

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

<b>GREETERS – Please arrive by 9:15 am</b>	
<b>Mar 8</b>	South: Kyle & Abby Meyering; North: Hilda Cruz
<b>Mar 15</b>	South: Greg & DaNay Tossey; North: Dave & Linda Wing
<b>Mar 22</b>	South: Todd & Jackie Schmid; North: Jerry & Diane Nemeth
<b>Mar 29</b>	South: Scott Oeverman; North: Greg & Laura Hesselink
<b>NURSERY – Please arrive by 9:15 am</b>	
<b>Mar 8</b>	Anne Thomas, Brooke Benthem, Penny Bruno
<b>Mar 15</b>	Lizelle Bazuin, Bev Kamphouse, Gracyn Swiler
<b>Mar 22</b>	Kasey McQuestion, Shari Benthem, Khloe McQuestion
<b>Mar 29</b>	Jan Rivera, Karen Oeverman, Natalie Veddler
<b>April 3 Good Friday</b>	Dana Baas, Jenifer Peterson, Tucker Bonnes
<b>CHILDREN’S CHURCH – (September – May; Sundays Only)</b>	
<b>Mar 8</b>	Teacher: Sara Bruno; Helper: Emma Lee
<b>Mar 15</b>	Teacher: Jordyn Richardson; Helper: Charlotte Thomas
<b>Mar 22</b>	Teacher: Makayla Powers; Helper: Gracyn Swiler
<b>Mar 29</b>	**Spring Break: No Children’s Church**
<b>SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT</b>	
<b>Mar 8</b>	Matt Thompson, Dan Ouwinga, Micah Chrispell
<b>Mar 15</b>	Matt Thompson, Jon Ouwinga, Jodi DeHate
<b>Mar 22</b>	Cary Sikkema, Deb Eisenga, Tami Eisenga
<b>Mar 29</b>	Kyle Meyering, Kaylie Benthem, Deborah Ouwinga
<b>April 3 Good Friday</b>	Matt Thompson, Dan Ouwinga, Jodi DeHate
<b>USHERS – Please arrive by 9:15 am</b>	
<b>March:</b>	Bob Lee, Jon Ouwinga, Ken Roede, Adam Swiler
<b>April:</b>	Dale Taylor, Kyle Veltema, Kendyn Meyering, Todd Schmid
<b>2ND OFFERINGS:</b>	
<b>March:</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> : Booster Club 8 <sup>th</sup> : Josh & Mandy Shaarda 15 <sup>th</sup> : World Renew; 22 <sup>nd</sup> : Life Resources 29 <sup>th</sup> : Capital Improvement Fund	**Parking Lot Pledges can be turned in via the offering plate at any time but please use the pledge envelopes available on the information table**



**March 8, 2026**

## 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**

Sunday Worship: 9:30 am  
Sunday School & Catechism:  
10:40 am - 11:30 am (Sept-May)

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**Welcome to  
HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH  
Morning Worship Service – 9:30 am  
March 8, 2026**

**The People of God Gather:**

Prelude “I’ll Fly Away” (vs 1 & 3)  
Welcome & God’s Greeting  
Greet One Another

To Praise God in Song:

*I Will Enter His Gates (He Has Made Me Glad)*  
*Build Your Kingdom Here*  
*Nothing But The Blood (vs 1, 3 & 4)*  
Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God

Announcements  
Congregational Prayer

To Proclaim God’s Word

Children’s Message: Pastor Mark Bonnes  
Song of Preparation: *Blessed Assurance (vs 1 & 2)*  
Scripture: **John 19:25-27**  
Title: “**Not The Inheritance I Thought I Would Get**”  
Prayer of Response  
Song of Response/Offertory: *Power In The Blood (vs 1, 2 & 4)*  
Today’s Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: Josh & Mandy Shaarda

To Go in God’s Name

God’s Blessing  
Closing Song: *Blessed Assurance (vs 4)*  
Postlude

**Nursery** is available year-round downstairs for children ages 0 - 3 years old.  
**Children’s Church** is available downstairs for children age 3-Kindergarten immediately following the Children’s message. \*\*Children under 7 must be picked up from their classroom by a parent/guardian.  
**Children’s Bulletins** are available on the information table in the fellowship hall.

