

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

NURSERY

- April 7** Jan Rivera, Kasey McQuestion, Dana Baas, Alan Thomas
April 14 Becky Wemple, Diane Eisenga, Steph VanHouten, Gracyn Swiler
April 21 Ruth Kulhawick, Nicole Schultz, Maggie Southwick, Elijah Rees
April 28 Donna Veddler, Esther Bode, Diane Nemeth, Aubrynn Bazuin

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

- April 7** Teacher: Megan Plugger; Helpers: Nicole Schultz, Harper Tossey
April 14 Teacher: Kasey McQuestion; Helpers: Hillary Dracht, Emerson Tossey
April 21 Teacher: Jodi DeHate; Helpers: Nicole Koetje, Steph VanHouten
April 28 Teacher: Megan Plugger; Helpers: Jordyn Richardson, Emma Lee

SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT

- April 7** Kyle Meyering, Jonathan Ouwinga, Tami Eisenga
April 14 Cary Sikkema, Deb Eisenga, Jodi DeHate
April 21 Matt Thompson, Dan Ouwinga, Deborah Ouwinga
April 28 Cary Sikkema, Kaylie Benthem, Kendra Jenema

USHERS

- April** Kasey Rees, Matt Thompson, Dale Fredin, Ben Thompson
May Ken VanPolen Jr; Gary Hesselink, Kevin Eisenga, Aaron Koetje

GREETERS – PLEASE ARRIVE BY 9:15 AM

- April 7** South: Dale & Bev Taylor; North: Bonnie Veddler
April 14 South: Kevin & Jodi DeHate; North: Paul & Carole Shaarda
April 21 South: Curt & Becky Wemple; North: Kyle & Abby Meyering
April 28 South: Al & Anne Thomas; North: Marlin & Jean Venema

2ND OFFERINGS:

- April:**
7th: Booster Club
14th: George & Sarah de Vuyst
21st: Existing Building Fund
28th: GEMS

***** Thank You *****
**to all our dedicated volunteers for
serving at Highland Church!**



April 7, 2024

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 7, 2024

The People of God Gather:

Prelude
 Welcome & God’s Greeting
 Greet One Another

To Praise God

All Creatures of Our God & King
Blessed Assurance (vs 1,2,4)
He Is Here (2x)
 Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God

Announcements
 Congregational Prayer

To Proclaim God’s Word

Children’s Message: Al Thomas
 Song of Preparation: *Every Promised (1,2,4)*

Scripture: Luke 24:13-35

Message: The Road to Emmaus

Prayer of Response
 Song of Response/Offertory: *You Are My King*

Today’s Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: Booster Club

To Go in God’s Name

God’s blessing
 Closing Song: *Oh For A Thousand Tongues*
 Postlude

- **Nursery** is available downstairs for children ages 0 - 3 years old.
- **NEW Children’s Bulletins** are available on the information table in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Children’s Church** is available for children ages 3 years old – Kindergarten downstairs following the Children’s message. Please pick your child up from their classroom following the service.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:

Monday, April 8
 6:00 pm Elders
 7:00 pm Deacons
 7:30 pm Full Council

PREACHING SCHEDULE:

April 7 – Rev. Mark Bonnes
 April 14 – Rev. Mark Bonnes
 April 21 – Rev. Mark Bonnes
 April 28 – Rev. Mark Bonnes

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:

Sunday, April 14, 2024 at 10:40 am
 **Absentee ballots available in the office.
 See Announcements for details.

HIGHLAND COUNCIL:

Officers for 2024:

President	Don Eisenga	Pastor Mark Bonnes Pastor Ashley Bonnes *personal contact info is not posted online. Please call the church office.
Vice President	Bob Vennema	
Clerk	Alan Baas	
Sec. of Deacons	Kyle Meyering	
Vice Treas.	Curt Wemple	

Districts for 2024:

Elders	District	Deacons
Jerry Nemeth	#1, A-C	Carrie Thompson
Alan Baas	#2, D-E	Kyle Meyering
Bob Vennema	#3, F-L	Curt Wemple
Mark Eisenga	#4, M-O	Gary Hesselink
Don Eisenga	#5, P-T	Scott Oeverman
Don Ellens	#6, U-Z	Anne Thomas

Church Office

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

Office Hours:

Mon-Thurs 8:30 am – 2:00 pm
Fri-Sun: Closed

**All Bulletin announcements must be submitted to the office by noon on Thursdays.

Ministry Team 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 - DaNay Tossey

Community Hope's Love Your Neighbor 5K Run/Walk: Saturday, April 13, 2024 at Timer Wolf Lake (Young Life Camp). Proceeds benefit Community Hope Mentoring and food programs for children and youth. Register at RunSignUp.com or visit communityhopemc.org. For questions or more information, please contact Jennifer Pugh at jen@communityhopemc.org or Mekoe Peterson at mekoe@communityhopemc.org

Abide: Wednesday, April 17, 6:30pm: A multi-church gathering for a time of worship, prayer, testimony, and resting in the presence of God. Hosted by Lake City CRC, 1657 S. Morey Rd., Lake City.

