

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

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

<b>Feb 16</b>	South: Dave & Linda Wing; North: Todd & Jackie Schmid
<b>Feb 23</b>	South: Jerry & Diane Nemeth; North: Scott & Karen Oeverman
<b>Mar 2</b>	South: Greg & Laura Hesselink; North: Larry & Marilyn Visser
<b>Mar 9</b>	South: Lindsay & Amara Beerens; North: Matt & Carrie Thompson

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

<b>Feb 16</b>	Karen Oeverman, Dana Baas, Jennifer Peterson, Aubrynn Bazuin
<b>Feb 23</b>	Becky Wemple, Diane Eisenga, Steph VanHouten, Claire Thompson
<b>Mar 2</b>	Ruth Kulhawick, Esther Bode, Maggie Southwick, Jayden Benthem
<b>Mar 9</b>	Donna Veddler, Nicole Schultz, Cam Mulder, Charlotte Thomas

#### **CHILDREN’S CHURCH**

<b>Feb 16</b>	Teacher: Kasey McQuestion; Helpers: Hillary Dracht, Harper Tossey
<b>Feb 23</b>	Teacher: Jodi DeHate; Helpers: Sam VanHouten, Emma Lee
<b>Mar 2</b>	Teacher: Megan Pluger; Helpers: Nicole Schultz, Charlotte Thomas
<b>Mar 9</b>	Teacher: Miranda Dykhouse; Helpers: Lindsay Beerens, Gracyn Swiler

#### **SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT**

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

#### **USHERS – Please arrive by 9:15 am**

<b>February</b>	Jerry Koop Jr, Joey Kulhawick, Bob Lee, Ryan McQuestion
<b>March</b>	Kevin Eisenga, Franklin Baas, Al Thomas, Todd Schmid

#### **2ND OFFERINGS:**

<b>February:</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Booster Club 9 <sup>th</sup> : Mississippi Mission Trip 16 <sup>th</sup> : Matt & Emily Slack 23 <sup>rd</sup> : Capital Improvement Fund	<b>March:</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Booster Club 9 <sup>th</sup> : Josh & Mandy Shaarda 16 <sup>th</sup> : World Renew 23 <sup>rd</sup> : Capital Improvement Fund 30 <sup>th</sup> : Life Resources
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**February 16, 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 16, 2025**

**The People of God Gather:**

Prelude  
Welcome & God’s Greeting  
Greet One Another

To Praise God in Song:  
*I Sing the Mighty Power (vs 1-2)*  
*Great & Mighty*  
*The Wonder of it All (vs 1-2)*  
Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God  
Announcements  
Congregational Prayer

To Proclaim God’s Word  
Children’s Message: Megan Plugger  
Song of Preparation: *Thy Word (vs 1-2)*

**Scripture: Deuteronomy 8: 1-14**

**Title: “God Provides”**

Prayer of Response  
Song of Response/Offertory: *Trust & Obey (vs 1-4)*  
Today’s Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: Matt & Emily Slack

To Go in God’s Name  
God’s Blessing  
Closing Song: *People of God*  
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 Communion:**  
Sunday, March 2, 2025

**Next Council Meetings:**  
Monday, March 10, 2025  
6:30 pm Elders  
7:00 pm Deacons  
7:30 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  
March 2: Rev. Mark Bonnes

**HIGHLAND COUNCIL:**

**Council Officers for 2025:**

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

**Districts for 2025:**

<b>Elders</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Deacons</b>
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](mailto: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 Plugger  
**Facilities Team** – Greg Hesselink  
**Outreach Team** – Jodi DeHate  
**Prayer Team** – Sandy Rice  
**Service Team** – Carrie Thompson  
**Worship Team** – Bonnie McBride

**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 and drop it in the offering plate and we'll mail all the donations that come in together.

**Mississippi Trip 2025:** The Mississippi Trip will be March 21-29, 2025. 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 on the Information table in the Fellowship hall.

**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](http://www.crcna.org/survey/1249) to answer the survey questions **by March 31**.

**Notes:**


**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 return from their service trip down to Lafayette, IN.

**OUR MISSIONARIES:**

- **Josh & Mandy Shaarda & Family (Serving in Uganda)**  
Email: [jshaarda@crnapartners.org](mailto:jshaarda@crnapartners.org); Blog: <http://shaarda.blogspot.com>
- **George & Sarah de Vuyst & Family** (Serving in Ukraine & the U.S.)  
Email: [gdevuyst@crcna.org](mailto: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).

**WE WANT TO PRAY FOR YOU:**

At Highland, we strive to lift each other, in the good times and bad, up in prayer and we have a few ways of doing that:

- **Weekly Bulletin:** Our bulletin has a section called Prayer Connections. If you would like a prayer request added to the bulletin in addition to or in place of a Prayer Chain message, please contact the church office.
- **The Prayer Chain** is a phone call sent out by the church office to the entire congregation through our Bright Arrow phone-tree. To request a prayer chain be started, please contact an Elder, Pastor, or the church office. If you are not already a part of the Prayer Chain but wish to be added, please contact the church office at (231) 825-2171.
- **Prayer Warriors:** These individuals are dedicated to confidential and consistent prayer over specific needs and concerns that might not yet be public knowledge. If you have a prayer request for one of our Prayer Warriors, or if you would like to become a Prayer Warrior, please contact Sandy Rice directly.

