

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

GREETERS – Please arrive by 9:15 am	
Mar 30	South: Jim & Bev Ouwinga; North: Steph & Sam VanHouten
April 6	South: Kevin & Tami Eisenga; North: Paul & Carole Shaarda
April 13	South: Jason & Shari Benthem; North: C.J. & Sara Bruno
April 18 (Good Friday)	South: Dale & Bev Taylor; North: Bonnie Veddler
April 20 (Easter)	South: Den & Bev Kamphouse; North: Ken & Jodi Meyering

NURSERY – Please arrive by 9:15 am	
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
April 18 (Good Friday)	Kasey McQuestion, Jan Rivera, Karen Oeverman, Gracyn Swiler
April 20 (Easter)	Julie Dorman, Bev Kamphouse, Shari Benthem, Alan Thomas

CHILDREN’S CHURCH *Sundays Only	
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
April 20 (Easter)	** No Children’s Church or Sunday School **

SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT	
Mar 30	Matt Thompson, Deb Eisenga, Tami Eisenga
April 6	Cary Sikkema, Kaylie Benthem, Jodi DeHate
April 13	Kyle Meyering, Deb Eisenga, Deborah Ouwinga
April 18 (Good Friday)	Matt Thompson, Jon Ouwinga, Kendra Jenema
April 20 (Easter)	Kyle Meyering, Dan Ouwinga, 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:	2 <sup>nd</sup> :	Booster Club	APRIL:
	9 <sup>th</sup> :	Josh & Mandy Shaarda	
	16 <sup>th</sup> :	World Renew	
	23 <sup>rd</sup> :	Capital Improvement Fund	
	30 <sup>th</sup> :	Life Resources	
		6 <sup>th</sup> :	Booster Club
		13 <sup>th</sup> :	George & Sarah DeVuyst
		20 <sup>th</sup> :	GEMS
		27 <sup>th</sup> :	Capital Improvement Fund



**March 30, 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      (231) 825-2171  
10:40 am – 11:30 am (Sept-May)

Welcome to  
**HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH**  
**Morning Worship Service – 9:30 am**  
**March 30, 2025**

**The People of God Gather:**

Prelude: *Praise Medley*  
Welcome & God’s Greeting  
Greet One Another

To Praise God in Song:  
*Here I am to Worship (vs 1-2)*  
1 Corinthians 3:11  
*In Christ Alone (vs 1 & 4)*  
*Wonderful Words of Life (vs 1-3)*  
Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God  
Announcements  
Congregational Prayer

To Proclaim God’s Word  
Children’s Message: Pastor David McBride  
Song of Preparation: *Ancient Words*  
**Scripture: 1John 1:5-10 & James 5:16**  
**Sermon: Healing Words**  
Prayer of Response

Song of Response/Offertory: *Once Again I’ll Praise Him*  
Today’s Offerings: 1<sup>st</sup>: General Fund; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Life Resources

To Go in God’s Name  
God’s Blessing  
Closing Song: *He’s Still Working on Me (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  
**Next Council Meetings:**  
Monday, April 14 2025  
6:30 pm Elders  
7:00 pm Deacons  
7:30 pm Full Council

**Preaching Schedule:**  
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)

**HIGHLAND COUNCIL:**

**Council Officers for 2025:**

<b>President</b>	Mark Eisenga	<b>Pastor</b> Mark Bonnes <b>Pastor</b> Ashley Bonnes *Please contact the church office for contact information (231) 825-2171
<b>Vice President</b>	Ken Meyering	
<b>Clerk</b>	Bob Vennema	
<b>Sec. of Deacons</b>	Carrie Thompson	
<b>Vice Treasurer</b>	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](mailto:office@highlandcrc.org)  
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**Normal Office Hours:**  
Mon-Thurs: 8:30 am – 2:00 pm  
Fri-Sun: Closed  
\*bulletin announcements are due by NOON on Thursdays.

**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 Christmas Shoebox 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. Monetary donations will also be accepted as well! Please contact Becky Wemple or the church office if you have any questions. Thank you for your ongoing support and generosity!

**The AMEN Chorus** will begin rehearsals this 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](mailto: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.

**Attention MS & HS: 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.unitednwm.com](http://www.unitednwm.com) or Instagram: @unitednwm.

**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. 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.
- We continue to pray for **Chuck Koetje**, who remains in the ICU in Traverse City following a ruptured brain aneurysm and surgery. The CT scan on 3/23 showed a blood clot in his lung. Please pray that this will continue to dissolve with medication and that his oxygen levels continue to improve.

**OUR MISSIONARIES:**

- **Josh & Mandy Sharda & Family (Serving in Uganda)**  
Email: [jshaarda@crcnapartners.org](mailto:jshaarda@crcnapartners.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 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 30 – APRIL 5		
SUN 3/30	9:15 AM	Prayer
	9:30 AM	Worship Service w/ Pastor David McBride
	-----	No Sunday School/Catechism (Spring Break)
	4:30 PM	Fellowship Bible Study & Potluck – Lesson 3
TUES 4/1	9:30 AM	Ladies Bible Study – Lesson 10
WED 4/2	6:30 PM	Family Night Dinner
	7:00 PM	Centershot, GEMS & Bible Study

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**This morning** we are pleased to have **Pastor David McBride** lead our time of worship together. Pastor Mark & Pastor Ashley will be back next Sunday.

We also welcome special musical guest, **Karlene Dick** to help lead this morning’s music on the organ. Sara Bruno (on piano) is one of the 200+ piano students that Karlene has graciously taught over the years.

**Spring Break:** Children’s Church, Sunday School and Catechism remain on break yet this morning but will resume next Sunday, April 6.

**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.

**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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup>. Payment will be due at the time you order. Please make checks payable to Highland Christian Reformed Church.

**Fellowship Bible Study will meet** tonight at 4:30 pm in the fellowship hall for Lesson 3 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 10 of their Life-Guide Bible study *“Nehemiah - The Courage to Face Opposition”*.

**Family Night This Wednesday, April 2** will kick off with a Taco dinner at 6:30 pm followed by Centershot, GEMS and Bible Study at 7:00.

**Save the Date: Join us for a Derby Party!** April 16th, we invite everyone to bring the kids for an Easter Egg hunt at 5:30 pm, Derby 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 at (231) 667-4883 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 on April 16! - 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 to the church office before our event on April 16<sup>th</sup>. 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!

Update: We are halfway there! We took the collected items to the pantry this week. Here are the standings, so far:

- PreSchool-1<sup>st</sup> Grade: 14 items
- 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: 22 items
- 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade: 28 items
- Middle School: 12 items
- High School: 19 items

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](http://www.crcna.org/survey/1249) to answer the survey questions by **March 31**.