2024 Secret Church Simulcast: Prosper CRC is once again hosting Secret Church. This simulcast, taught by David Platt, is Friday, April 19, beginning at 7pm. This year Secret Church is on the book of Ruth. Ruth has all the elements of a love story. Tragedy. Loss. Despair. Hope. Triumph. Loyalty. Romance. But it's more than just a love story. It's an epic story within a story. It's a story not just about Ruth, but about all of us and a world that's in need of redemption. This one-night event happens annually. Encouraged by our persecuted brothers' and sisters' example, we will meet for nearly 6 hours for intense study of God's Word and passionate prayer for the persecuted. Please join us! Contact Alexandra Dodde to order a workbook. (adodde@gmail.com; 231-349-2806). Cost for the book is \$10.

"Faith-Lift" Women's Retreat –Saturday, April 27, 2024 9:30 am - 3:00 pm at Cadillac Christian Reformed Church 1110 E. Division Street; Cadillac, MI. You are invited to attend a one-day women's retreat titled "In the Right Place at the Right Time" to learn about women in the Bible that you may or may not feel are significant to us. But perhaps it's because you don't know their story. Special guest, Linda DeMott, will be speaking to us as we discover how God used women from all sorts of backgrounds to complete His purpose of knowing Him. Come and learn about these heroines and how their struggles and faith can give us valuable lessons for our own faith journey. This will be an amazing day of praise (led by worship leader Angela Warner), personal growth, and fellowship with other women! Bring a friend! Registration is April 1-21. Cost is \$15/person (lunch included –GF options also available). To register or for more information, please call the Cadillac CRC office at (231) 775-5291.

S.P.U.R.S. – Learning the Rodeo Way! Hughston's Cow Camp Rodeo and Friends proudly presents Special People Understanding Rodeo Skills. Saturday, May 4, 2024, 12:30-3:00 pm. For disabled persons of all ages, rain or shine! A light lunch including hot dogs, will be provided at 12:30 followed by the events of your choosing: Horseback Riding, Petting Zoo, Mock Steer Roping, Horse Painting, Mighty Bronc Riding, Pony & Cart, and Wagon Rides. Due to the generosity of our sponsors, ***this is a FREE event!*** All Participants must be accompanied by an attendant. Hughston's Cow Camp is located 1 mile north of the blinking light in McBain, then follow signs. For additional information call (231) 846-1857.

PRAYER CONNECTIONS:

- ✚ Our condolences to Jun & Jan Brinks and their family in the sudden loss of their granddaughter, **Catherine Brinks** who passed away on Sunday, March 31 as the result of a car accident. She was 27. Please continue to pray for comfort and peace for the family during this difficult time.
- ✚ Prayers for Mary Dracht's grandson, **Elijah**, as he continues to heal from the heart transplant.
- ✚ **Brad & Abby Pluger** would appreciate your continued prayers during the transition of bringing Brad home and for their new baby expected to arrive in the next couple weeks.
- ✚ **Our Missionaries:** Prayer Letters and Updates are available on our Missions bulletin board:
 - **Josh & Mandy Shaarda & Family** (Serving in Uganda)
Email: jshaarda@crcnapartners.org; Blog: <http://shaarda.blogspot.com>
 - See bulletin insert for presentation information and also check the Missions bulletin board for their recent ministry update letter.
 - **Lydia Shaarda** is currently working with YWAM in Africa. Her monthly prayer letters are also available on the Missions bulletin board.
 - **George & Sarah de Vuyst & Family** (Serving in Ukraine & the U.S.)
Email: gdevuyst@crcna.org; Website: <http://www.devuysts.com>
Pray Requests from March 10 Ministry Update Letter:
 - Wisdom and insight as participants begin the Training of Facilitators portion of the International School of Reconciliation
 - Encouragement, rejuvenation, and continued skill building for those who use HHTN in their ministries through the International Forum on Reconciliation.
 - Safety in travel and continued good health in the final weeks of George's 5 week ministry trip
 - **Matthew & Emily Slack & Family** (Serving in Central Asia)
Email: mslack@crcna.org
 - See bulletin insert and the Missions bulletin board for their recent update.
- ✚ **Our Active Military:**
 - **SSgt, Tyler Bode** (US Airforce; currently stationed in Italy).

