

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

NURSERY

- Feb 26** Jodi Meyering, Mikayla Powers, Lindsay Beerens, Alan Thomas
March 5 Tami Eisenga, Mary Rees, DaNay Tossey, Natalie Kvasnak
March 12 Bev Taylor, Jackie Schmid, Deborah Ouwinga, Emma Lee
March 19 Megan Plugger, Melissa Oeverman, Cindy Vennema, Aubrynn Bazuin

CHILDREN’S CHURCH

- Feb 26** Teacher: Jodi DeHate; Helpers: Jordyn Richardson, JD Bazuin
March 5 Teacher: Megan Plugger Helpers: Nicole Schultz, Alan Thomas
March 12 Teacher: Cindy Vennema; Helpers: Nicole Koetje, Kendyn Meyering
March 19 Teacher: Sara Bruno; Helpers: Hillary Dracht, Gracyn Swiler

SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT

- Feb 26** Cary Sikkema, Kaylie Benthem, Kendra Jenema
March 5 Matt Thompson, Jonathan Ouwinga, Sue Cook
March 12 Kyle Meyering, Dan Ouwinga, Jodi DeHate
March 19 Cary Sikkema, Kaylie Benthem, Kendra Jenema

2ND OFFERINGS

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| February: | March: |
| 5 th – Booster Club | 5 th – Booster Club |
| 12 th – Existing Building Fund | 12 th – Project Canefire |
| 19 th – World Renew | 19 th – Existing Building Fund |
| 26 th – Middle School Youth Room | 26 th – Middle School Youth Room |

USHERS

- February:** Kerwin Huttenga, Henry Baas, Mike Southwick, Isaac Baas
March: Adam Southwick, Kevin Eisenga, Todd Oeverman, Tucker Tossey

****If you are unable to serve on your scheduled date, please find a replacement.
Please call the church office (231) 825-2171 if you have any questions. Thank you!**



February 26, 2023

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

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Sunday Worship 9:30 AM
Sunday School 10:40 AM – 11:30 AM

9034 23 Mile Rd; Marion
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HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
Morning Worship Service – 9:30 am
February 19, 2023

The People of God Gather:

Welcome & Lighting the Christ Candle
 God's Greeting
 Greet One Another

To Praise God:

Come, Now Is The Time To Worship
 Call to Confession –Responsive Reading
O Come To The Alter
 Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God:

Announcements
 Congregational Prayer

To Proclaim God's Word:

Children's Message- Pastor Ashley
 Song of Preparation: *Jesus Draw Me Ever Nearer*
 Sermon Title: **“Vanity, Vanity, Everything is Vanity”**
 Scripture: **Acts 8:9-24**
 Prayer of Response

To Partake in the Lord's Supper:

The Apostles' Creed
 Communion *please remain seated as the elements are passed
 Bread: *Agnus Dei (Instrumental only)*
 Juice: *Agnus Dei (with Congregation)*
 Song of Response/Offertory: *Graves Into Gardens*
 Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: Middle School Youth Room

To Go in God's Name:

God's blessing
 Closing Song: *Mighty To Save*

Our **Nursery** is available downstairs for children ages 0 - 3 years old.
Children's Church is available downstairs for children ages 3-Kindergarten
 following the children's message.

HIGHLAND COUNCIL

Officers for 2023:

(All have a 231 area code unless otherwise noted)

President	Jon Dracht
Vice President	Don Eisenga
Clerk	Alan Baas
Sec. of Deacons	Kyle Meyering
Vice Treas.	Kasey Rees

<p align="center">Pastor Mark Bonnes Pastor Ashley Bonnes *personal contact info is not posted online. Please call the church office.</p>

Districts for 2023:

Elders	District	Deacons
Den Kamphouse	#1, A-C	David Wing
Alan Baas	#2, D-E	Kyle Meyering
Jon Dracht	#3, F-L	Devon Dracht
Paul Shaarda	#4, M-O	Kasey Rees
Don Eisenga	#5, P-T	Scott Oeverman
Don Ellens	#6, U-Z	Anne Thomas