**COMING UP:**

**Next Communion:**  
Good Friday, April 3, 2026  
**Next Council Meetings:**  
Monday, March 9, 2026  
6:30 pm Elders  
7:00 pm Deacons  
7:30 pm Full Council

**Preaching Schedule:**  
March 8: Rev. Mark Bonnes  
March 15: Rev. Mark Bonnes  
March 22: Rev. Mark Bonnes  
March 29: Rev. Mark Bonnes  
April 3: Rev. Mark Bonnes (Good Friday)  
April 5: Rev. Mark Bonnes (Easter)

**HIGHLAND COUNCIL:**

**Council Officers for 2026:**

<b>President</b>	Steve Meeuwenberg	<b>Pastor Mark Bonnes</b> <b>Pastor Ashley Bonnes</b>  Please contact our church office for directory assistance. (231) 825-2171
<b>Vice President</b>	Ken Meyering	
<b>Clerk</b>	Greg Tossey	
<b>Sec. of Deacons</b>	Jon Ouwinga	
<b>Vice Treasurer</b>	James Bazuin	

**Districts for 2026:**

<b>Elders</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Deacons</b>
Greg Tossey	<b>#1, A-C</b>	Kevin DeHate
Jason Benthem	<b>#2, D-E</b>	Jon Ouwinga
Steve Meeuwenberg	<b>#3, F-L</b>	Miranda Dykhouse
Paul Shaarda	<b>#4, M-O</b>	Kyle Veltema
Doug Mitchell	<b>#5, P-T</b>	Ryan McQuestion
Ken Meyering	<b>#6, U-Z</b>	James Bazuin

**CHURCH OFFICE INFO:**

**Phone:** (231) 825-2171  
**Email:** office@highlandcrc.org

**OFFICE HOURS:**

**Pastor Ashley:** Mon & Tues 9am-3pm  
\*\*Both pastors are off on Wednesdays  
**Main Office:** Mon-Thurs, 8:30am-2pm  
Bulletin announcements due before noon on Thursdays.

**MINISTRY LEADERS:**

**Care & Fellowship:** Cindy Vennema  
**Education:** Megan Pluger  
**Facilities:** Greg Hesselink & Devon Dracht  
**Outreach:** Committee  
**Prayer:** Sandy Rice  
**Service:** Carrie Thompson  
**Worship:** Bonnie McBride

\*\*The **LIVE Stream** of our Sunday Worship Service is now on our **YouTube** channel, **Highland CRC LIVE** (make sure it says LIVE). Visit <http://www.youtube.com/@HighlandCRCLIVE> or follow the link on our Facebook page.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**NMC Now Hiring – MS/HS Track Coach:** We are looking to hire a high school/middle school track and field head coach. If interested, please contact Trey Reed (treed@nmcs.us). The season starts with practices on March 15.

**NMCS - Preschool and Kindergarten Round Up:** It's time to start thinking about school for your younger children! Stop by March 17 anytime during the time-frames noted below to tour classrooms, meet the teachers, and get a feel for life at NMC:

- Rising Stars Round-up (Preschool and Young 5's): 8:00 am - 7:00 pm.  
\*\*If you have a 3, 4, or 5-year old, the Rising Stars Round-up is for you!
- Kindergarten Round Up: 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm.

**Mississippi Trip 2026:** The Mississippi Trip will be March 27-April 4, 2026. 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 address 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 church office.

**UNITED Night of Worship** is Sunday, April 26, 2026, 6-8 PM at Cadillac High School Auditorium (500 Chestnut Street; Cadillac). This 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. This is a FREE event! For more information and event updates, visit [www.unitednwmi.com](http://www.unitednwmi.com) or Instagram: @unitednwmi.

## PRAYER CONNECTIONS:

**Don Eisenga** had shoulder surgery this past Tuesday and we're told it went well. Please pray for complete healing.

**Bob Keen** fell last Sunday and broke his hip resulting in a partial hip replacement. Once discharged from Munson in Traverse City, he will be transferred to a facility in Cadillac for therapy. Please pray for healing and comfort as he recovers.

**CJ Bruno's** surgery to repair a heart valve has been rescheduled for March 13. Your prayers for a successful repair and full recovery are greatly appreciated.

**Colter Bailey** is now finished with radiation! He will have an MIBG scan on March 12 and start the next and final phase of treatment on March 23. He will undergo 5 rounds of immunotherapy. Each round involves one week of inpatient care and then a 3 week break before the next round making this a 5-month process. They are hoping to be completely finished with treatment before his 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday in August.

**Chris Sheats** update from Christle: During our meeting with the Hematologist Friday, we were relieved to learn that there are no signs of disease at present. Nevertheless, the presence of protein cells suggests that myeloma is still a concern. The doctor believes that now is the perfect opportunity for a stem-cell transplant. Collection will begin Monday, March 23.

## OUR MISSIONARIES:

- **Josh & Mandy Shaarda (Serving in Uganda)**  
Email: [jshaarda@crcnapartners.org](mailto:jshaarda@crcnapartners.org); Blog: <http://shaarda.blogspot.com>
- **George & Sarah de Vuyst (Serving in Europe)**  
Email: [gdevuyst@crcna.org](mailto:gdevuyst@crcna.org); Website: <http://www.devuysts.com>
- **Matthew & Emily Slack (Serving in the England)**  
Email: [mslack@crcna.org](mailto:mslack@crcna.org)

## OUR ACTIVE MILITARY:

- **SSgt, Tyler Bode (US Airforce; currently stationed in Italy).**

## OUR CHURCH WEEK: MARCH 8-14

<b>SUN 3/8</b>	9:15 AM	Prayer
	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	10:40 AM	Sunday School/Catechism; Dismissed at 11:30
	4:30 PM	Fellowship Bible Study
<b>MON 3/9</b>	5:30 PM	Wellness Warriors (YB)
	6:30 PM	Elders' Meeting
	7:00 PM	Deacons' Meeting
	7:30 PM	Council Meeting
<b>TUES 3/10</b>	9:30 AM	Ladies Bible Study w/ Hilda
<b>THUR 3/11</b>	7:00 PM	Freedom In Christ (FIC) Bible Study

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Fellowship Bible Study** will meet at 4:30 this evening for Episode 7 of Ray Vander Laan's "The Study" (Season 2). A potluck supper to follow.

