

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

| <b>GREETERS – Please arrive by 9:15 am</b>   |  |
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| <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   |
| <b>Mar 1</b>   | South: Al & Anne Thomas; North: Terry & Dawn Veddler   |
| <b>NURSERY – Please arrive by 9:15 am</b>  |  |
| <b>Feb 8</b>   | Addean Oeverman, Mikayla Powers, Harper Tossey   |
| <b>Feb 15</b>  | DaNay Tossey, Bev Taylor, Alan Thomas  |
| <b>Feb 22</b>  | Jackie Schmid, Lauren Smith, Gracyn Swiler   |
| <b>Mar 1</b>   | Megan Plugger, Cindy Vennema, Emma Lee   |
| <b>CHILDREN’S CHURCH – (September – May; Sundays Only)</b>   |  |
| <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 Plugger; Helper: Briggs Tossey  |
| <b>Mar 1</b>   | Teacher: Jordyn Richardson; Helper: Sam VanHouten  |
| <b>SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT</b>  |  |
| <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  |
| <b>Mar 1</b>   | Kyle Meyering, Deb Eisenga, Tami Eisenga   |
| <b>USHERS – Please arrive by 9:15 am</b>   |  |
| <b>February:</b>   | Kevin Huttenga, Aaron Koetje, Jerry Koop, Ryan McQuestion  |
| <b>March:</b>  | Bob Lee, Jon Ouwinga, Ken Roede, Adam Swiler   |
| <b>2ND OFFERINGS:</b>  |  |
| <b>February:</b><br>1 <sup>st</sup> : Booster Club<br>8 <sup>th</sup> : Mississippi Mission Trip<br>15 <sup>th</sup> : The Slack Family<br>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 8, 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



**Welcome to  
HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH  
Morning Worship Service – 9:30 am  
February 8, 2026**

**The People of God Gather:**

Prelude: *O Praise the Name*  
Welcome & God's Greeting  
Greet One Another

To Praise God in Song:

*O Praise the Name*  
*He Will Hold Me Fast*  
Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God

Announcements  
Congregational Prayer

To Proclaim God's Word

Children's Message: Pastor Mark Bonnes  
Song of Preparation: *O How I Love Jesus*  
**Scripture: Luke 13:6-9**

**Sermon: Barren or Fruitful: God at Work**

Prayer of Response  
Song of Response/Offertory: *Come Alive*  
Today's Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: Mississippi Mission Trip

To Go in God's Name

God's Blessing  
Closing Song: *My Friends May You Grow in Grace*  
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 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 Mark Bonnes</b><br><b>Pastor Ashley Bonnes</b><br><br>Please contact our church office for directory assistance (231) 825-2171 |
| <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:**

| <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

**OFFICE HOURS:**

**Pastor Ashley:** Mon & Tues 9am-3pm  
**\*\*Both pastors are off on Wednesdays**  
**Main Office:** Mon-Thurs, 8:30am-2pm  
Bulletin announcements due before 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

**\*\*The LIVE Stream** of our Sunday Worship Service is now on our **YouTube** channel, **Highland CRC LIVE** (make sure it says LIVE). Visit <http://www.youtube.com/@HighlandCRCLIVE> or follow the link on our Facebook page.

**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.

**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 so much for the donations of winter gear for the **Marion Elementary School**. Due to your generosity we are filled to capacity at this time. We will reach out to you if other needs arise. ~The Highland Service team

**You Are Doing More Than You Know!** Thank you! The collective ministry of the Christian Reformed Church in North America is flourishing thanks to your generous ministry shares gifts. Together, we are training church planters, equipping leaders, and strengthening local congregations like ours. We are sharing Christ's love and expanding discipleship here and around the world. Learn more at [crcna.org/ministryshares](http://crcna.org/ministryshares).

