

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

NURSERY

March 19 Megan Pluger, Melissa Oeverman, Cindy Vennema, Aubrynn Bazuin
March 26 Patti Koop, Lizelle Bazuin, Bev Kamphouse, Claire Thompson
April 2 Kasey McQuestion, Shari Benthem, Karen & Addean Oeverman
April 7 -Good Friday Dana Baas, Becky Wemple, Diane Eisenga, Jayden Benthem
April 9 -Easter Linda Ellens, Ruth Kulhawick, Nicole Schultz, Charlotte, Thomas

CHILDREN’S CHURCH

March 19 Teacher: Sara Bruno; Helpers: Hillary Dracht, Gracyn Swiler
March 26 No Children’s Church –Spring Break!
April 2 No Children’s Church –Spring Break!
April 7 -Good Friday No Children’s Church –Special Evening Service
April 9 -Easter Teacher: Kasey McQuestion; Helpers: Amy VanPolen, Alan Thomas

SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT

March 19 Cary Sikkema, Kaylie Benthem, Kendra Jenema
March 26 Matt Thompson, Roger Hagerman, Deborah Ouwinga
April 2 Kyle Meyering, Deb Eisenga, Jodi DeHate
April 7 -Good Friday Cary Sikkema, Dan Ouwinga, Tami Eisenga
April 9 -Easter Matt Thompson, Kaylie Benthem, Deborah Ouwinga

2ND OFFERINGS

March:	April:
5th – Booster Club	2nd – Booster Club
12th – Project Canefire	9th – Existing Building Fund
19th – Existing Building Fund	16th – George and Sarah de Vuyst
26th – Middle School Youth Room	23rd – Middle School Youth Room
	30th – GEMS

USHERS

March: Adam Southwick, Kevin Eisenga, Todd Oeverman, Tucker Tossey
April: Kasey Rees, Dale Fredin, Al Thomas, Lars Fredin

****If you are unable to serve on your scheduled date, please find a replacement.
Please call the church office (231) 825-2171 if you have any questions. Thank you!**



March 19, 2023

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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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 19, 2023

The People of God Gather:

Welcome
 God's Greeting
 Greet One Another

To Praise God:

It Is Well With My Soul
 Call of Confession & Assurance of Pardon –Lighting the Christ Candle
Goodness of God
 Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God:

Announcements
 Congregational Prayer

To Proclaim God's Word:

Children's Message- Al Thomas
 Song of Preparation: Who You Say I Am
 Sermon Title: **Wrath: "How Dare You!!!"**
 Scripture: **Ephesians 4: 26, Mark 3: 1-6**
 Prayer of Response

Song of Response/Offertory: Gratitude

Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: Existing Building Fund

To Go in God's Name:

God's blessing
 Closing Song: Come As You Are
 Postlude

*Our **Nursery** is available downstairs for children ages 0 - 3 years old.
Children's Church is available downstairs for children ages 3-Kindergarten
 following the children's message.*

HIGHLAND COUNCIL

Officers for 2023:

(All have a 231 area code unless otherwise noted)

President	Jon Dracht
Vice President	Don Eisenga
Clerk	Alan Baas
Sec. of Deacons	Kyle Meyering
Vice Treas.	Kasey Rees

Pastor Mark Bonnes
Pastor Ashley Bonnes
 *personal contact info is
 not posted online. Please
 call the church office.

Districts for 2023:

Elders	District	Deacons
Den Kamphouse	#1, A-C	David Wing
Alan Baas	#2, D-E	Kyle Meyering
Jon Dracht	#3, F-L	Devon Dracht
Paul Shaarda	#4, M-O	Kasey Rees
Don Eisenga	#5, P-T	Scott Oeverman
Don Ellens	#6, U-Z	Anne Thomas

<p align="center"><u>Church Office</u> (231) 825-2171 office@highlandcrc.org Office Hours: Mon - Thurs: 8:30 am-2:00 pm Fri-Sun: Closed **All bulletin content is due at noon on Thursdays**</p> <p align="center">The Church Office will be CLOSED March 27 – March 28</p>	<p align="center"><u>Ministry Team Leaders</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 (DaNay Tossey)</p>
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ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED:

The AMEN Chorus will begin rehearsals on Saturday, April 8 from 5-7 p.m. at Rehoboth Reformed Church in Lucas. If you are a gentleman that loves to worship and fellowship through song we invite you to join us. Our program will be held Sunday afternoon, May 21. Please bring \$10 to cover the cost of music.

First Aid and CRP Class: We are looking to see how many people would be interested in a First Aid and CPR class in April. We need to choose 1 of 2 date, April 15 or April 29 (but not both) but we need to know which works best for the majority of the group as we can only do one date. This class will offer training in First Aid, adult and child CPR and how to use the AED machine. More details will be available at a later date, but if you are interested, please be sure to indicate which date works best for you at the information table of the fellowship hall. **Please note, the date you choose is not guaranteed but will give us an indication on which of the 2 dates will work best for the majority of the group.

