

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

GREETERS – Please arrive by 9:15 am

Feb 9	South: Hilda Cruz; North: Greg & DaNay Tossey
Feb 16	South: Dave & Linda Wing; North: Todd & Jackie Schmid
Feb 23	South: Jerry & Diane Nemeth; North: Scott & Karen Oeverman
Mar 2	South: Greg & Laura Hesselink; North: Larry & Marilyn Visser

NURSERY – Please arrive by 9:15 am

Feb 9	Kasey McQuestion, Shari Benthem, Jan Rivera, Elijah Rees
Feb 16	Karen Oeverman, Dana Baas, Jennifer Peterson, Aubrynn Bazuin
Feb 23	Becky Wemple, Diane Eisenga, Steph VanHouten, Claire Thompson
Mar 2	Ruth Kulhawick, Esther Bode, Maggie Southwick, Jayden Benthem

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Feb 9	Teacher: Miranda Dykhous, Helpers: Steph VanHouten & Alan Thomas
Feb 16	Teacher: Kasey McQuestion; Helpers: Hillary Dracht, Harper Tossey
Feb 23	Teacher: Jodi DeHate; Helpers: Sam VanHouten, Emma Lee
Mar 2	Teacher: Megan Pluger; Helpers: Nicole Schultz, Charlotte Thomas

SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT

Feb 9	Kyle Meyering, Dan Ouwinga, Jodi DeHate
Feb 16	Matt Thompson, Kaylie Benthem, Deborah Ouwinga
Feb 23	Cary Sikkema, Jon Ouwinga, Kendra Jenema
Mar 2	Kyle Meyering, Deb Eisenga, Tami Eisenga

USHERS – Please arrive by 9:15 am

February	Jerry Koop Jr, Joey Kulhawick, Bob Lee, Ryan McQuestion
March	Kevin Eisenga, Dan Ouwinga, Al Thomas, Todd Schmid

2ND OFFERINGS:

February:
2nd: Booster Club
9th: Mississippi Mission Trip
16th: Matt & Emily Slack
23rd: Capital Improvement Fund



February 9, 2025

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)

Welcome to
HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
Morning Worship Service – 9:30 am
February 9, 2025

The People of God Gather:

Welcome & God’s Greeting
Greet One Another

To Praise God in Song:

Goodness of God
Gratitude

Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God

Announcements
Congregational Prayer

To Proclaim God’s Word

Children’s Message: Pastor Ashley Bonnes
Song of Preparation: *How Great is Our God*

Scripture: Luke 5.1-11

Title: Answering the Call

Prayer of Response
Song of Response/Offertory: *God So Loved*

Today’s Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: Mississippi Mission Trip

To Go in God’s Name

God’s Blessing
Closing Song: *Raise A Hallelujah*
Postlude

Children’s Bulletins are available on the information table in the Fellowship Hall.
Nursery is available year-round downstairs for children ages 0 - 3 years old.
Children’s Church is available for children ages 3-Kindergarten immediately following the Children’s message. ****Children under 7 must be picked up from their classroom by a parent/guardian.**

COUNCIL CORNER:

Next Council Meetings:
Monday, February 10, 2025
6:30 pm Elders
**7:00 pm Full Council

Preaching Schedule:
February 2: Rev. Mark Bonnes
February 9: Rev. Mark Bonnes
February 16: Rev. Ashley Bonnes
February 23: Rev. Mark Bonnes

Next Communion:
Sunday, March 2, 2025

HIGHLAND COUNCIL:

Council Officers for 2025:

President	Mark Eisenga	Pastor Mark Bonnes Pastor Ashley Bonnes *Please contact the church office for contact information (231) 825-2171
Vice President	Ken Meyering	
Clerk	Bob Vennema	
Sec. of Deacons	Carrie Thompson	
Vice Treasurer	James Bazuin	

Districts for 2025:

Elders	District	Deacons
Jerry Nemeth	#1, A-C	Carrie Thompson
Jason Benthem	#2, D-E	Jon Ouwinga
Bob Vennema	#3, F-L	Curt Wemple
Mark Eisenga	#4, M-O	Gary Hesselink
Joe Kulhawick	#5, P-T	Ryan McQuestion
Ken Meyering	#6, U-Z	James Bazuin

