be judged in three categories: hottest, best name, and best tasting chili. Come join the fun!

Protect Young Eyes- Parents, Highland CRC is hosting an event titled "How to Create a Tech-Ready Home," and you won't want to miss it! Join us Saturday, February 24, from 1:00-2:30 pm for this compelling presentation. There, you will come to understand the impact technology has on your child's brain, learn to use hardware and software to keep your kids safe, and discover ways to prepare, balance, and protect your family online. This is a free event open to the public. Donations will be accepted at the door to help cover speaker costs. For more information visit protectyouneyes.com/highland.

Save the Date: REV Moms is hosting their annual Craft Day Retreat fundraiser on Saturday, March 2 at Highland CRC from 8 am-8 pm. Bring a project you have been wanting to start or finish, and take a day to yourself! Door prizes, 3 meals and snacks will all be included in the price. Cost is \$45 for a full day or \$30 for a half day. Bring a friend who has never attended and get \$20 off! Please register ahead of time by emailing REVMoms22@gmail.com. All proceeds go directly to support the REV Moms ministry.

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.

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