

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

GREETERS – Please arrive by 9:15 am

Mar 9	South: Lindsay & Amara Beerens; North: Matt & Carrie Thompson
Mar 16	South: Devon & Hillary Dracht; North: Bob & Cindy Vennema
Mar 23	South: CJ & Sara Bruno; North: Jean Venema
Mar 30	South: Jim & Bev Ouwinga; North: Steph & Sam VanHouten

NURSERY – Please arrive by 9:15 am

Mar 9	Donna Veddler, Nicole Schultz, Cam Mulder, Charlotte Thomas
Mar 16	Diane Nemeth, Jodi DeHate, Barb Dore, Madelyn Oeverman
Mar 23	Jodi Meyering, Addean Oeverman, Mikayla Powers, Ben Thompson
Mar 30	Mary Rees, DaNay Tossey, Bev Taylor, Kendyn Meyering

CHILDREN’S CHURCH

Mar 9	Teacher: Miranda Dykhous; Helpers: Lindsay Beerens, Gracyn Swiler
Mar 16	Teacher: Sara Bruno; Helpers: Steph VanHouten, Harmony Kirkby
Mar 23	*** Spring Break: No Children’s Church 3/23 & 3/30 ***
Mar 30	*** Spring Break: No Children’s Church 3/23 & 3/30 ***

SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT

Mar 9	Matt Thompson, Deb Eisenga, Jodi DeHate
Mar 16	Kyle Meyering, Kaylie Benthem, Deborah Ouwinga
Mar 23	Cary Sikkema, Jon Ouwinga, Kendra Jenema
Mar 30	Matt Thompson, Deb Eisenga, Tami Eisenga

USHERS – Please arrive by 9:15 am

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

2ND OFFERINGS:

March:
2nd: Booster Club
9th: Josh & Mandy Shaarda
16th: World Renew
23rd: Capital Improvement Fund
30th: Life Resources



March 9, 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 9, 2025

The People of God Gather:

Prelude: *We Will Feast In The House of Zion*
Welcome & God’s Greeting
Greet One Another

To Praise God in Song:
Hallelujah for the Cross
Goodness of God
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: *Thy Word*
Passage: Psalm 119: 97-104
Topic: “Sweeter Than Honey”
Prayer of Response
Song of Response/Offertory: *Behold Our God*
Today’s Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: Josh & Mandy Shaarda

To Go in God’s Name
God’s Blessing
Closing Song: *Be Thou My Vision (vs 1-2)*
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:

Next Communion: Good Friday, April 18, 2025	Preaching Schedule: 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
Next Council Meetings: Monday, March 10, 2025 6:30 pm Elders 7:00 pm Deacons 7:30 pm Full Council	

HIGHLAND COUNCIL:

Council Officers for 2025:		
President	Mark Eisenga	Pastor Mark Bonnes Pastor Ashley Bonnes *Please contact the church office for contact information (231) 825-2171
Vice President	Ken Meyering	
Clerk	Bob Vennema	
Sec. of Deacons	Carrie Thompson	
Vice Treasurer	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:	MINISTRY LEADERS:
Phone: (231) 825-2171 Email: office@highlandcrc.org Main Office Hours: Monday-Thursday; 8:30 am – 2 pm **All bulletin announcements must be submitted to the church office by <u>noon on Thursdays</u>	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

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.

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.

Save-the-date: April 8, 2025- “Ladies Night Out” is coming soon. Hosted once again by Olde Mill Venue in Marion and sponsored by Vogel Center CRC. This year’s theme is "Not JUST BELIEVING in God, but BELONGING to God" featuring guest speaker Kelsey Jenny. Join us for a wonderful evening that includes a catered dinner, desserts, worship, and encouragement from Kelsey. Dinner will begin at 6:00 pm, doors open at 5:30 pm. Tickets are \$20/person **Buy 10 tickets together and get a table reserved! Contact Vogel Center CRC at (231) 825-2053 for tickets and/or additional information.

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.unitednwmj.com or Instagram: @unitednwmj.

Save the Date: Highland Women’s Retreat: RENEW, REFRESH & RESTORE- Please consider joining us for an amazing weekend of worship, fellowship and renewal **September 26-28** at Grace Adventures. We will leave at approximately 3 pm on Friday and return Sunday afternoon. Cost of the retreat is \$179.00/person. This includes the speaker (Lee Nienhuis), your food and fun for the weekend. Reserving early is a MUST! Please RSVP to Anita Kvasnak, no later than **April 15** to secure our housing. We look forward to an amazing weekend with you! For more information on our speaker, Lee Nienhuis and or Worship leader, Cherri Bornman, visit <https://graceadventures.org/womens-retreat/> and select our retreat dates as noted above.