OFFICE CONTACT INFO:

Phone: (231) 825-2171
Email: office@highlandcrc.org

Main Office Hours:
Monday-Thursday; 8:30 am – 2 pm
**All bulletin announcements must be submitted to the church office by noon on Thursdays

MINISTRY 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 – Bonnie McBride

Save the Date for a Craft Day Retreat: Saturday, March 8 from 8 am - 8 pm. \$45 for a full day, or \$30 for a half day (8am-2pm or 2pm-8pm)! Join us for a well-deserved treat and day of crafting! Do you scrapbook, sew, quilt, knit, make jewelry; are you a DIY-er? How about photo books from your phone or laptop? Come and lavish in a quiet environment to get all your "back burner" projects done. All proceeds from this event go directly to R.E.V Moms group to help keep costs down for the mothers who attend, bring in speakers, meals, gifts for volunteers and moms, outreach, and more! Please email us at REVmoms22@gmail.com if you have any questions about registration, or the event. You can also find us on Facebook! Registration forms are also available by request from the church office.

Help Needed: Love INC is getting calls daily from people in our community who need assistance filling their propane tanks, so they're doing a fundraiser to help fill the need. Highland CRC has donated \$1500 towards this cause out of the Benevolent fund in the last week. If you would like to join them in helping our neighbors stay warm this winter, write your check out to **Love INC** and put "**Propane 2025**" in the memo line. You can mail your check to 753 Sunnyside Dr, Cadillac, MI 49601 or bring it to church on Sunday, drop it in the offering plate and we'll mail all the donations that come in together.

Clothing Drive Update: The Service Team will continue to take donations to the Marion Elementary, Junior High and High Schools as they come in. Most needed, as of this date, are shoes and boots, all sizes. Thanks so much for your commitment to this project!

Christmas Shoebox Collection: Thank you again for all the ongoing support and donations you have given for our recent Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection for 2024—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!

Denominational Survey: Our congregation has a once-in-five-year opportunity to participate in the 2025 CRC denominational survey. This survey helps denominational leadership understand the concerns and needs of local congregations like ours. It is crucial that as many people from our congregation as possible participate. Please visit www.crcna.org/survey/1249 to answer the survey questions by March 31.

THANK YOU:

Thank you Highland Church for your generous gift at the end of last year. I'm writing you a month into 2025, sitting in gratitude as we have seen even more moms this year say “yes” to growth, to community, to true joy. Your generosity is not lost on us. We are grateful!! ~Emily Ballard, Fund Development Director of Single MOMM

Thank you Highland Church for all the cards, food and prayers while Mary Lou was in the hospital. Your continued prayers for renewed strength and healing are greatly appreciated. ~ Butch & Mary Lou Karsten

PRAYER CONNECTIONS:

- We continue to lift up in prayer those that are battling cancer and other serious health conditions. We pray too for the caregivers and medical teams by their side.
- Please pray for Highland’s high school students and leaders as they take a service trip down to Lafayette, IN this coming weekend. Please pray for safe travels and that those involved will embrace this opportunity to be the heart and hands of Jesus as they serve alongside Lafayette Urban Ministries.

OUR MISSIONARIES:

- **Josh & Mandy Shaarda & Family (Serving in Uganda)**
Email: jshaarda@crcnapartners.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 London, England)

OUR ACTIVE MILITARY:

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

OUR CHURCH WEEK: FEBRUARY 9-15

SUN 2/9	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 & Potluck – Video Lesson 4
MON 2/10	6:30 PM	Elders
	7:00 PM	Full Council
TUES 2/11	-----	No Ladies Bible Study
	12:30 PM	J.O.Y. Group Valentine Luncheon
	5:45 PM	REV Moms (fellowship hall)
WED 2/12	1-6:30 PM	Versiti Community Blood Drive
FRI 2/14-2/16	** High School Service Trip to Lafayette, IN **	

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Fellowship Bible Study will meet tonight at 4:30 pm in the fellowship hall for Lesson 4 of the video series “Kings & Prophets” by Ray Vander Laan. Potluck to follow. It’s not too late to join! Please contact Sandy Rice if you have any questions.

