

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

NURSERY

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

March 3 Donna Veddler, Esther Bode, Diane Nemeth, Kendyn Meyering

CHILDREN’S CHURCH

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

March 3 Teacher: Jodi DeHate; Helpers: Nicole Koetje, Emma Lee

SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT

Feb 11 Kyle Meyering, Jonathan Ouwinga, Deborah Ouwinga

Feb 18 Matt Thompson, Deb Eisenga, Tami Eisenga

Feb 25 Cary Sikkema, Kaylie Benthem, Kendra Jenema

March 3 Kyle Meyering, Deb Eisenga, Jodi DeHate

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 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

March 3 South: Devon & Hillary Dracht; North: Bob & Cindy Vennema

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 11, 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 11, 2024

The People of God Gather:

Prelude:

Welcome

God's Greeting

Greet One Another

To Praise God

Habakkuk 2:20

We Will Extol You, God & King (vs 1,2,4)

Be Still, For The Presence (vs 1-3)

Holy, Holy, Holy (vs 1,2,4)

Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God

Announcements

Congregational Prayer

To Proclaim God's Word

Children's Message: Pastor Ashley

Song of Preparation: *Speak, O Lord (vs 1-3)*

Scripture: Zephaniah 3:14-17

Message: *Being Quieted With Love*

Prayer of Response

Song of Response/Offertory: *O The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus (vs 1-3)*

Today's Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: Friendship Bible Ministry

To Go in God's Name

God's blessing

Closing Song: *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

Postlude

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

6:00 pm Elders (note earlier time)

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	Carrie Thompson
Alan Baas	#2, D-E	Kyle Meyering
Bob Vennema	#3, F-L	Curt Wemple
Mark Eisenga	#4, M-O	Gary Hesselink
Don Eisenga	#5, P-T	Scott Oeverman
Don Ellens	#6, U-Z	Anne Thomas

Church Office

Phone: (231) 825-2171

Email: 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED:

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.

Stamp Ministry: Thank you very much for the stamps you sent to the Stamp Ministry. The income from their sale goes to support preparation, publication and distribution of a Spanish language curriculum for Sunday Schools. More than 50 lesson series have been published and are being used in churches of 40 different denominations in Spanish speaking countries in Latin America, Spain and even the USA. In July of 2018, the Alliance Stamp Ministry, with God’s help, reached One Million Dollars!!! We are now working on our Second Million!!! This brings us to a grand total of \$1,191,300.00 since the inception of the Stamp Ministry back in 1972. Thank you for serving the Lord with us! ~Alliance Stamp Ministry Volunteers

**There is a stamp collection box on the back corner of the information table in the fellowship hall. **Please remember to leave a 1/4 inch margin around each stamp when possible. Thank you!

THANK YOU:

- ✚ We are thankful the good Lord held us close the past few months. Thank you Highland CRC for all your love and prayers. We could sense this on a daily basis.
~Paul & Carole Shaarda
- ✚ Thank you Highland friends and family for all the cards, food and prayers following Marylou’s back surgery. We are thankful that things are going well.
~Butch & Marylou Karsten

PRAYER CONNECTIONS:

- ✚ Our condolences to Pete DeHaan and family in the passing of his sister-in-law, **Marilyn DeHaan** (Neal’s wife) early Thursday morning.
- ✚ Mary Dracht’s grandson, **Elijah**, was able to come home last Sunday on a portable IV. He is now on the 1A list (priority) for a heart transplant. Please pray for Elijah and his parents, Phil & Heather as he still needs to meet additional benchmark measures prior to a transplant and throughout this whole process.
- ✚ **Prayer Chain 2/8: Terry Veddler** was found unconscious in his home this past Wednesday and was rushed to Blodgett Hospital. Testing indicates possible propane poisoning. A propane leak was found in his basement. As of Thursday, we he is feeling much better and hopes to be released yet Thursday or Friday.
- ✚ **Mark Eisenga** had ankle surgery this past Friday. Please pray for healing, pain relief and restored mobility.
- ✚ **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 for continued progress for Brad at Mary Free Bed in Grand Rapids where he is receiving therapy. Please pray for healing and patience.
- ✚ **Updates on Josh & Mandy Shaarda’s Family:** 1) Lydia is currently attending Discipleship Training School as part of her ministry through YWAM in South Africa. She will be there until June. This is the first time their family has been separated for this length of time and distance. 2) Mandy’s parents and sister will be visiting them for three weeks. 3) Josh has been appointed to an additional position as Director of Discipleship Training Material
- ✚ **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 Central Asia)
Email: mslack@crcna.org
- ✚ **Our Active Military:**
 - **SSgt, Tyler Bode** (US Airforce; currently stationed in Italy).

OUR CHURCH WEEK: FEBRUARY 11-17

SUNDAY 2/11	9:15 AM 9:30 AM 10:40 AM 4:30 PM	Prayer Worship Service Sunday School & Catechism Fellowship Bible Study & Potluck
MONDAY 2/12	**6:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:30 PM	Elders Meeting (note earlier time) Deacons Meeting Council Meeting
TUESDAY 2/13	----- 12:00 PM	**No Ladies Bible Study this week** J.O.Y. Group –Valentine Luncheon
WEDNESDAY 2/14	1-6:30 PM	Versiti Blood Drive (Fellowship hall)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

****Profession of Faith Class Update:** All those that have already talked with Pastor Mark or Pastor Ashley about making Profession of faith class will need to meet in Pastor Mark’s office following this morning’s service. Students are excused from their regular catechism classes to attend this class.

****Special Note for Elders (Consistory):** Elders meeting this Monday, February 12 will be starting at **6:00** pm. Deacon and Council meetings will begin at their normal times.

This morning’s 2nd Offering is for **Friendship Bible Ministry**. This ministry is supported by area churches and is for adults with developmental disabilities. They meet weekly at Living Light Christian Church to worship, learn about God, and fellowship together. This ministry paused for a couple years but is now back in full swing serving over 20 adults weekly!

Baby Bottles for Life Resources of Northern Michigan are due back **TODAY!** Cash, change and checks are all welcome! If you wish to write a check, please make it payable to Life Resources of Northern Michigan. There are still a few empty bottles available on the information table. A box for returned bottles (full or empty) is 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!

The Sunday Evening Fellowship Bible Study will resume this evening at 4:30 pm in the church fellowship hall. The topic will be Angels. A potluck supper will follow. Please contact Sandy Rice if you have not yet reserved a copy of the book.

The Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study will not be meeting this week. They will resume on Tuesday, February 20 with Lesson 9.

J.O.Y. Group’s Valentine Luncheon - Plan on joining us this 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! Please sign-up at the information if you plan to attend! Please contact Cindy Vennema or Bev Taylor if you are able to bring a soup or a salad.

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)

Versiti Blood of Michigan will be here this Wednesday, February 14 from 1:-6:30 pm for our next blood drive! Make it a date and bring your Valentine to donate life-saving blood! To schedule, call 1-866-642-5663 or visit Versiti.org/MI. Make sure to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating.

Next Week: 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!

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: 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.

Craft Day Retreat: 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. We’ll also have an **Escape Room!** Think you can beat the riddles and solve the problems before time runs out? REV Mom's would like to invite you to try at our fundraiser on Saturday, March 2 between 9am-5pm. Cost is \$15 a person, up to 4 people per room. Sign up for an hour time slot by emailing REVMoms22@gmail.com or on our Facebook page, REV moms.

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.