

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

#### NURSERY

**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  
**April 16** Esther Bode, Karianne Smith, Stephanie VanHouten, Emma Tossey  
**April 23** Maggie Southwick, Donna Veddler, Diane Nemeth, Franklin Baas

#### CHILDREN’S CHURCH

**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  
**April 16** Teacher: Jodi DeHate; Helpers: Lindsay Beerens, Addean Oeverman  
**April 23** Teacher: Megan Pluger; Helpers: Jordyn Richardson, Harper Tossey

#### SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT

**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  
**April 16** Kyle Meyering, Deb Eisenga, Sue Cook  
**April 23** Cary Sikkema, Dan Ouwinga, Kendra Jenema

#### 2<sup>ND</sup> OFFERINGS

**April:**  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Booster Club  
9<sup>th</sup> – Existing Building Fund  
16<sup>th</sup> – George and Sarah de Vuyst  
23<sup>rd</sup> – Middle School Youth Room  
30<sup>th</sup> – GEMS

#### USHERS

**April:** Kasey Rees, Dale Fredin, Al Thomas, Lars Fredin  
**May:** Matt Thompson, Bob Vennema, Ken VanPolen Jr, Gary Hesselink

**\*\*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!**



**April 2, 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**

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)

**HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH**  
**Morning Worship Service – 9:30 am**  
**April 2, 2023**  
*Palm Sunday*

**The People of God Gather:**

Prelude  
 Welcome  
 Responsive Reading  
*Hosanna (vs 1&2)* –with kids procession of palm branches  
 Lighting the Christ Candle & God’s Greeting  
 Greet One Another

To Praise God:

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna (vs 1,3)*  
 John 12:13  
*All Glory, Laud & Honor (vs 1,2)*  
 Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God:

Announcements  
 Congregational Prayer

To Proclaim God’s Word:

Children’s Message- Pastor Mark  
 Song of Preparation: *Jesus Loves Even Me (vs 1-3)*  
 Sermon Title- **Gluttony: *When Our God Gets “Hangry”***  
 Scripture- **Philippians 3:17-21**  
 Prayer of Response  
 Song of Response/Offertory: *Count Your Blessings (vs 1-4)*  
 Offerings: 1<sup>st</sup>: General Fund; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Booster Club

To Go in God’s Name:

God’s blessing  
 Closing Song: *We Are So Blessed*  
 Postlude

**HIGHLAND COUNCIL**

**Officers for 2023:**

(All have a 231 area code unless otherwise noted)

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

<p align="center"><b>Pastor Mark Bonnes</b>  <b>Pastor Ashley Bonnes</b>          *personal contact info is not posted online. Please call the church office.</p>
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**Districts for 2023:**

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

**Next Council Meeting: Monday, April 3:** Elders at 6:30 pm, Deacons at 7:00 pm and Full Council at 7:30 pm.

<p align="center"><b><u>Church Office</u></b>          (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"><b><u>Ministry Team Leaders</u></b>  <b>Care &amp; Fellowship Team</b> (Cindy Vennema)  <b>Education Team</b> (Megan Pluger)  <b>Facilities Team</b> (Greg Hesselink)  <b>Outreach Team</b> (Jodi DeHate)  <b>Prayer Team</b> (Sandy Rice)  <b>Service Team</b> (Carrie Thompson)  <b>Worship Team</b> (DaNay Tossey)</p>
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<p align="center">Our <b>Nursery</b> is available downstairs for children ages 0 - 3 years old.          (There is no <b>Children’s Church</b> or <b>Sunday School</b> this week)</p>
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED:**

**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.

**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!

**First Aid and CRP Class** has been scheduled for the morning of Saturday, April 29. If you would like to participate in this class, please confirm with either Pastor Ashley or Sara in the church office.

**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.

**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.

**Bible Bee 2023** - Registration is now open for Bible Bee, a summer family discipleship program we have been blessed to host in our area since the program began in 2009. Many seeds have been planted and lives have been changed as families have studied and memorized God's Word together, and we're anticipating another fruitful summer. To learn more, visit [www.BibleBee.org](http://www.BibleBee.org) or contact Amy Vredevoogd at 231-920-1806.

**THANK YOU:**

Thank you for your generous giving! Highland CRC gave about \$1,315 to Life Resources of Northern Michigan through Baby Bottle Boomerang! Your support of this ministry is crucial in meeting the needs of our community.  
~Marilyn Visser, Highland Rep for Life Resources of NM.

Dear members of Highland CRC- Thank you so much for your generosity to Wexford/Missaukee Right to Life. We are so grateful for your continuing support in standing for God's most precious gift –LIFE! God Bless!  
~Wexford Missaukee R.T.L. Board Members

**PRAYER CONNECTION:**

- ✚ We lift up in prayer those that need healing, patience and the endurance needed for each day: **Ken VanPolen Sr., BJ Cook, Amanda Lee, Jean Vennema, Bonnie Veddler, Dick Bruno, Carol Niver, MaryJo Lee and Shandell (Veddler) Banks.**
- ✚ Please pray for safe travels for those returning from Spring Break Vacations and Mission Trips (Mississippi and Dominican Republic)

**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:

- **This Sunday**, please pray for Christians around the world that are persecuted for their faith. Pray for safety, strength, endurance in their faith.
- **In the week ahead & next Sunday**, Prayers that we experience our salvation in Jesus with joy and delight and give thanks to God for this great gift.

