

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

#### NURSERY

- Mar 17** Makayla Powers, Mary Rees, DaNay Tossey, Leah Thompson  
**Mar 24** Megan Plugger, Melissa Oeverman, Cindy Vennema, Karsyn Meyering  
**Mar 29 (Friday)** Lizelle Bazuin, Brooke Benthem, Bev Kamphouse, Evan Wemple  
**Mar 31 (Easter)** Patti Koop, Shari Benthem, Karen Oeverman, Madelyn Oeverman  
**April 7** Jan Rivera, Kasey McQuestion, Dana Baas, Alan Thomas

#### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

- March 17** Teacher: Miranda Dykhouse; Helpers: Lindsay Beerens, Alan Thomas  
**March 24** No Children's Church: Spring Break / Palm Sunday  
**March 31** No Children's Church: Spring Break / Easter  
**April 7** Teacher: Megan Plugger; Helpers: Nicole Schultz, Harper Tossey

#### SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT

- March 17** Cary Sikkema, Kaylie Benthem, Kendra Jenema  
**March 24** Mark Eisenga, Dan Ouwinga, Deborah Ouwinga  
**March 29** Cary Sikkema, Deb Eisenga, Deborah Ouwinga  
**March 31** Matt Thompson, Kaylie Benthem, Tami Eisenga  
**April 7** Kyle Meyering, Jonathan 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 17** South: Jean Venema; North: Kevin & Tami Eisenga  
**March 24** South: Steph & Sam VanHouten; North: Jim & Bev Ouwinga  
**March 31** South: Steve & Sue Meeuwenberg; North: Paul & Carole Shaarda  
**April 7** South: Dale & Bev Taylor; North: Bonnie Veddler

#### 2ND OFFERINGS:

- March:**  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Booster Club  
10<sup>th</sup>: Matt & Emily Slack  
17<sup>th</sup>: Single M.O.M.M.S  
24<sup>th</sup>: Marion Backpack Program  
31<sup>st</sup>: Existing Building Fund

**Thank you to our many volunteers  
for serving at Highland Church!**



**March 17, 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  
www.highlandcrc.org

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

9034 23 Mile Rd; Marion  
(231) 825-2171

# HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

Morning Worship Service – 9:30 am

March 17, 2024

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

## The People of God Gather:

Welcome

God's Greeting

Greet One Another

### To Praise God

Song: *Days of Elijah*

Song: *Hosanna (Praise is Rising)*

Prayer of Praise

### To Pray and Serve God

Announcements

Congregational Prayer

### To Proclaim God's Word

Children's Message: Pastor Ashley Bonnes

Song of Preparation: *Who You Say I Am*

**Scripture: Matthew 26: 6-13**

**Message: WEDNESDAY – Anointed at Bethany**

Prayer of Response

Song of Response/Offertory: *Rest On Us*

Today's Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: Single MOMM

### To Go in God's Name

God's blessing

Closing Song: *The Blessing*

Postlude

- **Nursery** is available downstairs for children ages 0 - 3 years old.
- **NEW Children's Bulletins** 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, April 8

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 – Rev. Mark Bonnes

March 31 – Rev. Mark Bonnes

## HIGHLAND COUNCIL:

### Officers for 2024:

<b>President</b>	Don Eisenga	<b>Pastor Mark Bonnes</b> <b>Pastor Ashley Bonnes</b> *personal contact info is not posted online. Please call the church office.
<b>Vice President</b>	Bob Vennema	
<b>Clerk</b>	Alan Baas	
<b>Sec. of Deacons</b>	Kyle Meyering	
<b>Vice Treas.</b>	Curt Wemple	

### Districts for 2024:

Elders	District	Deacons
Jerry Nemeth	<b>#1, A-C</b>	Carrie Thompson
Alan Baas	<b>#2, D-E</b>	Kyle Meyering
Bob Vennema	<b>#3, F-L</b>	Curt Wemple
Mark Eisenga	<b>#4, M-O</b>	Gary Hesselink
Don Eisenga	<b>#5, P-T</b>	Scott Oeverman
Don Ellens	<b>#6, U-Z</b>	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

**Community Hope's Love Your Neighbor 5K Run/Walk:** Saturday, April 13, 2024 at Timer Wolf Lake (Young Life Camp). Proceeds benefit Community Hope Mentoring and food programs for children and youth. Register at [RunSignUp.com](https://RunSignUp.com) or visit [communityhopemc.org](https://communityhopemc.org). For questions or more information, please contact Jennifer Pugh at [jen@communityhopemc.org](mailto:jen@communityhopemc.org) or Mekoe Peterson at [mekoe@communityhopemc.org](mailto:mekoe@communityhopemc.org)