PRAYER CORNER

- ✚ We lift up in prayer those that need healing and the strength needed for each day: **Ken VanPolen Sr., BJ Cook, Amanda Lee, Jean Vennema, Bonnie Veddler, Carol Niver, Shandell (Veddler) Banks & Dick Bruno.**
- ✚ Please pray for **Jean Venema** who underwent additional surgery this past week to address a staph infection in the knee joint that was initially replaced back in February. Please pray for patience and healing following this setback.
- ✚ **MaryJo Lee** has finished her chemo treatments. She is now undergoing radiation treatments 5 times a week for 5 weeks. Please pray for strength and continued healing as she continues her battle against breast cancer.
- ✚ Our heartfelt condolences to the family of **James Hoekwater** who passed away on Friday, March 10, as the result of a car accident. James leaves behind a wife, Dara and 2 young sons. James is a son of Dave & Cindy Hoekwater. A celebration of his life was held on Saturday, March 18 at Temple Hill Baptist Church.

WEEKLY PRAYER EMPHASIS:

On January 1 we began 2023 with a prayer service where we collected prayers from you all. The Prayer Team has turned those wonderful prayers and prayer concerns into a calendar of prayers for 2023. Every week we will emphasize one of those prayer concerns.

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- **This Sunday**, we pray that God will give each of us the strength and courage to share our faith and our gifts with others.
- **In the week ahead & next Sunday**, please pray for the friends and family that have lost their way and that they will come back to Jesus.

OUR MISSIONARIES

George & Sarah de Vuyst & Family
Serving in Ukraine & the U.S.
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Josh & Mandy Shaarda & Family
Serving in Uganda
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OUR ACTIVE MILITARY

Seth Nowland
(Sergeant First Class; U.S. Army)
Camp Casey Army Base, South Korea
**Parents: Larry & Marilyn Nowland

Tyler Bode
(Staff Sergeant, U.S. Air Force)
Davis Monthan Airforce Base, Tucson, AZ
**Parents: Dale & Becky Bode

OUR CHURCH WEEK: MARCH 19-25

SUN 3/19	9:15 AM	Prayer
	9:30 AM	Morning Worship Service
	10:40 AM	Sunday School, Catechism & Lenten Discussion Group
	4:30 PM	Fellowship Bible Study – Lesson 8
	6-8:00 PM	MS & HS -*UNITED* Night of Worship at McBain School
MON 3/20	7:00 PM	Lenten Discussion Group
TUES 3/21	7:00 PM	REV Moms Steering Team Mtg
WED 3/22	9:30 AM	Ladies Bible Study (w/ Hilda) – Lesson 4
	7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting
THUR 3/23	7:00 PM	Easter Choir Practice

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

This Morning:

- **Attention High School Students:** If you are interested in making Profession of Faith, please meet in Pastor Mark’s office this morning during the Sunday school hour.
- **Lenten Challenge Series & Discussion Groups:** During the upcoming Lenten season, we will be studying the Seven Deadly Sins. Based on the book “Glittering Vices” by Rebecca Konyndyk DeYoung, each week we will have a series of challenges and prayers that we encourage people to do during the week prior to the Sunday sermon of that topic. Adults are welcome to attend either discussion group each week: during the Sunday school hour or on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm.

Tonight:

- **The Sunday Evening Fellowship Bible Study** will meet this evening at 4:30 pm for Lesson 8 of their study on the book of James.
- **Strong Tower & Extreme:** Tonight is “United” at McBain Public school from 6-8pm. Come out for this great night of worship and praise with other area youth. You need to be dropped off and picked up at the school. If you are in need of a ride, please get ahold of me and I will make sure you get there. Bring a friend!

This Week:

- **The Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Study (w/ Hilda)** will be starting with Lesson 4 of their new study on the Ten Commandments. Please see Hilda Cruz for your copy of the study guide.

Greater Giving Auction - Life Resources of Northern Michigan, Inc. is hosting the Greater Giving Auction. Bidding begins Monday, March 20 at 12 PM and closes Tuesday, March 21 at 6 PM. Please see the attachment at the end of this week’s Comet Connection or visit <https://www.32auctions.com/LR2023> to join.

Highland will be hosting a Hymn-sing on Sunday, April 2, with special guest, Pastor Dave McMahan. We hope you’ll join us for this special time of praise and worship followed by a time of fellowship with a light potluck supper.

My Favorite Hymn... The Worship Team would like to encourage the people of Highland to think about what their favorite traditional hymn or contemporary praise song is and why. Our plan is to sing a one of these songs each week and to have the individual that picked that song give a brief testimony for what that song means to them. If you prefer a member of the praise team would also be available to read your written testimony aloud for the congregation. Slips of paper can be found on the information table. Once filled out, please place it in the jar provided.

Modified Office Hours -The church office will be closed Monday, March 27 and Tuesday, March 28. Bulletin Announcements will still be due by noon on March 30.

In Honor of Those That Have Served: Our Role of Honor plaques in the fellowship hall are due for an update. If you or a loved one (past or present member) of Highland Church served in the U.S. Military and their name isn’t already on the plaques, please notify the church office so they can be added. Thank you!

Items for Christmas Shoeboxes- For the months of **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. We would like to ask the congregation for ongoing support and donations by collecting items on a monthly basis. There is a tote labeled for the donations of each month located next to the information table in the fellowship hall. Please feel free to purchase any of these items at any time as we greatly appreciate all the support.

Start Your Comet Journey - Are you looking for Preschool, Young 5’s or Kindergarten? Join us at Northern Michigan Christian School this Tuesday, March 21st for an information night where future Comets can meet their teacher, explore classrooms, and receive information about registration for the 2023-24 School Year! If you are unsure if your student is ready for Kindergarten, feel free to join us and we have readiness testing available! Informational meetings will be as follows:

- Preschool, 5:30 PM
- Young 5’s, 6:00 PM
- Kindergarten, 6:30 PM