

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

GREETERS – Please arrive by 9:15 am

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| 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 |
| April 6 | South: Kevin & Tami Eisenga; North: Steve & Sue Meeuwenberg |

NURSERY – Please arrive by 9:15 am

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| 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 |
| April 6 | Jackie Schmid, Megan Pluger, Cindy Vennema, Evan Wemple |

CHILDREN’S CHURCH

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| Mar 16 | Teacher: Jordyn Richardson; 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 *** |
| April 6 | Teacher: Sara Bruno; Helpers: Hillary Dracht, Alan Thomas |

SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT

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| Mar 16 | Kyle Meyering, Kaylie Benthem, Deborah Ouwinga |
| Mar 23 | Cary Sikkema, Jon Ouwinga, Kendra Jenema |
| Mar 30 | Matt Thompson, Deb Eisenga, Tami Eisenga |
| April 6 | Cary Sikkema, Kaylie Benthem, Jodi DeHate |

USHERS – Please arrive by 9:15 am

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

2ND OFFERINGS:

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| March: 2 nd : Booster Club 9 th : Josh & Mandy Shaarda 16 th : World Renew 23 rd : Capital Improvement Fund 30 th : Life Resources | April: 6 th : Booster Club 13 th : George & Sarah DeVuyst 20 th : GEMS 27 th : Capital Improvement Fund |
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March 16, 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

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| 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 16, 2025

The People of God Gather:

Welcome & God’s Greeting
Greet One Another

To Praise God in Song:

Come As You Are
Yes I Will

Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God

Announcements
Congregational Prayer

To Proclaim God’s Word

Children’s Message: Margaret Westmaas
Song of Preparation: *No Longer Slaves*

Scripture: Luke 18.9-14

Title: There is no "I" in Prayer

Prayer of Response

Song of Response/Offertory: *From Whom All Blessings Flow*
Today’s Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: World Renew

To Go in God’s Name

God’s Blessing
Closing Song: *From Whom All Blessings Flow*
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

Next Council Meetings:

Monday, April 14 2025
6:30 pm Elders
7:00 pm Deacons
7:30 pm Full Council

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

HIGHLAND COUNCIL:

Council Officers for 2025:

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| 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 |
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| 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 |

CHURCH OFFICE INFO:

Normal Office Hours:
Monday-Thursday: 8:30 am – 2 pm
Friday-Sunday: CLOSED

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

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****NOTICE of Modified Office Hours for 3/24-3/28 (Spring Break):**

Mon-Thurs: CLOSED
Friday, 3/28: 8:30 am – 2:00 pm
*bulletin announcements are due that Friday, 3/28 by 10:00 am.

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

Christmas Shoebox Collection: We are once again asking the congregation for ongoing support and donations toward our 2025 collection. 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. 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!

The AMEN Chorus will begin rehearsals Saturday, April 5 at the *Cadillac Christian Reformed Church from 6:00-8:00 P.M.* If you are a gentleman that loves to sing, we invite you to join this fantastic group. Our Spring Program will be held on Sunday, May 11. *Please bring \$10 to the first rehearsal to help cover the cost of music.* If you have any questions, you can contact Angela Warner at kirkangelawarner@hotmail.com .

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.unitednwmi.com or Instagram: @unitednwmi.

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

- Update on **Dana Stahl**: Dana had surgery this past Monday to remove the largest tumor and another small tumor. Both were removed cleanly and sent out for biopsy. She was released from the hospital this past Wednesday. Please continue to pray for healing and rest following surgery and for patience as it could be at least 2 weeks before the biopsy results come back.
- We lift up in prayer those that are battling serious health conditions: **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@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:

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.

- **Spanish Speaking Ministry:** Council is tabling the discussion until we hear from Vogel Center CRC what they intend to do.
- **Audio/Visual:** Council approved funds to update our audio/visual system in the back. We will have an all-digital system after the updates.
- **Prayer Safari:** Council received correspondence from Pastor Ken Koning about the Global Prayer Safari. This is a 10-day event happening throughout Michigan this October. There will be an information meeting about it in early June that we invite all those interested to attend.
- **Update from Classis:** Classis Northern Michigan is really seeking lay leaders (non-pastors) to help on Classis teams, especially Home Missions. If you feel like you have the gifts to serve Classis please talk to Pastor Mark or Pastor Ashley.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

| February General Fund | | 2nd Offerings | |
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| 2nd | 5,381.00 | Booster Club | 1,359.00 |
| 9th | 3,932.00 | Mississippi Trip | 661.00 |
| 16th | 8,846.00 | Matt & Emily Slack | 1,064.00 |
| 23rd | 4,657.77 | Capital Improvement Fund | 972.00 |
| Total Feb Offerings | 22,816.77 | | |
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| Budget needed weekly | 6,341.59 | | |
| Times 8 weeks | 50,732.70 | | |
| Received to date | 44,443.17 | | |
| Balance | (6,289.53) | | |

NOTE FROM THE OFFICE:

- Modified Office Hours for March 24 - March 31 (Spring Break):**
- Pastor Mark & Pastor Ashley will be out of the office over Spring Break, 3/24-3/31. Please contact an Elder for any Pastoral Care needs during that time. We look forward to having Pastor David McBride lead us in worship March 30.
 - The Church office will be CLOSED Monday, March 24 - Thursday, March 27. Please turn in all bulletin announcements either on the office desk or emailed to office@highlandcrc.org by 10:00 am that Friday. The bulletin for March 30 will be printed & posted online by noon on Friday, March 28.

| OUR CHURCH WEEK: MARCH 16-22 | | |
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| SUN 3/16 | 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 – Lesson 1 |
| | 6-7:30 PM | MS/HS Youth Groups |
| TUES 3/18 | 9:30 AM | Ladies Bible Study – Lesson 8 |
| WED 3/19 | 6:30 PM | Family Dinner |
| | 7:00 PM | Centershot, GEMS & Bible Study |

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Fellowship Bible Study will meet** tonight at 4:30 pm in the fellowship hall for Lesson 1 of their new Bible study on the prophet Elijah from *Life Guide Bible Studies*. If you still need a book, please contact Sandy Rice. Potluck to follow.
- Ladies Bible Study (w/ Hilda)** will meet this Tuesday at 9:30 am for Lesson 8 of their Life-Guide Bible study *“Nehemiah - The Courage to Face Opposition”*.
- Family Night** is this Wednesday, March 19! Join us for a delicious dinner of Tacos, carrots, applesauce and peanut butter finger bars at 6:30 pm. Centershot, GEMS and Bible Study will begin at 7:00 pm.
- 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 the Lenten Challenge of "Submission/Service". Students will be competing by grade from now until April 6th. The classes with the most food items will get a "Pancake Party" (sprinkles and blueberries included) after church on April 13th. This will be a fun way to participate in the Lenten Challenge for a very deserving cause. Any questions, please let Deb Ouwinga or Carrie Thompson know!
- What you need to do:
- **SS Kids:** Bring requested food items to church anytime in the next 3 weeks and put them in your class's box!!
 - **Congregation:** Support the classes you think are most deserving of a Pancake Party by taking food items to church and putting them in their box!!
 - **Requested Items:** canned soups, canned vegetables, small cereals, condiments, cleaning supplies.
- 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**.