**OUR MISSIONARIES**

**George & Sarah de Vuyst & Family**  
Serving in Ukraine & the U.S.  
Email: [gdevuyst@crcna.org](mailto:gdevuyst@crcna.org)  
Website: <http://www.devuysts.com>

**Josh & Mandy Shaarda & Family**  
Serving in Uganda  
Email: [jshaarda@crnapartners.org](mailto:jshaarda@crnapartners.org)  
Blog: <http://shaarda.blogspot.com>

**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: APRIL 2-8**

<b>SUN 4/2</b>	9:15 AM 9:30 AM 10:40 AM 4:30 PM 6:00 PM	Prayer Morning Worship Service Lenten Discussion Group (NO Sunday School/Catechism) Hymn-Sing & Potluck supper (No Bible Study) Extreme & Strong Tower
<b>MON 4/3</b>	6:30 PM 7:00 PM ----- 7:30 PM	Elders Meeting Deacons Meeting No Lenten Discussion Group (moved to 4/5). Council Meeting
<b>TUES 4/4</b>	6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Easter Choir Set-up (volunteers needed to set up risers) Easter Choir Practice
<b>WED 4/5</b>	9:30 AM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Ladies Bible Study (w/ Hilda) – Lesson 6 Family Night Dinner Centershot, GEMS, Lenten Discussion Group & Prayer Mtg.
<b>FRI 4/7</b>	7:00 PM	<b>Good Friday Service &amp; Communion</b>
<b>SAT 4/8</b>	10-4:00 PM	YB Use

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**This morning:**

- **Kids Palm Branch Procession:** we invite all young kids to take part in our Palm Sunday procession. We ask that all kids participating in the procession meet in the east wing prior to the service this morning.
- **Profession of Faith** class will meet in the Pastor’s Study following this morning’s worship service.

**Tonight:**

- **Hymn-Sing:** The Sunday Evening Fellowship Bible Study invites you to a traditional hymn-sing with special musical guest, Rev. Dave McMahon. We hope you’ll join us for this special time of praise and worship followed by a time of fellowship and a light potluck supper. Sloppy Joes and shredded chicken will be provided.
- **Strong Tower & Extreme** will meet tonight at 6:00 pm for a regular meeting. Strong Tower leaders are: Pastor Mark & Becky Wemple. Extreme leaders are: Megan & Aaron Pluger. Providing Snack: Becky Wemple and Lindsay Zuiderveen. Hope everyone had a wonderful spring break!

**\*\*A Good Friday Worship Service** has been scheduled for 7:00 pm on April 7. Nursery will be provided. We will also have the honor of remembering Christ’s sacrifice for our sins through Communion. We invite all who have accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior to the table.

**Easter Choir Practice** will be held this Tuesday, 04/04 at 7:00 pm. We will need volunteers to help set up the risers at 6:30 that evening.

**The Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Study (w/ Hilda)** will be looking at lesson 6 of their study on the Ten Commandments.

**Family Night** is this Wednesday, April 5, beginning at 6:30 pm with a dinner of tater-tot casserole and applesauce. Centershot, GEMS, Lenten Discussion Group and Prayer meeting will begin at 7:00 pm.

**Upcoming Sermon Series:** After Easter we will be doing a sermon series on questions about faith. The Middle School and High School Catechism classes submitted questions they have about the Bible, faith, and God. Each week we are going to be answering these questions from our youth. A schedule of these questions/topics has been added below and will also be included next week:

- April 16 – I wonder if it was easy or hard for God to let his Son die to save us from our sins.
- April 23 – Is Jesus Ripped? What did Jesus look like? How old was Jesus? Who was his best friend?
- April 30 – What is faith and how do you get it? How do I know I have it?
- May 14 – Who is Jesus’ real Mother? How is it possible for Jesus to be his own Father? Who are Mary’s Parents?
- May 21 (Ascension Sunday) – If Jesus still has his human nature when he ascended, how do we understand Christ’s divine nature and human nature?
- May 28 (Pentecost) – I would like to hear more about spiritual warfare and how what we watch and listen to affects us.
- June 4 - How old is God? How was God Created?
- June 11 – Is Death a Friend or Enemy? How can we be comforted by it? What happens to others who don’t follow Jesus?
- June 18 - I wonder what will happen in the End Times. When will Jesus return?

**Lenten Challenge Series & Discussion Groups:** During the upcoming Lenten season, we have been studying the Seven Deadly Sins. Based on the book “Glittering Vices” by Rebecca Konyndyk DeYoung, each week we 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 invited to a time a discussion following the morning worship service at 10:40, OR this coming Wednesday at 7:00.**