

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

GREETERS – Please arrive by 9:15 am	
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
May 3	South: Sam & Steph VanHouten; North: Jim & Bev Ouwinga
NURSERY – Please arrive by 9:15 am	
April 12	Maggie Southwick, Donna Veddler, Aubrynn Bazuin
April 19	Esther Bode, Cam Mulder, Claire Thompson
April 26	Diane Nemeth, Jodi DeHate, Jayden Benthem
May 3	Barb Dore, Tami Eisenga, Charlotte Thomas
CHILDREN’S CHURCH – (September – May; Sundays Only)	
April 12	Teacher: Amanda Lutke; Helper: Harrison Tossey
April 19	Teacher: Miranda Dykhouse; Helper: Alan Thomas
April 26	Teacher:; Megan Plugger; Helper: Harper Tossey
May 3	Teacher: Jordyn Richardson; Steph VanHouten
SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT	
April 12	Kyle Meyering, Kaylie Benthem, Deborah Ouwinga
April 19	Matt Thompson, Deb Eisenga, Tami Eisenga
April 26	Matt Thompson, Dan Ouwinga, Jodi DeHate
May 3	Kyle Meyering, Jon Ouwinga, Micah Chripell
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 **in memo: MI – Osceola Co. 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.



April 12, 2026

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

Sunday Worship: 9:30 am
 Sunday School & Catechism:
 10:40 am - 11:30 am (Sept-May)

9034 23 Mile Rd; Marion, MI
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**Welcome to
HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
Easter Morning Worship Service – 9:30 am
April 12, 2026**

The People of God Gather:

Prelude: *Be Unto Your Name*
Welcome & God's Greeting
Greet One Another

To Praise God in Song:

Holy Ground – vs 1-2
Goodness of God
Psalm 90:12
Be Unto Your Name
Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God

Announcements
Update on SHP – Al Thomas
Congregational Prayer

To Proclaim God's Word

Children's Message: Greg Tossey
Song of Preparation: *Living Hope*

Scripture: *Fueled By Joy for Mission*

Sermon: Luke 24:36-49

Prayer of Response

Song of Response/Offertory: *I Am Not My Own*

Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: Sleep in Heavenly Peace (MI - Osceola Co.)

To Go in God's Name

God's Blessing
Closing Song: *Oh For A Thousand Tongues*
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 12: Rev. Ashley Bonnes

April 19: Rev. Mark Bonnes

April 26: Rev. Mark Bonnes

May 3: Rev. Mark Bonnes

May 10: 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
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.

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.

The Roaring 20's will be meeting next in 2 weeks on Wednesday, April 27 at 6:30 pm at Rehoboth? Dinner will be provided. Anyone in their 20's is welcome to come!

The **AMEN Chorus** will begin practices on Saturday, May 2 from 5:00-7:00 at Cadillac Christian Reformed Church. We will be preparing for our concert on Sunday, June 14 as well as our program in the park for the arts festival in July. Please bring \$10 to help cover the cost of the music. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Angela Warner at kirkangelwarner@hotmail.com or (231) 330-0894.

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 everyone at Highland for all the prayers surrounding [Terry's] shoulder replacement surgery. The surgery went well and things continue to improve with healing. ~Terry & Dawn Veddler

PRAYER CONNECTIONS:

Shut-ins: We remember and lift up in prayer our shut-ins that can't always join us in person each week. Please pray for peace and healing and for strength each day: Ruth Bazuin (Quiet Creek) Freda Eisenga (Curry House), Bonnie Veddler (Curry House), Tim Bode, Dick Bruno, Bob Keen & Ron Sikkema. We pray too for the families & caregivers by their side.

Mandy Shaarda's sister, Achia (age 15) was placed under hospice care this past week. Please continue to pray for comfort and peace for Achia and her family.

Colter Bailey began the final stage of treatment this past week. He underwent the first of 5 rounds of immunotherapy. Each round will involve 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. Please pray for strength and encouragement for both Colter and his family, that he will be able to finish strong!

Christ Sheats had his stem-cell transplant this past week. On Tuesday, he underwent a chemo blast to wipe out any remaining cancer cells and his immune system to make room for new cells. On Wednesday he underwent the transplant. Please pray for:

- protection from painful mouth sores
- protection from any additional sickness during the "zero immunity" phase.
- for the doctors and nurses guiding him through each step
- for peace, patience and encouragement during his time away from home. He will be in Grand rapids for the next 30 days of this process.

**If you would like to send a note of encouragement to Chris, his contact information is available on the information table

OUR MISSIONARIES:

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

OUR ACTIVE MILITARY:

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

OUR CHURCH WEEK: APRIL 12-19

SUN 4/12	9:15 AM 9:30 AM 10:40 AM 4:30 PM	Prayer Worship Service Sunday School/Catechism – Dismissed at 11:30 am Fellowship Bible Study
MON 4/13	5:30 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM 7:30 PM	Wellness Warriors (YB) Elders Meeting Deacons Meeting Council Meeting
TUES 4/14	9:30 AM	Ladies Bible Study
WED 4/15	6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Family Night Dinner Centershot & GEMS
FRI 4/17	6-8:00 PM	Family Game Night

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Fellowship Bible Study will meet this evening 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 that study guide.

The Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study will meet this Tuesday at 9:30 am.

Family Night this Wednesday, April 15 starting at 6:30 pm with a delicious dinner of sloppy joes, cheesy potatoes, green beans, and peaches. Centershot and GEMS will start at 7:00 pm. Reminder for Centershot boys to bring your derby cars for weighing.

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.

Outdoor Spring Cleaning: We are looking for volunteers that would be willing to independently help clean up various areas of our (outdoor) church grounds. We realize that not everyone can always do a weeknight or weekend work-bee so we’re leaving the schedule up to you. Our goal is to have this project done by May 10. A project list is available on the information table. Please check any off anything that you finish. Bring your own tools/equipment. Project areas include:

- Rake gravel out of the lawns (south lawn, around the playground and the area between the parking lot and the parsonage pine trees).
- Put sod back where needed.
- Back-blade the gravel parking lot and parsonage driveway.
- Remove leaves and debris from the playground.
- Clean up flower beds (around church and youth building).

Save the Date: Highland’s next **Prayer Retreat** will be Thursday, May 7 from 9am-2pm 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

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.

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!