**Council** meetings this Monday, March 9. See above for times.

**The Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study** will be meeting this Tuesday at 9:30 am for Lesson 18 of their study on Genesis.

This year's **Annual Spring Day of Prayer** gathering will be held at Vogel Center CRC on Wednesday, March 11 at 7 pm. Please join us in prayer that evening!

**Freedom in Christ (FIC) Bible Study** will meet this Thursday at 7 pm in the fellowship hall. Please contact Linda Wing with any questions.

**Modified Office Hours:** The church office will be closed Thursday, March 12 – Thursday, March 19. Please contact Pastor Ashley for any Prayer Chain needs. All bulletin announcements can be sent to [office@highlandcrc.org](mailto:office@highlandcrc.org).

**Flowers for Easter:** Starting TODAY, the Worship Team taking orders for Easter flowers in memory of a loved one. These flowers will be displayed in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> and then you may take them home after the service. Options available are Hyacinths, Tulips, Daffodils or mums for \$15 each. Each option comes in a 6" pot wrapped in foil with a bow. Colors may vary. The worship team will be taking orders March 8, 15 & 22 in the fellowship hall. All orders are due by Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Payment will be due at the time you order. Please make checks payable to Highland CRC.

**Feedback Needed:** The Prayer Team is looking for input from the people of Highland church on what you would find helpful in developing and strengthening your prayer habits and journey. Is there a devotional you've been wanting to try or share with others? Do you want more information on different types of prayer that you heard about at a retreat? Do you want more resources for kids, teens, women, men? Please reach out to Pastor Ashley or Sandy Rice so these can be made available!

**Christmas Shoebox Collection:** Thank you for your continued support of Operation Christmas Child. We are on our way to another great year! Throughout **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 rope etc. There is a "Christmas Shoebox Tote" labeled for the donations needed each month located in the Fellowship Hall. Please feel free to purchase any of these items at any time as we greatly appreciate all the support. Monetary contributions are accepted as well.

**Sleep in Heavenly Peace Update:** due to weather issues in February, training has been delayed until May, but until then, we will continue to fundraise and spread the word about what is coming to Osceola County. Please keep us and this ministry in your prayers. If you would like to be involved, either by donating financially or with supplies, please talk to Al Thomas or Todd Schmid. Thank you for your continued support, encouraging words, and prayers as we follow God's lead. To help support SHP financially, please visit <https://give.shpbeds.org/page/FUNADPTHLYG> or make a check out to Sleep in Heavenly Peace (or SHP), but be sure to put MI-Osceola Co. in the memo. Checks can be turned in to anyone on our core team (Al & Anne Thomas, Todd Schmid, Lindsay Beerens and Carrie Thompson).

### COMMUNITY EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Wellness Warriors:** Ladies of Highland have been invited to join Wellness Warriors starting this Monday, March 9 This group meets in the Highland youth building once a week on Monday evenings starting with a weigh-in at 5:30 pm followed by a half-hour meeting at 6:00 pm. Together we will discuss healthy eating habits while also encouraging and supporting each-other through individual wellness goals. For more information, please contact Lori Mitchell or Landa VanPolen.

**Roaring 20's** will be gathering this Wednesday, March 11 at 6:30 pm at Rehoboth, and if you're in your 20's, this space is for you. Life in your 20's can feel like a mix of open doors, big questions, new jobs, shifting friendships, and figuring out what faith looks like in the real world. Roaring 20's is a place to slow down, share a meal, build real friendships, and grow deeper in your walk with Christ together. No pressure. No pretending. Just good conversation, honest faith, and dinner provided! Come as you are. Bring a friend if you'd like. We'd love to see you there.

**Community Meeting at Calvin CRC** - The community is invited to meet Philip and Bernadette Smith from Byron Center, MI. Philip is the pastor of a small church, and Bernadette, the former co-chair for the Michigan Republican party, has decided to run this Fall for the Michigan US Senate seat vacated by Gary Peters' retirement. Bernadette is a dynamic Christian, mother of 8 children, and is endorsed by Gen. Michael Flynn. The meeting will be held at Calvin CRC at 10970 Burkett Rd, McBain, MI. Saturday, March 14 at 4:30 pm to give both Bernadette and our community the opportunity to get to know each other. For questions or additional information call Craig Pollington (231) 429-8336.