Next Council Meeting: March 6, 2023

- 6:30 pm -Elders
- 7:00 pm -Deacons
- 7:30 pm -Council

Spring Classis Meeting: March 7, 2023 at 9:00 am at Calvin CRC

<p align="center">Church Office (231) 825-2171 office@highlandcrc.org Office Hours: Mon - Thurs: 8:30 am-2:00 pm Fri-Sun: Closed **All bulletin content is due at noon on Thursdays**</p>	<p align="center">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)</p>
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ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED:

Love INC's Linen Pantry (housed at First Christian Church, Cadillac) is in need of the following new or gently used items. All donated Items can either be collected on the donation table in the east wing or dropped off at First Christian Church of Cadillac, (Tuesdays & Thursdays or by appointment.):

- Mattress Pads –Queen, Full & Twin
- Quilts & Blankets –Queen & Full
- Pillows
- Hand Towels
- Dish Towels

Items for Christmas Shoeboxes- Thank you again for all the ongoing support and donations you have given for our recent Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection for 2022—it was a great year! We would like to ask the congregation for ongoing support and donations by collecting 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! (I have an example that I will put out in the fellowship hall) I will be setting out a Tote labeled for the donations each month that will be located in the Fellowship Hall. Please feel free to purchase any of these items at any time as we greatly appreciate all the support.

Blood Drive Results: Our recent blood drive on February 15 brought in 23 donors with a total of 24 pints of blood collected which will help save nearly 72 local individuals in the coming days and weeks. Thank you for continuing to support our community with your generous donations of blood. Our next blood drive has been scheduled for Wednesday, **April 12**. To schedule, please call 1-866-MI-BLOOD or visit www.versiti.org/mi. You may also schedule through the church office by calling (231) 825-2171.

PRAYER CORNER

- ✚ We lift up in prayer those that need healing and the strength needed for each day: **BJ Cook, Amanda Lee, Jean Vennema, Bonnie Veddler, Carol Niver, Shandell (Veddler) Banks & Dick Bruno.**
- ✚ **Ken VanPolen, Sr.** would appreciate your prayers for strength and healing as his recent routine scans indicate that the cancer has returned on a previously affected lymph node. He is scheduled for a follow-up with his Oncologist in Traverse City this week to further discuss these results and treatment options.

WEEKLY PRAYER EMPHASIS:

On January 1 we began 2023 with a prayer service where we collected prayers from you all. The Prayer Team has turned those wonderful prayers and prayer concerns into a calendar of prayers for 2023. Every week we will emphasize a prayer concern that you all gave us:

- **This Sunday**, This week we lift up prayers for the Spiritual Growth of Highland Church and surrounding community.
- **In the week ahead & next Sunday**, we will consider all that we can be thankful for when it comes to our Highland Church family. How have you been blessed by the people of Highland Church

OUR MISSIONARIES

*Contact the office for mailing addresses

George & Sarah de Vuyst & Family

Serving in Ukraine & the U.S.

Email: gdevuyst@crcna.org

Website: <http://www.devuysts.com>

Josh & Mandy Shaarda & Family

Serving in Uganda

Email: jshaarda@crnapartners.org

Blog: <http://shaarda.blogspot.com>

OUR ACTIVE MILITARY

*Contact the office for mailing addresses

Seth Nowland

(Sergeant First Class; U.S. Army)

Camp Casey Army Base, South Korea

**Parents: Larry & Marilyn Nowland

Tyler Bode

(Staff Sergeant, U.S. Air Force)

Davis Monthan Airforce Base, Tucson, AZ

**Parents: Dale & Becky Bode

OUR CHURCH WEEK: FEBRUARY 26 - MARCH 4

SUN 02/26	9:15 AM	Prayer
	9:30 AM	Morning Worship Service
	10:40 AM	Sunday School, Catechism & Lenten Discussion Group
	4:30 PM	Fellowship Bible Study – Lesson 5
MON 02/27	7:00 PM	Lenten Discussion Group
TUES 02/28	5:45 PM	REV Moms
WED 03/01	9:30 AM	Ladies Bible Study (w/ Hilda) – Lesson 2
	6:30 PM	Family Night Dinner –Tacos!
	7:00 PM	Centershot, GEMS, Prayer Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

