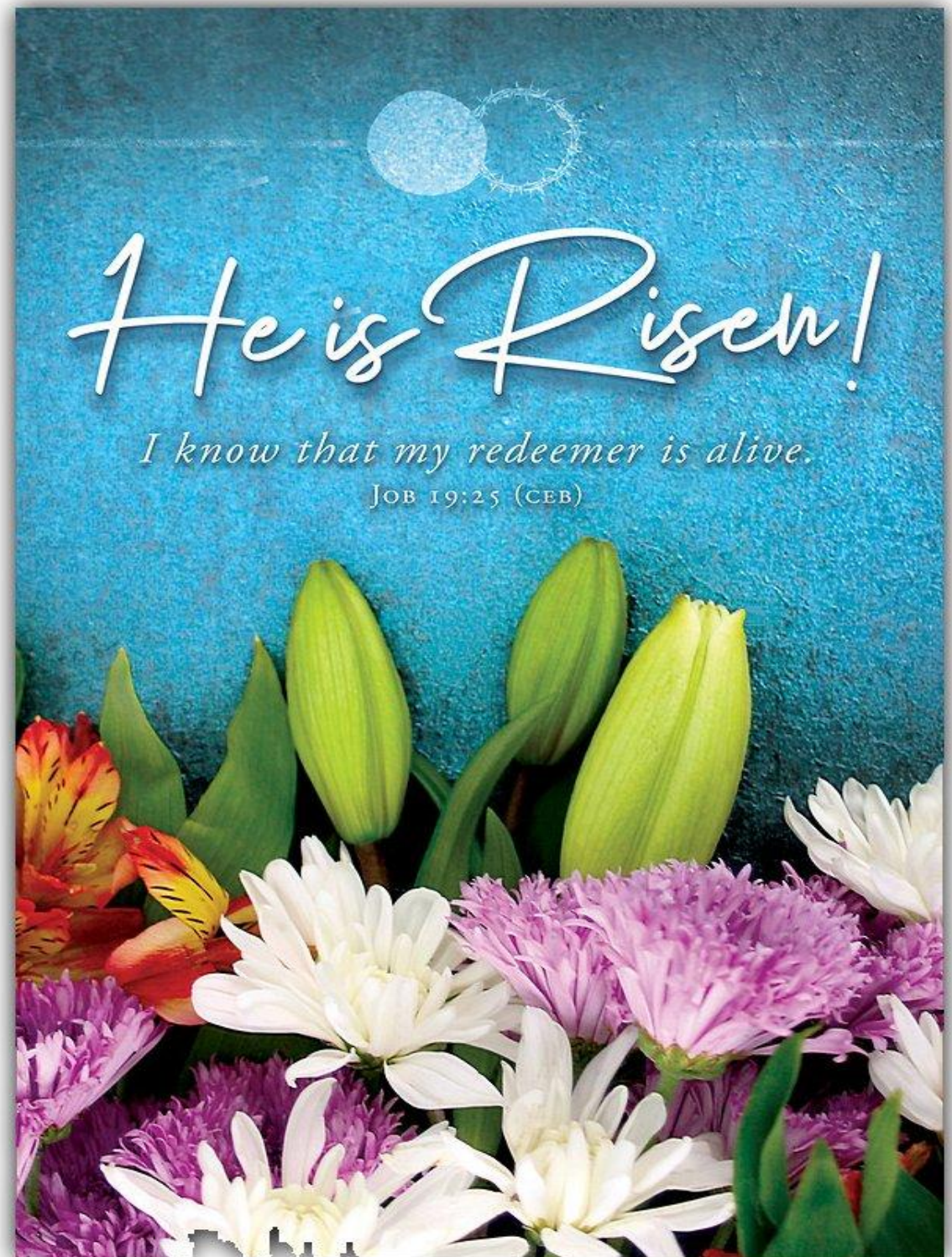


“Use whatever gift you have received to serve others” -1 Peter 4:10

GREETERS – Please arrive by 9:15 am	
April 5 Easter	South: Larry & Marilyn Visser; North: Lindsay Beerens
April 12	South: Matt & Carrie Thompson; North: Devon & Hillary Dracht
April 19	South: Bob & Cindy Vennema; North: CJ & Sara Bruno
April 26	South: Jean Venema; North: Kevin & Tami Eisenga
NURSERY – Please arrive by 9:15 am	
April 5 Easter	Becky Wemple, Stephanie VanHouten, Carly McCrimmon
April 12	Maggie Southwick, Donna Veddler, Aubrynn Bazuin
April 19	Esther Bode, Cam Mulder, Claire Thompson
April 26	Diane Nemeth, Jodi DeHate, Jayden Benthem
CHILDREN’S CHURCH – (September – May; Sundays Only)	
April 5 Easter	**Spring Break: No Children’s Church**
April 12	Teacher: Amanda Lutke; Helper: Harrison Tossey
April 19	Teacher: Miranda Dykhouse; Helper: Alan Thomas
April 26	Teacher: Jordyn Richardson; Helper: Harper Tossey
SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT	
April 5 Easter	Cary Sikkema, Jon Ouwinga, Micah Chrispell
April 12	Kyle Meyering, Kaylie Benthem, Deborah Ouwinga
April 19	Matt Thompson, Deb Eisenga, Tami Eisenga
April 26	Matt Thompson, Dan Ouwinga, Jodi DeHate
USHERS – Please arrive by 9:15 am	
April:	Dale Taylor, Kyle Veltema, Kendyn Meyering, Todd Schmid
May:	Scott Oeverman, Devin DeHate, Bob Vennema, James Bazuin
2ND OFFERINGS:	
April: 5 th : Booster Club 12 th : Sleep in Heavenly Peace 19 th : Parking Lot Fund** 26 th : Capital Improvement Fund	Parking Lot Pledges can be turned in at any time using the envelopes available on the information table.



**Welcome to
HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
Easter Morning Worship Service – 9:30 am
April 5, 2026**

The People of God Gather:

Prelude
Mark 16:1-8
Welcome & God's Greeting
Greet One Another

To Praise God in Song:

Low In The Grave Christ Lay (vs 1-3)
Alleluia! Sing to Jesus (vs 1 & 2)
Worship Christ the Risen King (vs 1,2 & 4)
Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God

Announcements
Congregational Prayer

To Proclaim God's Word

Children's Message: Pastor Mark Bonnes
Song of Preparation: *Alleluia, Alleluia (vs 1,2 & 5)*

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15: 1-8

Sermon: *Up from the Grave*

Prayer of Response
Song of Response/Offertory: *Christ the Lord is Risen Today (vs 1-3 & 5)*
Today's Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: Booster Club

To Go in God's Name

God's Blessing
Closing Song: *I Serve A Risen Savior*
Postlude

*Nursery is available year-round downstairs for children ages 0 - 3 years old.
Children's Church is available downstairs for children age 3-Kindergarten immediately following the Children's message. **Children under 7 must be picked up from their classroom by a parent/guardian.
Children's Bulletins are available on the information table in the fellowship hall.*

COMING UP:

Next Communion:

Sunday, May 3, 2026

Next Council Meetings:

Monday, April 13, 2026
6:30 pm Elders
7:00 pm Deacons
7:30 pm Full Council

Preaching Schedule:

April 5: Rev. Mark Bonnes (Easter)
April 12: Rev. Ashley Bonnes
April 19: Rev. Mark Bonnes
April 26: Rev. Mark Bonnes

HIGHLAND COUNCIL:

Council Officers for 2026:

President	Steve Meeuwenberg	Pastor Mark Bonnes Pastor Ashley Bonnes Please contact our church office for directory assistance. (231) 825-2171
Vice President	Ken Meyering	
Clerk	Greg Tossey	
Sec. of Deacons	Jon Ouwinga	
Vice Treasurer	James Bazuin	

Districts for 2026:

Elders	District	Deacons
Greg Tossey	#1, A-C	Kevin DeHate
Jason Benthem	#2, D-E	Jon Ouwinga
Steve Meeuwenberg	#3, F-L	Miranda Dykhouse
Paul Shaarda	#4, M-O	Kyle Veltema
Doug Mitchell	#5, P-T	Ryan McQuestion
Ken Meyering	#6, U-Z	James Bazuin

CHURCH OFFICE INFO:

Phone: (231) 825-2171
Email: office@highlandcrc.org

OFFICE HOURS:

Pastor Ashley: Mon & Tues 9am-3pm
**Both pastors are off on Wednesdays
Main Office: Mon-Thurs, 8:30am-2pm
Bulletin announcements due before noon on Thursdays.

