

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

NURSERY

- Feb 25** Ruth Kulhawick, Nicole Schultz, Maggie Southwick, Ben Thompson
March 3 Donna Veddler, Esther Bode, Diane Nemeth, Kendyn Meyering
March 10 Barb Dore, Tami Eisenga, Jodi Meyering, Evan Wemple
March 17 Makayla Powers, Mary Rees, DaNay Tossey, Leah Thompson

CHILDREN’S CHURCH

- Feb 25** Teacher: Sara Bruno; Helpers: Hillary Dracht, Steph VanHouten
March 3 Teacher: Jodi DeHate; Helpers: Nicole Koetje, Emma Lee
March 10 Teacher: Megan Pluger; Helpers: Jordyn Richardson, Gracyn Swiler
March 17 Teacher: Miranda Dykhouse; Helpers: Lindsay Beerens, Alan Thomas

SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT

- Feb 25** Cary Sikkema, Kaylie Benthem, Jodi DeHate
March 3 Kyle Meyering, Deb Eisenga, Kendra Jenema
March 10 Matt Thompson, Jonathan Ouwinga, Deborah Ouwinga
March 17 Cary Sikkema, Kaylie Benthem, Kendra Jenema

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 25** South: Lindsay & Amara Beerens; North: Matt & Carrie Thompson
March 3 South: Devon & Hillary Dracht; North: Bob & Cindy Vennema
March 10 South: Larry & Marilyn Visser; North: C.J. & Sara Bruno
March 17 South: Jean Venema; North: Kevin & Tami Eisenga

2ND OFFERINGS:

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| February: | March: |
| 4 th : Booster Club | 3 rd : Booster Club |
| 11 th : Friendship Bible Ministry | 10 th : Matt & Emily Slack |
| 18 th : Friends Ministry | 17 th : Single M.O.M.M.S |
| 25 th : Existing Building Fund | 24 th : Marion Backpack Program |
| | 31 st : 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 25, 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 25, 2024

(2nd Sunday of Lent)

The People of God Gather:

Prelude: *Special Music (organ/piano)*

Welcome

God's Greeting

Greet One Another

To Praise God

Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid (vs 1,3)

Take My Life and Let It Be (vs 1,4,5)

The Servant Song (vs 1,2,4)

Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God

Announcements

The Lord's Prayer & Congregational Prayer

To Proclaim God's Word

Children's Message: Megan Plugger

Song of Preparation: *May the Mind of Christ, My Savior (vs 1-3)*

Scripture: Mark 11:12-25

Message: MONDAY: Clearing the Temple

Prayer of Response

Song of Response/Offertory: *Special Music (organ/piano)*

Today's Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: Existing Building Fund

To Go in God's Name

God's blessing

Closing Song: *Go, My Children, With My Blessing (vs 1,3)*

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, March 11

6:30 pm Elders

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 Plugger

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 4-6 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:

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 our team at REVmoms22@gmail.com or through our REV Moms Facebook page.

Save the Date: Highland's High-school Youth Group will be taking part in a progressive dinner on Sunday, March 17 along with Vogel Center CRC, Prosper CRC and Rehoboth. A sign-up sheet will be available next Sunday on the information table for volunteers to help provide ingredients our pasta dinner. This will be held in our fellowship hall (after Fellowship Bible Study) to accommodate youth from the all four churches.

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. Watch for more information posted here as we get closer to this event.

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.

THANK YOU:

- ✚ We want to thank our Highland family for being such a huge part of our lives. We have grown in our faith here as well as started and grew our family! We have made many lasting friendships and connections and have seen what a strong and faithful community is capable of. There are so many inspirational people at this church and we will miss you all very much. We ask for prayers in our travels, finding a new church, and adapting to all the changes in our lives. God bless you Highland! ~The Smith Family
- ✚ Thank you Highland Church for all the cards, calls and prayers following Mark's ankle surgery. Your continued prayers for healing are greatly appreciated. ~Mark & Deb Eisenga

PRAYER CONNECTIONS:

- ✚ **Brad Pluger** continues to make progress through therapy at Hope Network in Grand Rapids. Please pray for continued healing and patience.
- ✚ **Pray faithfully for our Missionaries:** Don't wait until our missionaries are facing a crisis. Keep photos where you will be reminded. Learn all you can about them. Be on their email list so you can pray specifically. Their families have the same type of problems we do but because of their location and being separated from family, they are more difficult to deal with. Pray for their health- Lack of cultural hygiene issues and distance from good hospitals, is always a concern. By staying in touch with them, we can share not only their difficulties but also all their joys!
- ✚ **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).
Please contact the church office for mailing information

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS - FEBRUARY 12, 2024

New Members: Elders approved the transfer of membership of Dave and Judy Meyering along with the new membership of Bonnie McBride. May they be blessed here at Highland Church.