#### PRAYER CONNECTIONS:

We lift of prayers of thanksgiving that **Colter Bailey** was able to come home this past week. He will begin 12-round course of radiation starting February 17. Please pray for continued healing from the transplant process and renewed strength and health through each step.

**Chris Sheats** is moving forward with the bone marrow transplant clearance process with hope and determination. A tentative date for bone marrow collection is set for the week of March 16<sup>th</sup>, paving the way for a strong dose of chemotherapy to reset his immune system in the coming weeks. If all proceeds smoothly, the transplant is scheduled for April 3, Good Friday, a date that feels imbued with profound significance. We're asking for prayers for a seamless clearance process.

#### OUR MISSIONARIES:

- **Josh & Mandy Shaarda (Serving in Uganda)**  
Email: [jshaarda@crnapartners.org](mailto:jshaarda@crnapartners.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: FEBRUARY 8-14**

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| <b>SUN 2/8</b>   | 9:15 AM<br>9:30 AM<br>10:40 AM<br>4:30 PM | Prayer<br>Worship Service<br>Sunday School/Catechism; Dismissed at 11:30<br>Fellowship Bible Study |
| <b>MON 2/9</b>   | 6:30 PM<br>7:00 PM<br>7:30 PM             | Elders Meeting<br>Deacons Meeting<br>Council Meeting   |
| <b>TUES 2/10</b> | -----<br>12:00 PM                         | No Ladies Bible Study<br>J.O.Y. Group Valentine Dinner   |
| <b>WED 2/11</b>  | 1-6:00 PM                                 | Versiti Community Blood Drive  |
| <b>THUR 2/12</b> | 7:00 PM                                   | Freedom In Christ (FIC) Bible Study  |

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**DUE TODAY:** All baby bottles (full or empty) for the **2026 Baby Bottle Campaign** on behalf of Life Resources of Northern MI are due back today! Cash, change and checks are welcome! If you wish to write a check, please make it payable to Life Resources of Northern MI. Bottles should be returned to the tubs next to the information table.

**Fellowship Bible Study** will meet at 4:30 for episode 3 of Ray Vander Laan’s “The Study” (Season 2). A potluck supper to follow. Please contact Sandy Rice to claim your Season 2 participant guide.

**The Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study** will not be meeting this week but will resume next week on February 17 at 9:30 for Lesson 15 of their study on Genesis.

**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 this Tuesday, February 10 at 12 p.m. in the Highland fellowship hall. Please sign up if you plan to attend to help with planning for food and activities.

**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 to give 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).

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

**Prayer Resource Feedback:** The Prayer Team is looking for input from the people of Highland church on what you would find helpful in developing and strengthening your prayer habits and journey. Is there a devotional you’ve been wanting to try or share with others? Do you want more information on different types of prayer that you heard about at a retreat? Do you want more resources for kids, teens, women, men? Please reach out to Pastor Ashley or Sandy Rice so these can be made available!

**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:**

**Ash Wednesday:** Join us on Wednesday, February 18, at 6 pm for a brief service together as we enter the season of Lent. 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:**

**Sleep in Heavenly Peace Update:** We were recently reminded that we can plan all we want, but things move according to God’s timing, not ours. Todd and Al had weather related flight issues and were unable to attend the January training in Utah. We have to wait until May to attend the next training, which pushes back our timeline. We will continue to fundraise and spread the word about what is coming to Osceola County, but our launch won’t be until after the May training now. Please keep us in your prayers and if you would like to be involved, either by donating financially or supplies, please talk to Al or Todd. Thank you for your continued support, encouraging words, and prayers as we follow God’s prompting. To help support SHP financially, please visit <https://give.shpbeds.org/page/FUNADPTHLYG> or make a check out to Sleep in Heavenly Peace (or SHP), but be sure to put MI-Osceola Co. in the memo. Checks can be turned in to anyone on our core team (Al & Anne Thomas, Todd Schmid, Lindsay Beerens and Carrie Thompson). Thank you!