MINISTRY LEADERS:

Care & Fellowship: Cindy Vennema
Education: Megan Pluger
Facilities: Greg Hesselink & Devon Dracht
Outreach: Committee
Prayer: Sandy Rice
Service: Carrie Thompson
Worship: Bonnie McBride

The **LIVE Stream of our Sunday Worship Service is now on our **YouTube** channel, **Highland CRC LIVE** (make sure it says LIVE).
Visit <http://www.youtube.com/@HighlandCRCLIVE> or follow the link on our Facebook page.

COMMUNITY EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

McBain Kindergarten Round-up: McBain Public School has an all-day, every day kindergarten program. A Kindergarten Registration Clinic will be held on April 15 & 16. If your child will be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2026 and you want to attend McBain Elementary this fall, register now! Please visit our school website at www.mcbain.org to register or if you have any questions. You may also call the Elementary office at (231) 825-2021 option 1.

Missionary Intern: Jenna Kuperus (NMCS class of 2021 and daughter of Pastor Todd and Michelle Kuperus) has been given the opportunity to go to Tokyo, Japan as a missionary intern this summer. She will be serving with Community Arts Tokyo, a Christian organization that works through music and the arts to evangelize to the Japanese people. To fundraise for her expenses, she is selling a special line of coffee beans from Owl Eye Coffee Roasters in Cadillac. She is also accepting one-time donations. For giving information, please see her newsletter in your mailbox. Fundraising deadline is April 11, 2026.

Join us for the Annual Men's Dinner!! A full catered steak dinner for only \$10 makes it the best meal in town! Our speaker this year is Seth Broadhurst from Freedom in Christ Ministries who will challenge and encourage us under the theme of "Adopted as Sons". Tuesday, April 21 at the Olde Mill Venue in Marion. Doors open at 6:00pm. Tickets required in advance and may be purchased by calling Pastor Adam at (616) 566-7937 or by stopping at the Vogel Center Church office on Tuesday, Thursday or Friday mornings.

UNITED Night of Worship is Sunday, April 26, 2026, 6-8 PM at Cadillac High School Auditorium (500 Chestnut Street; Cadillac). This 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. This is a FREE event! For more information and event updates, visit www.unitednwmi.com or Instagram: @unitednwmi.

Nurses Needed at Life Resources: Are you a registered nurse looking for part-time work 1-2 days a week? We have an exciting opportunity for you at our growing clinic! Due to a 37% increase in ultrasounds performed over the past year, we are expanding our services at our Big Rapids location and need additional staff. If you are interested, we are taking applications now. Please send your resume to executive.director@liferesourcesnm.org. This is a paid, part-time position at a non-profit clinic that provides free services to the community. We are seeking someone who is passionate about our mission, demonstrates grace and non-judgmental kindness, and is comfortable working in a technology-driven environment.

THANK YOU:

Thank you to all of our dear Highland friends and family for all the prayers, cards, meals, calls and visits surrounding CJ's heart-valve repair surgery. Your love and support was felt and greatly appreciated. ~CJ, Sara, Penny & Cody Bruno.

PRAYER CONNECTIONS:

We lift up prayers of thanks that **Bob Keen** was able to return home this past Tuesday. Please pray for continued healing.

Terry Veddler had his right shoulder replaced this past Friday in Cadillac. Please pray for complete healing and restored mobility in that shoulder.

03.31.26 Prayer Chain: **Mandy Shaarda's sister, Achia** (age 15) had surgery this past week to remove $\frac{3}{4}$ of her intestine. At that time, doctors also determined she would still need multiple additional procedures and her kidneys are not functioning well. It was decided that she would need to be put under hospice care. Please continue to pray for Achia and the whole family through this difficult time. Pray too for safe travel for Josh & Mandy's family as they come back to Grand Rapids for a few weeks to be with Achia and family.

Colter Bailey's recent scans came back **CLEAR!** The final stage of treatment will be 5 rounds of immunotherapy starting on April 6. Each round involves one week of inpatient care and then a 3 week break before the next round making this a 5-month process. They are hoping to be completely finished with treatment before his 3rd birthday in August.

We continue to lift up **Chris Sheats** and family as they await the next steps of his upcoming stem cell transplant.

