

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

GREETERS – Please arrive by 9:15 am

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
April 13	South: Jason & Shari Benthem; North: Paul & Carole Shaarda

NURSERY – Please arrive by 9:15 am

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
April 13	Patti Koop, Brooke Benthem, Lizelle Bazuin, Owen Wemple

CHILDREN’S CHURCH

Mar 23	** Spring Break: No Children’s Church or Sunday School 3/23 & 3/30 **
Mar 30	** Spring Break: No Children’s Church or Sunday School 3/23 & 3/30 **
April 6	Teacher: Sara Bruno; Helpers: Hillary Dracht, Alan Thomas
April 13	Teacher: Kasey McQuestion; Helpers: Steph VanHouten, Harper Tossey

SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT

Mar 23	Cary Sikkema, Jon Ouwinga, Kendra Jenema
Mar 30	Matt Thompson, Deb Eisenga, Tami Eisenga
April 6	Cary Sikkema, Kaylie Benthem, Jodi DeHate
April 13	Kyle Meyering, Deb Eisenga, Deborah Ouwinga

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: 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 23, 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 23, 2025

The People of God Gather:

Prelude
Welcome & God’s Greeting
Greet One Another

To Praise God in Song:

The First Place (vs 1-2)
Ephesians 2:8-9
Grace Alone (vs 1-2)
We are Called to be God’s People (vs 1-2)
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: *They’ll Know We Are Christians (vs 1-2)*
Scripture: Philippians 2:1-11
Title: “If the Gospel is True…”

Prayer of Response
Song of Response/Offertory: *Go Light Your World (vs 1-1-3)*
Today’s Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: Capital Improvement Fund

To Go in God’s Name

God’s Blessing
Closing Song: *They’ll Know We Are Christians (vs 3-4)*
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 at 7 pm	Preaching Schedule: March 23: Rev. Mark Bonnes March 30: Rev. David McBride April 6: Rev. Ashley Bonnes April 13: Rev. Mark Bonnes (Palm Sunday) April 18: Rev. Mark Bonnes (Good Friday) April 20: Rev. Mark Bonnes (Easter)
Next Council Meetings: Monday, April 14 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

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

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.

SECRET CHURCH Simulcast at Prosper CRC: You’re invited to join us Friday, April 11 at 7 pm. We’re all hard-wired to want to make our lives count. None of us wants to get to the end of life, look back, and realize, “I missed the point.” So how do we make our lives count? This step-by-step journey, led by David Platt, through the life of Jesus in the book of Matthew will reveal a clear answer to that question. And for all who are bold enough to follow his lead, by God’s grace we are guaranteed to get to the end of our time in this world and realize, “My life counted for what matters most.” If you have questions or would like to order a workbook (\$10 each), please contact Alexandra Dodde at adodde@gmail.com.

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

- We lift up in prayer those that are battling serious health conditions: **Dana Stahl, Dale Fredin & Bob Hesselink**. We pray too for their caregivers and the medical teams by their side.
- 03/17 Prayer Chain: Please continue to pray for Aaron Koetje’s Dad, **Chuck Koetje**, who was hospitalized this past week following a ruptured brain aneurism. The surgery to stop the bleeding on Monday went well but there are 3 more weak-spots that they will continue to monitor. Please pray for healing and renewed strength as well as patience over the next few weeks.
- 03/17 Prayer Chain: Bonnie Veddler’s daughter, **Sherry Oudman** underwent surgery this past Tuesday to address an infection in her spine. Sherry was able to report this past Thursday that the surgery went well and she has had some relief from the intense back and neck pain. Your continued prayers for healing and relief from any remaining back pain are greatly appreciated.

• OUR MISSIONARIES:

- **Josh & Mandy Shaarda & Family (Serving in Uganda)**
Email: jshaarda@crcnapartners.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 from 9 am – 2 pm**. Our focus this time around will be on self-examination. There is a \$10 fee per person to help cover the cost of lunch. There will be a sign-up sheet available on the information table in the coming weeks. This will be the only prayer retreat held in 2025. However, other events are being planned for the fall.

OUR CHURCH WEEK: MARCH 23-29		
SUN 3/23	9:15 AM	Prayer
	9:30 AM	Worship Service
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	4:30 PM	Fellowship Bible Study & Potluck – Lesson 2
TUES 3/25	9:30 AM	Ladies Bible Study – Lesson 9
	5:45 PM	REV Moms

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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 main office will be CLOSED Monday, March 24 - Thursday, March 27. Please turn in all bulletin announcements by 10:00 am that Friday, either on the office desk or emailed to office@highlandcrc.org. The bulletin for March 30 will be printed & posted online by noon on Friday, March 28.

Profession of Faith & New Members Classes: If you are interested in becoming a professing member of Highland church, please contact either Pastor Ashley or Pastor Mark as soon as possible.

Fellowship Bible Study will meet tonight at 4:30 pm in the fellowship hall for Lesson 2 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 9 of their Life-Guide Bible study “*Nehemiah - The Courage to Face Opposition*”.

Flowers for Easter: This year we are offering Easter flowers that can be ordered in memory of a loved one. These flowers will be displayed in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 20th and then you may take them home after the service. Options available are Hyacinths, Tulips or Daffodils for \$20 each. Colors may vary. Each option comes in a 6” pot. The worship team will be taking orders March 23 & 30 in the fellowship hall. All orders are due by Sunday, March 30th. Payment will be due at the time you order. Please make checks payable to Highland Christian Reformed Church.

Join us for a Derby Party! Highland Church Family, your mailboxes should have an invitation to our year-end event on April 16! Bring the kids for an Easter Egg hunt at 5:30 pm, Car display and music at 6:00 pm, dinner at 6:30 pm and our very own Pinewood Derby at 7:00! All are welcome to participate in the festivities. If possible, please RSVP to Maggie Southwick if you plan to attend so that we can plan accordingly for the egg hunt and dinner! We look forward to making this event a special treat for everyone! Thank you for your continued support of the Highland GEMS and Centershot programs!

We Need Your Help: EASTER EGGS NEEDED for Family Night Finale! - We are looking for donations of Easter Eggs filled with candy as well as volunteers to fill our current stash of eggs from last year. If you are able, feel free to grab a bag of eggs, take home and stuff and deliver back before our event on April 16th! New/Used plastic Easter Eggs greatly appreciated!!!

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**.

Save the Date: J.O.Y. Group Spring Breakfast: Get up early and join us on Tuesday, April 8 at 9:00 a.m. for a delicious breakfast along with hot coffee and great conversation in the Highland fellowship hall. We look forward to seeing your wide awake and smiling faces! Please sign up at the information table if you plan to attend as this helps us plan our menu.

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!