OUR CHURCH WEEK: APRIL 7-13

SUN 4/7	9:15 AM	Prayer
	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	10:40 AM	Sunday School or Catechism resumes
	4:30 PM	Fellowship Bible Study resumes –Lesson 7
	6:30 PM	MS/HS Youth Group
MON 4/8	6:00 PM	Elders Meeting (**note earlier time!)
	7:00 PM	Deacons Meeting
	7:30 PM	Council Meeting
TUES 4/9	9:00 AM	J.O.Y. Group Breakfast
	-----	No Ladies Bible Study
	5:45 PM	REV Moms
WED 4/10	1-6:30 PM	Versiti Community Blood Drive
	7:00 PM	Screwtape Letters Bible Study (youth building)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study will not be meeting this week. They will resume with Lesson 3 of their study on “Esther” next week Tuesday, April 16, beginning at 9:30 am.

Screwtape Letters Bible Study will resume this Wednesday, April 3 at 7:00 pm in the youth building. Please read chapters 21, 23, and 24

- **Ch. 21:** On Ownership - why is ownership so spiritually detrimental?
- **Ch. 23:** On Becoming A Pharisee - what does it mean to use Christianity for our own advancement?
- **Ch. 24:** On Spiritual Pride - how does faith make us feel better than others?

J.O.Y. Group Spring Breakfast: Get up early and join us this Tuesday, April 9 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.

Versiti Blood of Michigan – Community Blood Drive: This Wednesday, April 10 from 1:00 pm – 6:30 pm in the fellowship hall. Please Call (866) 642-5663 or visit www.Versiti.org.MI to schedule your donation! *Walk-ins welcome as schedule allows. **Remember to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating blood. Donate blood and be entered for a chance to win a pontoon boat! Visit www.Versiti.org/winboat for details!

Congregational Meeting: Sunday, March 14: The Highland Church Council will be presenting a proposed **2024 Roofing Project** (North wing and North side of the East wing). 1) Council proposes that Highland CRC accept the bid to replace the North wing roof along with the North Side of the East wing. This bid is at \$30,900. 2) Council also proposes that Highland CRC use monies from the Existing Building Fund and the excess monies given to the General Fund in 2023 to fund replacing the roof. **Absentee ballots are available on the desk in the church office for members unable to attend this meeting.

Highland Hymn-sing: Highland Christian Reformed Church invites you to a traditional Hymn-sing on Sunday, April 21, 2024 at 4:30 pm in the Highland church fellowship hall. Bring a friend and a song in your heart. A time of Fellowship to follow. Highland Church is located at 9034 23 Mile Rd; Marion, MI (on the corner of 23 Mile Rd and 90th Ave). Please call the church office at (231) 825-2171 if you have any questions.

Keys for Kids Devotionals: There are extra copies of Keys for Kids Devotionals available on the information table. These are a great option for Elementary age kids. For a copy of their teen devotional, *Unlocked*, please contact Linda Wing or visit Keysforkids.org to subscribe.

Attention Junior High and High school Students: United Night of Worship is coming up on Sunday, April 28 from 6-8 pm. This is a bi-annual event for all area junior high and high school students and youth leaders. This event will be held at the Elenbaas Auditorium at McBain School.

Attention Parents of 2024 Graduates!!! We want to celebrate all of our 2024 graduates (high school, college, trade school, etc.) Please send in a picture of your graduate along with the name of their school and future plans / degree earned. This can be emailed to office@highlandcrc.org or placed on the desk in the church office. Our goal is to include these with our annual Highlighter and with the Sunday morning announcement slides on June 9.

Christmas Shoebox: Thank you again for all the ongoing support and donations you have given for our recent Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection for 2023—it was a great year! We would like to ask the congregation for ongoing support and donations for this year as well. Once again, we will be collecting these items on a monthly basis. For **March/April** we would like to start out with **SMALL TOYS**— Baby dolls, toy cars, soccer balls with pumps, toy animals, stress balls, bouncy balls, books, flashlights/batteries, jump rope etc. A tote labeled for the donations each month is in the Fellowship Hall. Please feel free to purchase any of these items at any time as we greatly appreciate all the support.