OUR MISSIONARIES:

- **Josh & Mandy Shaarda (Serving in Uganda)**
Email: jshaarda@crnapartners.org; Blog: <http://shaarda.blogspot.com>
- **George & Sarah de Vuyst (Serving in Europe)**
Email: gdevuyst@rcna.org; Website: <http://www.devuysts.com>
- **Matthew & Emily Slack (Serving in the England)**
Email: mslack@rcna.org

OUR ACTIVE MILITARY:

- **TSgt, Tyler Bode (US Airforce; currently stationed in Italy).**

OUR CHURCH WEEK: APRIL 5-11

SUN 4/5	9:15 AM	Prayer
	9:30 AM	Easter Worship Service
	-----	**Easter** No Sunday School/Catechism
	-----	**Easter** No Fellowship Bible Study
MON 4/6	-----	Office Closed
	5:30 PM	Wellness Warriors (YB)
	7:00 PM	Praise 9 Practice
TUES 4/7	9:00 AM	J.O.Y. Group Spring Breakfast
	-----	No Ladies Bible Study; resume 4/14
WED 4/8	1-6:00 PM	Versiti Community Blood Drive

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Congratulations to Kyle & Brooke Benthem as they welcomed their sweet baby girl, **Kolbie Jaylyn Benthem** on Thursday, March 26. Kolbie was 6 lbs., 4 oz. and 20" long. Mom and baby are doing well!

Fellowship Bible Study will not be meeting this evening in observance of Easter. They will meet next Sunday at 4:30 to wrap up Season 2 of Ray Vander Laan's series "The Study". Their next study will be on Proverbs starting April 19. Please contact Sandy Rice to reserve your book.

The Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study will not be meeting this Tuesday. Their next lesson will be held April 14.

J.O.Y. Group Spring Breakfast: Join us this Tuesday, April 7 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. If you are willing to contribute to the meal, contact Cindy Vennema or Bev Taylor.

Versiti Blood of MI will be her this Wednesday, April 8 from 1-6:30 pm. To donate blood, please call (866)642-5336 or visit Verisit.org/MI. You may also schedule through Sara in the church office. Helpful Hint: remember to eat a healthy meal and plenty of water before donating blood.

Christmas Shoebox Collection: Thank you for your continued support of Operation Christmas Child. We are on our way to another great year! Throughout **March & April**, we will be collecting SMALL TOYS: Baby dolls, toy cars, soccer balls with pumps, toy animals, stress balls, bouncy balls, books, jump rope, flashlights/batteries, etc. There is a "Christmas Shoebox Tote" labeled for the donations needed each month located in the Fellowship Hall. Please feel free to purchase any of these items at any time as we greatly appreciate all the support. Monetary contributions are accepted as well.

VBS Director Position: Highland church has an opening for VBS Director(s) for the 2026 season. This can be single individual or even a core team. This year's VBS is scheduled for July 13-16 so please contact either Jodi DeHate or Sara Bruno as soon as possible for more information.

Save the Date: Highland's next Prayer Retreat will be May 7 at Center Lake Bible Camp. The focus will be on praying the Psalms. Sign-up will begin April 19. Cost will be \$10/person.

Attention Parents of 2026 Graduates: as we quickly approach the upcoming graduation season we are asking that parents/guardians of the 2026 grads send in a photo and the info noted below of their graduate to the church office by May 19:

- Graduate's Name
- College/High School/Home School Program they are graduating from
- Future Plans (College/Workforce)
- Name of Parents/Guardians

Sleep in Heavenly Peace Update: Thank you for your continued support and prayers! Things are starting to come together and momentum is building. Al and Todd will be training with SHP in Utah May 1-3. We have connected with a couple of Osceola County churches and agencies. We also built a bunk bed that will be displayed in the Fellowship Hall for the month of April. During that month, we will be holding a SHP drive to "fill the bunk" with items needed to launch. Other ways to help:

- **Continue sharing the news** of our mission with friends, family, neighbors, and other Osceola County connections by sharing one of our flyers available on the information table.
- **Financially** supporting our chapter:
 - Visit <https://give.shpbeds.org/page/FUNADPTHLYG>
 - Make a check out to Sleep in Heavenly Peace (or SHP), but be sure to note MI-Osceola Co. in the memo. (turned in to a core team member)
- **Purchasing one of our needed items** or connecting other Osceola County friends and family with our needed items.

If you have any questions, you can speak to any member of our core team: Al or Anne Thomas, Todd Schmid, Carrie Thompson, or Lindsey Beerens. Thank you!

COMMUNITY EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

NMCS Kindergarten & Rising Stars Round Up: It's time to start thinking about school for your younger children! Stop by on April 9 at the (walk-in) time frames noted below to tour the classrooms, meet the teacher, and get a feel for life at NMCS!

- Kindergarten Round Up: 3 pm to 7 pm
- Rising Stars Round Up (Ages 3-5): 8 am to 7 pm.