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

- **Dana Stahl’s** surgery is scheduled for this coming Monday, March 10 at which time, they plan to remove a 2-inch tumor and another small one. They plan to leave the other 3 small tumors and monitor them. They will do a biopsy of the tumors they remove but results could take anywhere from 2 weeks to months depending on the type of tumor. She is currently on high doses of steroids which make her unable to sleep and upset her stomach. The tumors are between the skull and the brain and have been putting pressure on her brain which caused the seizure. Please pray for patience as they await surgery and the results and also for relief from her symptoms.
- We lift up in prayer those that are battling serious health conditions: **Dale Fredin** and **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@crnapartners.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 London, England)

OUR ACTIVE MILITARY:

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

PRAYER EVENTS & RESOURCES:

Vogel Center CRC is hosting the **Annual Spring Day of Prayer**. All are invited to join them this Wednesday, **March 12** at 7:00 pm for a time of community prayer.

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.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM CLASSIS NORTHERN MICHIGAN SPRING MTG - 03.04.2025

New Address for CRCNA Gifts: Any gifts sent to the CRCNA and its ministries via check will now be sent to a new address: CRC gift processing; P.O. Box 30006; Lansing, MI; 48909

Classis Home Missions Committee: We need lay leaders to serve on this committee. If you have a heart for missions, evangelism, church planting, we'd love for you to consider serving on this team. Please talk to Pastor Mark or Pastor Ashley for more information.

Save the Date for GATHER 2025:

- WHAT IS GATHER? -Gather is a series of events held in 2024 and 2025 intended to inspire, encourage and bring together Christian Reformed people from across North America (CRCNA).
- WHAT’S IT ABOUT? -The aim of Gather is to come together, form new relationships, and recognize where God is already at work among us as the CRCNA. We’ll talk about our challenges, but we will also seek God, share how we’re fostering disciples in our churches, and discern where God is leading us in renewed mission.
- WHAT WILL IT LOOK LIKE? - It will be unique, focusing on the participants and small groups, rather than speakers. Each event features participants from five different Classes to come together to celebrate how God is moving in our communities and our churches. We’ll pray and worship, share our stories and challenges, and discern where God is leading us in our mission.
- WHAT’S THERE FOR YOU? -We hope you'll accept this invitation. **Travel costs, food, registration and accommodations will be paid** for all participants through the generous support of Gather sponsors. The Gather Chicago event includes participants from Classis Illiana, Chicago South, Wisconsin, Hudson, and Northern Michigan.
- WHAT’S THE COMMITMENT? -Gather Chicago begins on March 27 at 5:00 pm with welcome and dinner. The event will conclude by 11am on March 29.
- To learn more, please check out the video and the Q&A online at crcna.org/gather.

Prayer update for Pastor John Kostelyk (Rudyard CRC): Pastor John continues to receive chemo treatment for multiple myeloma. He has had 2 bouts of pneumonia this winter which put his chemo on hold. Right now he is awaiting the news that his cancer is in remission so that he can move ahead with a stem cell transplant, which is the hoped for next step. Please continue to pray for healing for Pastor John, his wife Arla, and the rest of their family.

OUR CHURCH WEEK: MARCH 9-15		
SUN 3/9	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 & Potluck – Video Lesson 3
MON 3/10	6:30 PM	Elders Meeting
	7:00 PM	Deacons Meeting
	7:30 PM	Council Meeting
TUES 3/11	9:30 AM	Ladies Bible Study – Lesson 7
WED 3/12	7:00 PM	JUMP Practice

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Fellowship Bible Study will meet tonight at 4:30 pm in the fellowship hall for Lesson 3: “Who is God?” regarding Elijah and the prophets of Baal, from the video series “Kings & Prophets” by Ray Vander Laan. Potluck to follow. Starting next week, March 16, we will begin a new series from Life Guide Bible Studies on Elijah. If you would like to join us for this study, please contact Sandy Rice for a book.

Ladies Bible Study (w/ Hilda) will meet this Tuesday at 9:30 am for Lesson 7 of the Life-Guide Bible study “*Nehemiah - The Courage to Face Opposition*”

JUMP Practice will be this Wednesday, March 12 at 7:00 pm.

DVDs: A recording of our recent Protect Young Eyes presentation is now available on DVD at the information table along with the handouts from that day. Feel free to take one. We do ask that you either share it or return in once you are done so they can be made available to others.

Sunday School Food Drive: Highland’s Sunday School is teaming up with the Marion Food Pantry and will be doing a food drive during the season of Lent to help us exercise that Lenten Challenge of “Submission/Service”. Items needed are: Ketchup- small bottles, small boxes of cereal, cans of green beans, BBQ Sauce, any varieties of canned soup but especially Cream of Mushroom and Tomato Soup, and cleaning supplies. Kids are encouraged to bring their items to the table in the East wing.

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 to answer the survey questions by **March 31**.