Ladies Bible Study (w/ Hilda) will **NOT** be meeting this Tuesday, February 11. Study will resume February 18 at 9:30 am for Lesson 4 of their new Life-Guide Bible study “*Nehemiah - The Courage to Face Opposition*”

J.O.Y. Group - Plan on joining us this Tuesday, February 11 at 12:30 pm in our fellowship hall for a Valentine Luncheon of hot soup, delicious salads, and fantastic desserts! A sign-up sheet will be on the table in our fellowship hall! Anyone interested in contributing a pot of soup or a salad should contact Cindy Vennema or Bev Taylor.

Service Trip: Highland’s Strong Tower (HS) students and leaders will be taking a service trip down to Lafayette, Indiana to work with Lafayette Urban Ministry at the end of this week (February 14-16). Pastor Mark has put us in contact with them and is planning on going along with us. We have transportation lined up and a schedule but we still need your help collecting food for warming center meals, snacks for kids and monetary donations for gas and supplies. Please check the sign-up sheet on the information table All items need to be delivered to Highland church by Wednesday, February 12. Please contact Alan or Dana if you have any questions. Your prayers and support of this service trip are greatly appreciated. ~ Alan and Dana Baas & the Strong Tower Youth Group.

****NEW** Family Night Bible Study:** We will be meeting from 7-8 pm in Pastor Mark’s office for a group study of 1 Thessalonians. Chapter 1 will be on Feb 19. No homework required, but you may read the chapter before coming. All are welcome to come as they are able, but you don’t need to come for all 5 weeks if that doesn’t work.

Brownies Needed: Our next Family Night dinner will be February 19. As a special treat there will also be brownie sundaes for dessert, but we need your help to make that happen. If you are willing to contribute a pan or 2 of brownies, please sign-up at the information table.

Community Hope’s 2025 LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR FOOD DRIVE, Feb. 1 - 14: Help our local food pantries by donating non-perishable food items such as soup, cereal, canned vegetables, fruit and meat, boxed rice, pasta, spaghetti sauce and peanut butter. We will have a LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR collection box in the fellowship hall between Feb. 1-13. You can also help by volunteering to sort food on Feb. 14, 9:00-noon (lunch provided) or by picking up food from local collection sites and transporting it to the Junction at 1551 S. Morey Rd in Lake City on Feb. 14, 8:00-10:00am. If you are willing to volunteer on February 14, please email Jen@communityhopemc.org or notify Sara in the Highland church office. Your volunteer efforts and donations help us to put food on people’s tables, Thank you!

Save The Date: Protect Young Eyes Presentation- Parents and caring adults, the Education Team is hosting an event titled *Fabulous & Fragile: Mental Health, Tech, & Our Kids*, and you won’t want to miss it! Devices and technology are capable of so much and easily captivate our children. Come unpack the brain, science, and solutions needed to help our amazing kids navigate an addictive digital world. Join us Saturday, February 22, from 1:00-2:30PM for this compelling presentation. This is a free event open to the public with childcare provided, refreshments, and door prizes. Donations will be accepted at the door to help cover speaker costs. We are also looking for sponsors for the event. If you are interested in financially supporting this endeavor, please contact the church office at (231) 825-2171.

Taco Dinner Fundraiser: The Spring Break Mississippi Mission trip team is hosting a fundraiser taco dinner on Saturday February 22, 2025 from 5:00 - 7:30 at Lake City Christian Reformed church. Please come to support this team in raising money for building supplies to help a less fortunate community. There is still room on the trip. Contact the church office for an application.

Save the Date: Highland’s 2nd Annual Chili Cook-off: The Fellowship Team invites you back for another chili cook-off on Sunday, February 23 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?

Jungle Safari Adventures with Jesus - Winter Carnival for all people with a disability, as well as family, caregivers and friends are invited to an evening of FREE fun, food, games, and prizes! Join us Friday, March 7 from 6-8 pm at Living Light Christian Church at 7700 West Blue Road, Lake city, MI 49651. Please contact Nancy at 231-878-0039 if you have any questions.