**2024 Secret Church Simulcast:** Prosper CRC is once again hosting Secret Church. This simulcast, taught by David Platt, is Friday, April 19, beginning at 7pm. This year Secret Church is on the book of Ruth. Ruth has all the elements of a love story. Tragedy. Loss. Despair. Hope. Triumph. Loyalty. Romance. But it's more than just a love story. It's an epic story within a story. It's a story not just about Ruth, but about all of us and a world that's in need of redemption. This one-night event happens annually. Encouraged by our persecuted brothers' and sisters' example, we will meet for nearly 6 hours for intense study of God's Word and passionate prayer for the persecuted. Please join us! Contact Alexandra Dodde to order a workbook. ([adodde@gmail.com](mailto:adodde@gmail.com); 231-349-2806). Cost for the book is \$10.

**S.P.U.R.S. – Learning the Rodeo Way!** Hughston's Cow Camp Rodeo and Friends proudly presents Special People Understanding Rodeo Skills. Saturday, May 4, 2024, 12:30-3:00 pm. For disabled persons of all ages, rain or shine! A light lunch including hot dogs, will be provided at 12:30 followed by the events of your choosing: Horseback Riding, Petting Zoo, Mock Steer Roping, Horse Painting, Mighty Bronc Riding, Pony & Cart, and Wagon Rides. Due to the generosity of our sponsors, \*\*\*this is a FREE event!\*\*\* All Participants must be accompanied by an attendant. Hughston's Cow Camp is located 1 mile north of the blinking light in McBain, then follow signs. For additional information call (231) 846-1857.

## THANK YOU:

**BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG:** Highland Church Family, thank you so much for the financial support you gave to Life Resources of Northern Michigan. Altogether, you collected about \$1,410! Patients coming in for ultrasounds, clients coming in for parenting classes, and students in our schools will receive services because of your generosity! ~Marilyn Visser on behalf of Life Resources of Northern Michigan

\*\* If you were handed a baby bottle for Baby Bottle Boomerang and could not fill the Baby Bottle this year, please return the baby bottle to the information table so it can be used in BBB campaigns in other churches. Thank you!

## PRAYER CONNECTIONS:

- ✚ Please pray for **Zach & Karianne Smith and their family** as they are in the process of moving to Alaska. Please pray for safe travels and also for a smooth transition.
- ✚ **Brad Pluger** continues to make progress through therapy at Hope Network in Grand Rapids. Please pray for continued healing and patience.
  
- ✚ **Our Missionaries:** Prayer Letters and Updates are available on our Missions bulletin board:
  - **Josh & Mandy Shaarda & Family** (Serving in Uganda)  
Email: [jshaarda@crnapartners.org](mailto:jshaarda@crnapartners.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 Central Asia)  
Email: [mslack@crcna.org](mailto:mslack@crcna.org)
- ✚ **Our Active Military:**
  - **SSgt, Tyler Bode** (US Airforce; currently stationed in Italy).  
\*\*Please contact the church office for mailing information\*\*

**HIGHLAND COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS:**

The Council of Highland church met on Monday, March 11, 2024:

- Membership Transfer: Jacob Cook has transferred his membership to Alive Ministries in Jenison, MI (CRC).
- New Mentorship Program: Marion Elementary School is looking to begin a mentoring program much like Kids Hope. Council agrees this could be an area many members are interested in helping with. Carrie Thompson and Service Team will let people know about the program and coordinate volunteers with Marion School District.
- Church Roof: There has been a leak near the elevators for a few weeks. Upon review the roof on the north addition is desperately in need of replacement as well. Council approved looking for estimates for the proposed work.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:**

February General Fund		2nd Offerings	
4th	6,612.00	Booster Club	1,113.00
11th	3,779.00	Friendship Bible Study	1,302.00
18th	6,299.00	Friends Ministry	648.00
25th	4,952.52	Church Building Fund	767.00
Total February Offerings	21,642.52		
Budget needed weekly	6,471.23		
Times 8 weeks	51,769.87		
Received to date	<u>47,496.53</u>		
Balance	(4,273.34)		

**Youth Group Needs:** In an effort to avoid last-minute planning and in order to nurture the student-led high school youth group format that began this year, the Education team is beginning our search for youth group leaders now. For next fall, we are in need of high school leaders and helpers. If you are willing to help out, please contact Megan Pluger (231-342-4830).

