

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

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

<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
<b>Mar 23</b>	South: CJ & Sara Bruno; North: Jean Venema

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

<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
<b>Mar 23</b>	Jodi Meyering, Addean Oeverman, Mikayla Powers, Ben Thompson

**CHILDREN’S CHURCH**

<b>Mar 2</b>	Teacher: Megan Plugger; Helpers: Nicole Schultz, Charlotte Thomas
<b>Mar 9</b>	Teacher: Miranda Dykhouse; Helpers: Lindsay Beerens, Gracy Swiler
<b>Mar 16</b>	Teacher: Sara Bruno; Helpers: Steph VanHouten, Harmony Kirkby
<b>Mar 23</b>	*** Spring Break: No Children’s Church 3/23 & 3/30 ***

**SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT**

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

**USHERS – Please arrive by 9:15 am**

<b>March</b>	Kevin Eisenga, Franklin Baas, Al Thomas, Todd Schmid
<b>April</b>	Adam Swiler, Dale Taylor, Kevin DeHate, Henry Baas

**2ND OFFERINGS:**

<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



**March 2, 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 10:40 am – 11:30 am (Sept-May)	(231) 825-2171

Welcome to  
**HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH**  
**Morning Worship Service – 9:30 am**  
**March 2, 2025**

**The People of God Gather:**

Prelude  
Welcome & God’s Greeting  
Greet One Another  
To Praise God in Song:  
*Turn Your Eyes (vs 1-4)*  
Galatians 2:20  
*Yet Not I, But Through Christ In Me (vs 1-3)*  
Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God  
Announcements  
Congregational Prayer

To Proclaim God’s Word  
Children’s Message: Scott Akom  
Song of Preparation: *Speak O Lord (vs 1-2)*  
Passage: **Ephesians 4:17-24**  
Title: **Living into a New Self**

To Partake in the Lord’s Supper  
Heidelberg Catechism Q&A #76  
Communion \*please remain seated as the elements are passed  
    Bread: *Wonderful, Merciful Savior (vs 1-3)*  
    Juice: *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross/The Wonderful Cross (vs 1-3)*  
Prayer of Response  
Song of Response/Offertory  
    Today’s Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: Booster Club

To Go in God’s Name  
God’s Blessing  
Closing Song: *Go My Children, With My Blessing (vs 3)*  
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:**

<b>Classis NM Spring Meeting:</b> Tuesday, March 4, 2025 at 9:00 am at Vogel Center CRC	<b>Next Communion:</b> Good Friday, April 18, 2025
<b>Next Council Meetings:</b> Monday, March 10, 2025 6:30 pm Elders 7:00 pm Deacons 7:30 pm Full Council	<b>Preaching Schedule:</b> 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

**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!

**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.unitednwmi.com](http://www.unitednwmi.com) or Instagram: @unitednwmi

THANK YOU

Dear Friends at Highland CRC, thank you for joining God in all He’s doing through Resonate! All around the globe, God is working through your church’s support for your Christian Reformed missionaries, church planters, and ministry leaders. Together, we are taking part in the way God’s Spirit is moving! I hope you are continually encouraged by the good and fruitful work we are accomplishing together. Your church’s gifts and prayers help make it possible to carry the hope and redemption of Jesus to the ears of unreached people in over 40 countries around the world! Your community’s support is an important way you help make this ministry possible. We couldn’t do it without you! Thank you for using your gifts to partner with Resonate. I hope that you find warmth in knowing that by sending others to share the Good News of Jesus, your church is helping change the lives of individuals and communities for generations to come! Thank you! ~In Christ, Kevin DeRaaf, Director of Resonate Global Mission

PRAYER CONNECTIONS:

*Let us approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. Hebrews 4:16*

- We lift up in prayer those that are battling serious health conditions: Dana Stahl, Dale Fredin & Bob Hesselink. We pray too for their caregivers and the 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@crcnapartners.org](mailto:jshaarda@crcnapartners.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).

OUR CHURCH WEEK: MARCH 2-8		
<b>SUN</b> 3/2	9:15 AM 9:30 AM 10:40 AM 4:30 PM 6-7:30 pm	Prayer Worship Service & Communion Sunday School & Catechism; Dismissed at 11:30 Fellowship Bible Study & Potluck – Video Lesson 6 MS & HS Youth Groups
<b>TUES</b> 3/4	9:00 AM 9:30 AM 7:00 PM	Classis NM at Vogel Center CRC – Spring Meeting Ladies Bible Study – Lesson 6 Praise Team Practice
<b>WED</b> 3/5	6:00 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Ash Wednesday Service Family Night Dinner Centershot, GEMS & Bible Study
<b>FRI</b> 3/7	-----	Fellowship Hall Closed for Craft Retreat Set-up
<b>SAT</b> 3/8	8:00 AM – 8:00 PM 12:00 – 4:00 PM	Craft Day Retreat (Fellowship Hall/Sanctuary) Youth Building Use

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**This morning**, we have the privilege of celebrating the Lord’s Supper.

**Fellowship Bible Study will meet** tonight at 4:30 pm in the fellowship hall for Lesson 6 of the video series “Kings & Prophets” by Ray Vander Laan. Potluck to follow.

**Youth Groups Tonight from 6-7:30 pm \*see details below for location changes\***

- **High School Youth Group** will be meeting at Alan and Dana Baas’ house!
  - (see printed bulletin for address details)
  - HS will be having a “Make your own sled” contest. There will be prizes for speed, distance and creativity! You can also just bring a sled or a tube for sledding as well. Dinner will be at 6:00, we’ll have a short discussion and pass out devotionals and then the sledding will begin! Hope to see you there!
- **MS Youth Group** will be meeting at Adam & Maggie Southwick’s house
  - (see printed bulletin for address details)
  - MS will be mixing it up with a pole barn party! Bring warm gear for outside and sneakers for basketball & ping pong inside.

**Update on the TODAY Devotionals:** The large print booklets for March/April have been delayed but are on their way! We will put them out on the information table as soon as they arrive. Thank you for your patience.

**Ladies Bible Study (w/ Hilda)** will meet this Tuesday at 9:30 am for Lesson 6 of their new Life-Guide Bible study “*Nehemiah - The Courage to Face Opposition*”

**Ash Wednesday Service:** Join us for a short service this Wednesday, **March 5**, at 6:00 pm 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 will follow as scheduled (see below).

**Family Night**, will begin at 6:30 pm this Wednesday, with a dinner of Spaghetti casserole, bread sticks, broccoli and fruit, Centershot & GEMS will begin at 7:00 pm. This week the GEMS will be painting a 5x7 Easter picture with special guest, Sandy Wiltzer! Please RSVP to Maggie Southwick yet today if your GEMS girl plans to attend.

**Thank you PYE Sponsors!** We had an amazing presentation by Protect Young Eyes last weekend! Thank you to all the individuals and businesses that sponsored this year’s event! Your generosity makes this event possible: Bryan & Diane Eisenga, Bob & Cindy Vennema, Greg & Laura Hesselink, Dollene VanPolen, Hilda Cruz, Dale & Bev Taylor, Baker Auto of Cadillac, Ace Hardware of Cadillac and Walmart of Cadillac along with those who graciously donated at the door. If you missed the presentation, DVD copies are available upon request through the church office.

**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:** This 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, provide meals, gifts for volunteers and moms, outreach, and more! Email [REVmoms22@gmail.com](mailto:REVmoms22@gmail.com) to reserve your table or if you have any questions about registration, or the event. Registration forms are also available by request from the church office or you can find R.E.V. Moms on Facebook!

**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.

**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.