HIGHLAND COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS • FEBRUARY 10, 2025

- The Elders met with Alan Thomas III to hear his profession of faith. We were very impressed and wholeheartedly approved him for public profession of faith, to be scheduled in the near future.
- Pastor Adam Barton from Vogel Center CRC gave a report and answered questions concerning a possible Spanish-speaking Ministry in the area. In our area is a large community of Spanish-speaking people, who currently have little to no pastoral care or places to worship in their own language. Vogel Center CRC is exploring possibilities of beginning a ministry to meet those needs. This would include calling a part time or full time pastor (who is bilingual) to run the ministry. They are hoping to partner with churches and local businesses to help fund, provide leadership, and/or volunteer to run the ministry. Highland's council is inviting you to pray with us about this opportunity. We are asking you to help pray about if Highland is being called to help and if so, how. Council is hoping to discuss this at our March meeting.
- Council reviewed current and future building projects.
- Council received membership transfer papers for Mike & Jennifer Chrispell & family and we welcome them to the Highland community!

TREASURER’S REPORT:			
January General Fund		2nd Offerings	
5th	5,157.00	Booster Club	442.00
12th	5,108.53	Project Canefire	1,111.00
19th	6,408.00	Right to Life	1,397.00
26th	4,952.87	Capital Improvement Fund	648.00
Total Jan Offerings	21,626.40		
Budget needed weekly	6,341.59		
Times 4 weeks	25,366.35		
Received to date	<u>21,626.40</u>		
Balance	(3,739.95)		

**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.

**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 or just need the time to address those digital photos and scrapbooks. 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.

**Vogel Center CRC** is hosting the **Annual Spring Day of Prayer**. All are invited to join them on Wednesday, March 12 at 7:00 pm for a time of community prayer.

**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 for the ongoing support and donations you gave for Operation Christmas Child – 2024. It was a great year! We are once again asking the congregation for ongoing support and donations for this year as well. Like last year, 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 is a tote labeled “Christmas Shoebox” available in the fellowship hall for the donations needed each month. Please feel free to purchase any of these items at any time throughout the year 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!

**Save the Date: Highland’s Spring Prayer Retreat** at Center Lake Bible Camp has been scheduled for Wednesday, May 7. This will be the only prayer retreat held in 2025. However, other events are being planned for the fall.



OUR CHURCH WEEK: FEBRUARY 16-22

SUN 2/16	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 5
	6-7:30 PM	MS Youth Group only; (HS returning from Lafayette, IN)
TUES 2/18	9:30 AM	Ladies Bible Study – Lesson 4
WED 2/19	6:30 PM	Family Dinner
	7:00 PM	Centershot, GEMS, Bible Study & mobile Hymn-sing
SAT 2/22	1-2:30 PM	Protect Young Eyes Presentation (see below for details)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

TODAY:

**Welcome new members!** Council received and approved the membership transfer of Mike & Jennifer Chrispell & their family to Highland CRC from Princeton CRC in Kentwood, MI

**MS Youth Group only** this evening from 6-7:30 pm. HS will be returning from Indiana.

THIS WEEK:

Please take a moment this week to wish **Don Ouwinga** a Happy Birthday! Don will be celebrating his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday this coming Tuesday, February 18.

**Fellowship Bible Study will meet** tonight at 4:30 pm in the fellowship hall for Lesson 5 of the video series “Kings & Prophets” by Ray Vander Laan. Potluck to follow.

**Service Trip to Lafayette, IN:** Highland’s HS Youth Group, their leaders and Pastor Mark had the opportunity to serve alongside Lafayette Urban Ministries (LUM) in Lafayette, IN this past weekend. Please pray for their safe return home later today.

**Ladies Bible Study (w/ Hilda)** will meet this Tuesday at 9:30 am for Lesson 4 of their new Life-Guide Bible study “*Nehemiah - The Courage to Face Opposition*”

**Family Night** will be this Wednesday, February 19:

- **6:30 pm** - Family Dinner featuring homemade mac & cheese, ham, green beans and brownie sundaes. If you are willing to make a pan of brownies for the sundaes, please sign-up at the information table.
- **7:00 - 8:00 pm** - Groups for Everyone!
  - Centershot (boys) or GEMS (girls) for grades 1-5
  - Bible Study on 1 Thessalonians; Meeting in Pastor’s Study.
  - Mobile Hymn-sing w/ Carrie Thompson

**\*\*New\*\* Family Night Bible Study:** Join us for a new group Bible study during the remaining 5 sessions of Family night. We’ll be looking at 1 Thessalonians starting with Chapter 1 this Wednesday, February 19 from 7-8 (following dinner at 6:30 pm) We will be meeting in Pastor Mark’s office as space allows. 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.

**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. In addition to our generous local sponsors, a free-will offering will be accepted at the door to help cover speaker costs. If you are interested in being a sponsor of this event, please contact the church 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. Youth and Adult applications are available on the information table.

SAVE THE DATE:

**Next Sunday: Highland’s 2<sup>nd</sup> 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? This year, prizes will be awarded for “Best Name”, “Hottest Chili” & “Best Tasting”.

**Ash Wednesday:** Join us for a short service on Wednesday, March 5, at 6:00 pm for this 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. Family Night dinner will still begin at 6:30 pm as planned followed by Centershot, GEMS and Bible Study at 7:00 pm.