

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

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

<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
<b>Mar 16</b>	South: Devon & Hillary Dracht; North: Bob & Cindy Vennema

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

<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
<b>Mar 16</b>	Diane Nemeth, Jodi DeHate, Barb Dore, Madelyn Oeverman

**CHILDREN’S CHURCH**

<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
<b>Mar 16</b>	Teacher: Sara Bruno; Helpers: Steph VanHouten, Harmony Kirkby

**SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT**

<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
<b>Mar 16</b>	Kyle Meyering, Kaylie Benthem, Deborah Ouwinga

**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 23, 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 23, 2025**

**The People of God Gather:**

Welcome & God’s Greeting  
Greet One Another

To Praise God in Song:  
*The Father’s House*  
*Holy Spirit*  
Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God  
Announcements  
The Lord’s Prayer & Congregational Prayer

To Proclaim God’s Word  
Children’s Message: Linda Wing  
Song of Preparation: *Blessed Be Your Name*  
Passage: **Genesis 45: 1-15**  
Title: **That Grace May Abound!**  
Prayer of Response  
Song of Response/Offertory: *From Whom All Blessings Flow*  
Today’s Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: Capital Improvement Fund

To Go in God’s Name  
God’s Blessing  
Closing Song: *From Whom All Blessings Flow*  
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:**

**Classis NM Spring Meeting:**  
Tuesday, March 4, 2025 at 9:00 am  
at Vogel Center CRC

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

**Next Communion:**  
Sunday, March 2, 2025

**Preaching Schedule:**  
February 23: Rev. Mark Bonnes  
March 2: Rev. Mark Bonnes  
March 9: Rev. Mark Bonnes  
March 16: Rev. Mark Bonnes  
March 23: Rev. Mark Bonnes  
March 30: Rev. David McBride

**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:**

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](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 Pluger  
**Facilities Team** – Greg Hesselink  
**Outreach Team** – Jodi DeHate  
**Prayer Team** – Sandy Rice  
**Service Team** – Carrie Thompson  
**Worship Team** – Bonnie McBride

**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.

**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**.

**UNITED Night of Worship** is a bi-annual night of worship for students and youth ministries across northwest Michigan that first began in April 2018. This event gathers hundreds of students and youth leaders together under one roof, with one identity, to worship our one true God. Sunday, **April 13**, 2025, 6-8 PM at Cadillac High School Auditorium (500 Chestnut Street; Cadillac). This is a FREE event! For more information and event updates, visit [www.unitednwmj.com](http://www.unitednwmj.com) or Instagram: @unitednwmj

**PRAYER CONNECTIONS:**

- **02/20/25 Prayer Chain:** The Veddler family would appreciate your prayers for **Dana (Veddler) Stahl**. Dana was sent to the hospital this past week following a seizure. Testing has revealed tumors on her brain. They will be doing a biopsy to help determine the best course of treatment. Please pray for Dana and her husband Michael, their medical team and their families.
- **On-going Health Concerns:** 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 continue to pray for the **Spanish Language Ministry** that was recently introduced by Vogel Center CRC and for Spirit-led direction in how Highland and other area churches might be involved in that ministry.

**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.



OUR CHURCH WEEK: FEBRUARY 23-29		
SUN 2/23	9:15 AM	Prayer
	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	10:40 AM	Sunday School & Catechism; Dismissed at 11:30
	12:00 PM	Highland’s 2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Chili Cook-off
	4:30 PM	Fellowship Bible Study & Potluck – Video Lesson 5
TUES 2/25	9:30 AM	Ladies Bible Study – Lesson 5

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**TODAY at Noon- Highland’s 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Chili Cook-Off and Fellowship Lunch:** 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!

**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.

**Ladies Bible Study (w/ Hilda)** will meet this Tuesday at 9:30 am for Lesson 5 of their new Life-Guide Bible study “*Nehemiah - The Courage to Face Opposition*”

**Next Sunday**, March 2, we will have the privilege of celebrating the Lord’s Supper.

**Thank you Highland Family** for your donations and support towards our service trip last weekend! We partnered with Lafayette Urban Ministries(LUM) for the weekend. Our group got a great perspective on how LUM helps the community, homeless and other people in need. We plan on giving a detailed update during our youth service. The youth did an amazing job all weekend! We made over 100 bag lunches with the supplies you all provided! We really believe that God worked in the hearts of our youth during the weekend, and we can’t thank you all enough for your donations and prayers. Thank you! ~The High School Service Group & Leaders

**THANK YOU! The Protect Young Eyes** event yesterday was very informative and a great way to reach out to the community. Thank you to everyone who helped to make it happen, especially our sponsors: Greg & Laura Hesselink, Bryan & Diane Eisenga, Bob & Cindy Vennema, Dollene VanPolen, & Hilda Cruz! If you were hoping to help bring this event to our community through sponsorship, you still can. Bring your donation to the church office or a member of the Education Team. Thank you!

**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.

**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.

**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 **March & April**, we will be collecting SMALL TOYS –Baby dolls, toy cars, soccer balls with pumps, toy animals, stress balls, bouncy balls, books, flashlights/batteries, jump ropes, etc.– will all 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 those will be accepted as well! Please contact Becky Wemple or the church office if you have any questions. Thank you again for your ongoing support and generosity!