Wedding Policy was updated. The new policy makes it clear that Elders are responsible for approving or disapproving all weddings at Highland.

10th Anniversary of New Addition. Council recognized that this is the 10th year since the new sanctuary opened. We discussed ways to remember this milestone this year.

Spring Classis Meeting on March 5th. Our nominees to classis are Pastor Ashley, Jerry Nemeth (elder), Don Eisenga (alternate elder), and Carrie Thompson (deacon). Please mark Classis on your calendars and remember to pray for it.

Kids Hope: Marion School reached out to say that Kids Hope may be restarting. Council is looking at what our participation may look like.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

January General Fund		2nd Offerings	
7th	6,815.00	Booster Club	968.00
14th	6,371.00	Project Canefire	762.00
21st	5,613.00	Right to Life	1,651.00
28th	<u>7,055.01</u>	Church Building Fund	959.00
Total January Offerings	25,854.01		
Budget needed weekly	6,471.23		
Times 4 weeks	25,884.94		
Received to date	<u>25,854.01</u>		
Balance	(30.93)		

OUR CHURCH WEEK: FEBRUARY 25 – MARCH 2

SUN 2/25	9:15 AM	Prayer
	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	10:40 AM	Sunday School & Catechism
	4:30 PM	Fellowship Bible Study –Lesson 2
	6:00 PM	MS/HS Youth Group
TUES 2/27	9:30 AM	Ladies Bible Study –Lesson 10
	5:45 PM	REV Moms
WED 2/28	7:00 PM	Screwtape Letters Bible Study - Youth building
THURS 2/29	7:00 PM	JUMP Practice
SAT 3/2	8:00 AM-8:00 PM	REV Moms Craft Day Retreat - Church Use
	5:00-8:00 PM	Youth Building Use

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Sunday Evening Fellowship Bible Study will meet in the fellowship hall at 4:30 pm in the church fellowship hall for Lesson 2 of our new study “Angels”. A potluck supper will follow. Please contact Sandy Rice if you have not yet reserved a copy of the book.

Attention Middle School Youth Group Parents!!! This Sunday, February 25th, we are ROCK climbing at ELEV8, Traverse City along with the MS Youth Group from Rehoboth!! We will plan to leave the Highland CRC parking lot at 4:45pm (please arrive at 4:30pm). We are Rock climbing from 6-8pm (pizza will be served during). We will head back to Highland CRC and have kids ready for pick up between 9:15-9:30pm Cost is \$20/child. All participants must a parent complete the online waiver. Your child can't participate if they don't have one on file! Please notify Maggie Southwick yet this morning if your child plans to attend so we can make adequate travel arrangements! Waiver Link: <https://waiver.smartwaiver.com/w/60df3328b0011/web>

The Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study will be looking at Lesson 10 of their study titled “Meeting Jesus” this week beginning at 9:30 am

Screwtape Letters Bible Study: Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm in the Youth Building. Please read the following chapters (4-6) and answer these questions before our next meeting:

- **Chapter 4: On Prayer** - What is the type of prayer that scares Screwtape?
- **Chapter 5: On Suffering and Faith** - Why does Screwtape say war can be short term good for devils, but long term bad for devils?
- **Chapter 6: On Fear and Faith** - What kind of fear does Screwtape want the patient to focus on? How is patience and fear a good thing (for Christians)?

Chili Cook-off Results: Thank you to everyone that came out to support or participate in the Chili Cook-off last Sunday. The results are as follows: Hottest Chili: Kevin DeHate; Best Named Chili: Carole Shaarda and Best Tasting Chili: Pastor Mark Bonnes.