This morning, on this first Sunday of Lent, we have the privilege of celebrating The Lord’s Supper. *“May the celebration of our Savior’s infinite love in His redeeming death bring joy to us and glory to [our Heavenly Father]”* - Preparatory Exhortation for the Lord's Supper (1981).

****Reminder!!** Baby Bottles for Life Resources are due back!** All bottles (full or empty) need to be returned to the box next to the information table so they can be reused for future campaigns. Thank you!

Lenten Challenge Series: During the upcoming Lenten season, we will be studying the Seven Deadly Sins. Based on the book “Glittering Vices” by Rebecca Konyndyk DeYoung, each week we will have a series of challenges and prayers that we encourage people to do during the week prior to the Sunday sermon of that topic. Starting February 26, there will be a time of discussion for adults each week during the Sunday school hour or on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm.

The Sunday Evening Fellowship Bible Study will meet this evening at 4:30 pm for Lesson 5 of their study on the book of James.

The Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Study (w/ Hilda) will be starting with Lesson 1 of their new study on the Ten Commandments. Books are in! Please see Hilda Cruz for your copy of the study guide.

New Members Class- Pastors Mark and Ashley will be offering a New Members Class in the coming month (start-date yet to be determined). If you are interested in joining the church either through either Profession of Faith or Reaffirmation of Faith, please contact either Pastor Mark, Pastor Ashley or the church office.

1-2-3-4 We Declare a Change War! February 12-25. The boys are currently ahead in the change war with a positive 4060 points for the boys and negative 3185 points for the girls. Together they have raised \$1,157.20!! Today is the last day to contribute. Just a reminder that any change and checks donated will count as positive (+) points towards the bucket you put it in while dollar bills (any denomination) counts as negative (-) points. All the funds raised will go towards furnishing the middle school youth room. **MS Youth Room Update:** The middle school youth room is coming along nicely. The drywall is up and it will be ready for paint shortly. That being said, the money for this project has been depleted. The room still needs cabinets, flooring, doors, lights, plumbing, paint and furniture. The estimated cost to finish the room is \$13,000 which does not include furniture. The offering this week is for this project. Please prayerfully consider donating to this project so the kids will be able to have a space to meet, fellowship and grow in Christ.

In Honor of Those That Have Served: Our Role of Honor plaques in the fellowship hall are due for an update. If you or a loved one (past or present member) of Highland Church served in the U.S. Military and their name isn’t already on the plaques, please notify the church office so they can be added. Thank you!

Prayer Retreat – The prayer team is anticipating a prayer retreat for the fall. Please prayerfully consider if God is inviting you to attend. We’ll share updates as they become available.

Help Needed: Our Strong Tower and Extreme Youth Groups are in need of Large Group Leaders. These leaders would present the provided lesson to the group, lead discussions as a whole with group and lead game with a helper (game idea/supplies are provided as well if needed). If you are willing to help with this need, please contact our Youth Director, Lindsay Zuiderveen or the church office.

Vogel Center CRC will be hosting the annual **Spring Day of Prayer** on Wednesday, March 8 at 7:00 pm. Everyone is invited to attend and pray for God’s blessings on our community, families, schools and businesses.

Start Your Comet Journey - Are you looking for Preschool, Young 5's or Kindergarten? Join us at Northern Michigan Christian School on March 21st for an information night where future Comets can meet their teacher, explore classrooms, and receive information about registration for the 2023-24 School Year! If you are unsure if your student is ready for Kindergarten, feel free to join us and we have readiness testing available! Informational meetings will be as follows:

- Preschool, 5:30 PM
- Young 5's, 6:00 PM
- Kindergarten, 6:30 PM