- **High-school:** Youth leaders will come alongside the student leadership team to guide them in planning youth group activities and lesson topics. HS youth leaders will also give the lesson and lead small group discussions. HS youth helpers will support the leaders each week and help lead small group discussions.
- **Middle School:** We also need middle school youth group helpers. Adam and Maggie Southwick will continue to lead the MS youth group. We are looking for others who will come alongside them to give support and help facilitate each week.

**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.

**The AMEN Chorus** will begin rehearsals for their Spring Program on Saturday, April 6 from 5:30 - 7:30 at Cadillac CRC. These rehearsals will prepare us for our program on Sunday, May 12 at 3:00 at the United Methodist Church in Cadillac. If you would like to join this wonderful group of men in lifting our praise through song please join us! We ask that you bring \$10 to cover the cost of music. If you have any questions feel free to contact director Angela Warner at [kirkangelawarner@hotmail.com](mailto:kirkangelawarner@hotmail.com)



## OUR CHURCH WEEK: MARCH 17-23

<b>SUN 3/17</b>	9:15 AM	Prayer
	9:30 AM	Worship Service & Communion
	10:40 AM	Sunday School & Catechism
	4:30 PM	Fellowship Bible Study –Lesson 5 (youth building)
	5:00 PM	HS Progressive Dinner – start & end at Rehoboth
<b>TUES 3/19</b>	9:30 AM	Ladies Bible Study –Lesson 13
<b>WED 3/20</b>	6:30 PM	Family Dinner
	7:00 PM	Centershot (new basement) & GEMS (sanctuary)
	7:00 PM	Screwtape Letters Bible Study (youth building)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**The Sunday Evening Fellowship Bible Study** will meet in the youth building at 4:30 pm this evening for Lesson 5 of their study on “Angels”. Potluck to follow.

**TONIGHT: Area High-school Youth Group’s Progressive Dinner** - 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 (Spaghetti & Garlic bread). If you signed up to bring items for this dinner, please have those items to the church kitchen by 6:00 pm today. **Highland students** will begin and finish their dinner tour at Rehoboth Reformed Church. Students must arrive by 5:00 pm and will be done at 9:00 pm. Parents, if you are dropping students off or picking them up, please do so at Rehoboth as they will not be returning to Highland that evening after dessert.

**The Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study** will be looking at Lesson 13 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 13-15 and answer these questions before our next meeting:

- **Chapter 13:** On Pleasure - how does real pleasure contrast with worldly fake pleasure?
- **Chapter 14:** On Humility - explain how humility is different from false modesty?
- **Chapter 15:** On the Present - why does Screwtape want people to focus on the present?

## Save the Date: - Upcoming Services

- **Good Friday:** A Tenebrae Service of Shadows will be March 29 at 7 pm.
- **Easter:** Join us for a Celebration of our Risen Savior on March 31 at 9:30 am.

**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.

**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](http://www.highlandcrc.org) to check it out!

**Marion Schools Mentoring Program:** The Marion Elementary School has recently reached out to our congregation to inquire about mentorship opportunities with their students. This program would be similar to Kid’s Hope, in that it will ask for a one hour (approximately) time commitment from all mentors each week and mentors will be paired with students through a school/teacher referral process. It will be somewhat different in that the school will also be reaching out to community members, retired teachers, etc. to help fill the mentoring roles as well. This program will also be monitored by the counselor and/or superintendent at the school, as opposed to a director through Highland. The school would like to start matching students to mentors the beginning of April. If you are interested in a mentorship role, please reach out to Carrie Thompson at (231) 250-7517 or through the church office.

**Christmas Shoebox:** Thank you again for all the ongoing support and donations you have given for our recent Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection for 2023—it was a great year! We would like to ask the congregation for ongoing support and donations for this year as well. Once again, we will be collecting these items on a monthly basis. For **March/April** we would like to start out with **SMALL TOYS**— Baby dolls, toy cars, soccer balls with pumps, toy animals, stress balls, bouncy balls, books, flashlights/batteries, jump rope etc. A tote labeled for the donations each month is in the Fellowship Hall. Please feel free to purchase any of these items at any time as we greatly appreciate all the support.