

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

NURSERY

- 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
- March 24** Megan Plugger, Melissa Oeverman, Cindy Vennema, Karsyn Meyering

CHILDREN’S CHURCH

- March 3** Teacher: Jodi DeHate; Helpers: Nicole Koetje, Emma Lee
- March 10** Teacher: Megan Plugger; Helpers: Jordyn Richardson, Gracyn Swiler
- March 17** Teacher: Miranda Dykhouse; Helpers: Lindsay Beerens, Alan Thomas
- March 24** Palm Sunday / Spring Break

SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT

- March 3** Kyle Meyering, Deb Eisenga, Kendra Jenema
- March 10** Matt Thompson, Jonathan Ouwinga, Deborah Ouwinga
- March 17** Cary Sikkema, Kaylie Benthem, Kendra Jenema
- March 24** Kyle Meyering, Dan Ouwinga, Tami Eisenga

USHERS

- March:** Kevin Huttenga, Todd Oeverman, Isaac Baas, Henry Baas
- April:** Kasey Rees, Matt Thompson, Dale Fredin, Ben Thompson

GREETERS – PLEASE ARRIVE BY 9:15 AM

- 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
- March 24** South: Steph & Sam VanHouten; North: Jim & Bev Ouwinga

2ND OFFERINGS:

- March:**
- 3rd: Booster Club
- 10th: Matt & Emily Slack
- 17th: Single M.O.M.M.S
- 24th: Marion Backpack Program
- 31st: 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.



March 3, 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

March 3, 2024

(3rd Sunday of Lent)

The People of God Gather:

Welcome
God's Greeting
Greet One Another

To Praise God

Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)
You Are Holy (Prince of Peace)
Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God

Announcements
Heidelberg Catechism Q&A #1
Congregational Prayer

To Proclaim God's Word

Children's Message: Anne Thomas
Song of Preparation: *The Wonderful Cross*

Scripture: Matthew 22:34-40

Message: TUESDAY: The Greatest Commandment

Prayer of Response
Song of Response/Offertory: *Whom Shall I Fear (God of Angel Armies)*
Today's Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: Booster Club

To Go in God's Name

God's blessing
Closing Song: *Lifesong*
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:

March 3 – Rev. Mark Bonnes
March 10 – Rev. Ashley Bonnes
March 17 – Rev. Mark Bonnes
March 24 – Rev. Ashley Bonnes
March 29 –
March 31 –

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

****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 Pluger
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:

NMC's Preschool & Kindergarten Round Up: Northern Michigan Christian School invites you to their March 19 Open House! Come in and explore the Preschool, Young Fives, and Kindergarten classrooms. This is a night to explore the environment, meet the teachers, and ask questions! Hours are flexible so you can drop in whatever time works best for you and your family! Preschool & Young Fives (Rising Stars) - 9 am to 7 pm; Kindergarten – 3 pm to 7 pm

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

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

OUR CHURCH WEEK: MARCH 3-9

SUN 3/3	9:15 AM 9:30 AM 10:40 AM 4:30 PM 6:00 PM	Prayer Worship Service Sunday School & Catechism Fellowship Bible Study –Lesson 3 MS/HS Youth Group
TUES 3/5	9:30 AM	Ladies Bible Study –Lesson 11
WED 3/6	6:30 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Family Night Dinner Centershot & GEMS Screwtape Letters Bible Study - Youth building
THURS 3/7	7:00 PM	Praise Team Practice

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

****Next Sunday**, we have the privilege of celebrating the Lord’s Supper. If for any reason you or a loved one of Highland Church are unable to attend would like Communion brought to their home, please contact one of the Elders or pastors.

The Sunday Evening Fellowship Bible Study will meet in the fellowship hall at 4:30 pm in the church fellowship hall for Lesson 3 of their new study on “Angels”. A potluck supper will follow.

The Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study will be looking at Lesson 11 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 chapters 7-9 and answer these questions before our next meeting:

- **Chapter 7** - On using the Bible to Defend Extremism - Why is extremism so useful to Wormwood?
- **Chapters 8 & 9** - On Free Choice and life's sadness - Why do "troughs" lead to spiritual growth?

Family Night dinner, this Wednesday at 6:30 pm, will be Spaghetti Casserole, bread sticks, broccoli and grapes. Centershot, GEMS and Bible Study will begin at 7:00 pm.

New Website: You may have noticed that our website has a new look. We are still learning how to use some of its features and appreciate your patience during that process. Visit www.highlandcrc.org to check it out!

Readers and Singers Needed: As we prepare for the upcoming Good Friday and Easter services, we are looking for readers for Good Friday and 4-part harmony singers for Easter. Both services are during Spring Break and many people will be gone so PLEASE notify either Hilda or the church office if you will be available either of those dates to help.

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. Highland will be hosting the main course (pasta dinner). More details will be posted here once they become available.

Attention Junior High and High school Students: United Night of Worship is coming up on Sunday, April 28 from 6-8 pm. This is a bi-annual event for all area junior high and high school students and youth leaders. This event will be held at the Elenbaas Auditorium at McBain School.

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.

Thank you to all that helped plan, organize and sponsor the **Protect Young Eyes** event! **DVDs** of the Protect Young Eyes Presentation from February 24 are now available on the information table. Be sure to also grab a paper handout for additional information. Please share these with anyone interested in this valuable information.

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.