

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

GREETERS – Please arrive by 9:15 am	
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: Jon & Michelle Dracht
April 20 (Easter)	South: Den & Bev Kamphouse; North: Ken & Jodi Meyering
April 27	South: Kevin & Jodi DeHate; North: Curt & Becky Wemple

NURSERY – Please arrive by 9:15 am	
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
April 27	Jan Rivera, Karen Oeverman, Jennifer Peterson, Gracyn Swiler

CHILDREN’S CHURCH *Sundays Only	
April 6	Teacher: Kasey McQuestion; Helpers: Hillary Dracht, Alan Thomas
April 13	Teacher: Sara Bruno; Helpers: Steph VanHouten, Harper Tossey
April 20 (Easter)	** No Children’s Church or Sunday School **
April 27	Teacher: Jodi DeHate; Helpers; Nicole Schultz, Emma Lee

SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT	
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
April 27	Cary Sikkema, Dan Ouwinga, Kendra Jenema

USHERS – Please arrive by 9:15 am	
April	Adam Swiler, Dale Taylor, Kevin DeHate, Henry Baas
May	Tucker Tossey, Larry Visser, Kendyn Meyering, James Bazuin

2ND OFFERINGS:	
APRIL:	6 th : Booster Club 13 th : George & Sarah DeVuyst 20 th : GEMS 27 th : Capital Improvement Fund



April 6, 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
April 6, 2025

The People of God Gather:

Prelude: *The Old Rugged Cross*
Welcome & God’s Greeting
Greet One Another

To Praise God in Song:
Blessed Assurance (vs 1,2 & 4)
Hebrews 4:14
Before the Throne of God Above (vs 1-3)
Amazing Grace/My Chains are Gone (vs 1-3)
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: *Oh, How Good It Is (vs 1,3)*
Scripture: Hebrews 10:24-25; Proverbs 27:9 & 27:17
Sermon: Our Need for Community
Prayer of Response
Song of Response/Offertory: *My Jesus I Love Thee*
Today’s Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: Booster Club

To Go in God’s Name
God’s Blessing
Closing Song: *Family of God (vs 1)*
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 Council Meetings: Monday, April 14 2025 6:30 pm Elders 7:00 pm Deacons 7:30 pm Full Council	Preaching Schedule: 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) April 27: Rev. Mark Bonnes
Next Communion: Good Friday, April 18, 2025	

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:

Phone: (231) 825-2171
Email: office@highlandcrc.org
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Normal Office Hours:
Monday-Thursday: 8:30 am – 2 pm
Friday-Sunday: 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

“**Ladies Night Out**” is this Tuesday, April 8, 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.

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!

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.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. 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:

- Our heartfelt condolences to the Fredin family in the passing of our dear friend **Dale Fredin** this past Tuesday, April 1, following a hard fought battle with cancer. He was 79. Services were held this past Saturday, April 5, at Highland CRC with Pastor Kathy Vana officiating. To view the full obituary, please visit <https://burkholderfamilyfuneralhome.com/obituaries/dale-alan-fredin/>
- We lift up prayers asking for healing and strength for those that are battling serious health conditions: **Dana Stahl & Bob Hesselink**. We pray too for their caregivers and the medical teams by their side.
- We continue to pray for **Chuck Koetje**, who has been in the ICU in Traverse City since the past few weeks due to a ruptured brain aneurysm and surgery.
- Request for Prayer from **Lydia Shaarda**: Hello! As the mission trip that God has opened for me in Thailand and Ethiopia gets closer, I realized it would be beneficial to have a gathering of those praying over the trip. So, I would like to invite you to Georgetown CRC (6475 40th Ave, Hudsonville, MI 49426) on **May 22** at **7 pm**. This will be a time where I share the agenda for the trip, answer questions you may have, and spend time in prayer together for the countries of Thailand and Ethiopia. Please let me know if you can make it! I look forward to seeing you! ~Lydia

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: APRIL 6-12		
SUN 4/6	9:15 AM	Prayer
	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	10:40 am	School/Catechism resume
	10:45 am	MS Youth Group Rock climbing with Rehoboth
	4:30 PM	Fellowship Bible Study & Potluck – Lesson 4
	6:30 PM	HS Youth Group – Regular meeting
TUES 4/8	9:00 AM	J.O.Y. Group Spring Breakfast – please sign up! ----- No Ladies Bible Study this week
WED 4/9	1-6:30 PM	Versiti Community Blood Drive

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

THIS MORNING:

- **Classes resume** for Children’s Church, Sunday School and HS Catechism this morning.
- **The Middle School Youth Group** will be leaving at 10:45 am to meet up with Rehoboth’s MS Youth group for rock climbing and pizza in Traverse City. It’s \$20/kid.

TONIGHT:

- **Fellowship Bible Study will meet** tonight at 4:30 pm in the fellowship hall for Lesson 4 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.
- **The High School Youth Group** will be meeting 6-7:30 pm tonight for their regular meeting.

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.

Ladies Bible Study (w/ Hilda) will NOT be meeting this Tuesday, April 8. They will resume next Tuesday with Lesson 11 of their Life-Guide Bible study “*Nehemiah - The Courage to Face Opposition*”.

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.

Palm Sunday Procession: Attention parents, if your Sunday School-age child(ren) would like to take part in our Palm Sunday procession next Sunday, April 13, please have them meet in the East wing by 9:20 that morning before the service starts.

Our Next Versiti Blood Drive will be this Wednesday, April 9 from 1-6:30 pm in the fellowship hall. To schedule your blood donation, please call 866-642-5663 or visit Versiti.org/mi. You can also schedule through Sara in the church office by calling (231) 825-2171.

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 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!

03/30/25 Update: We are halfway there! We took the collected items to the pantry this week. Here are the standings, so far:

- PreSchool-1st Grade: 14 items
- 2nd-3rd Grade: 22 items
- 4th-5th 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.