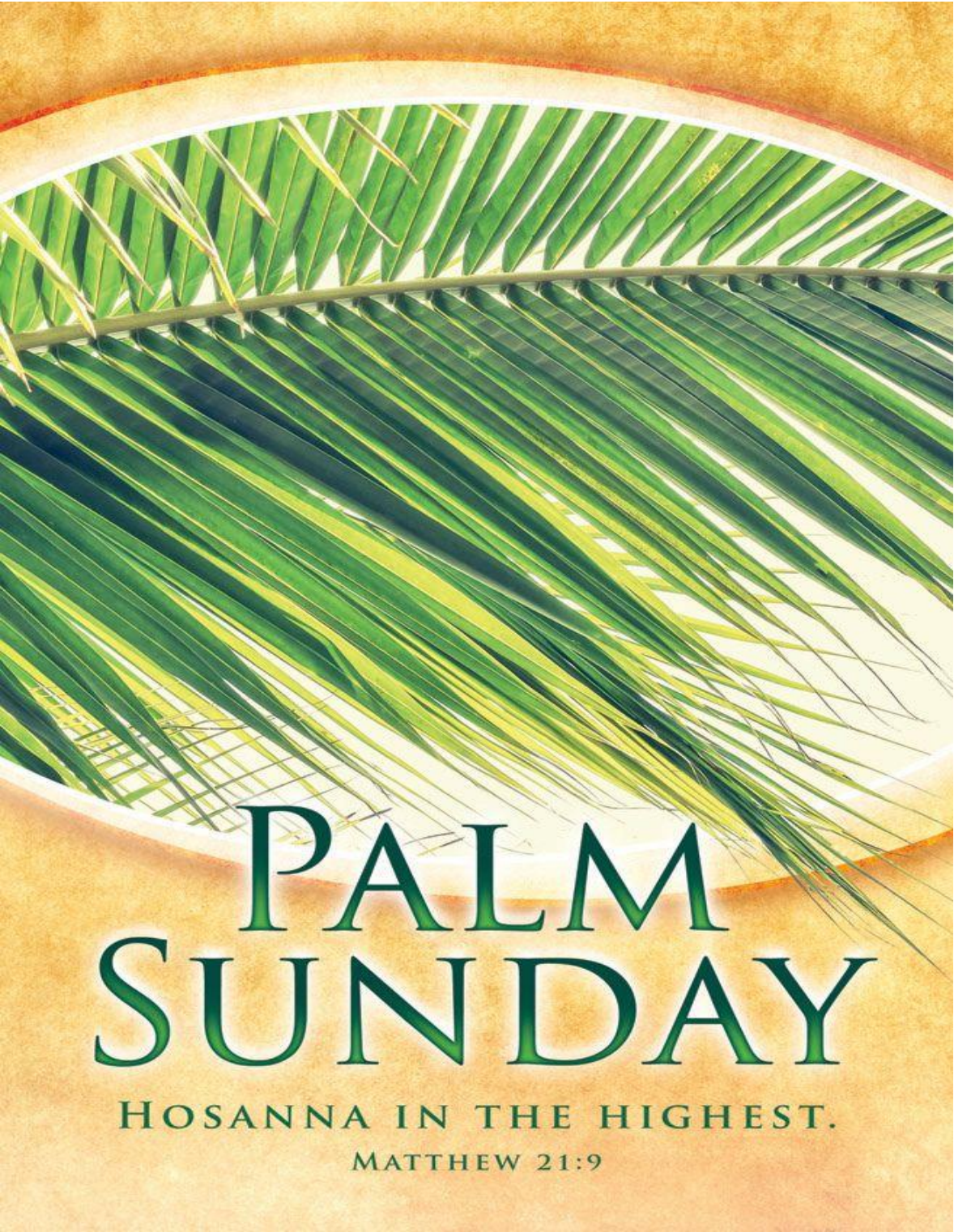


“Use whatever gift you have received to serve others” -1 Peter 4:10

GREETERS – Please arrive by 9:15 am	
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
May 4	South: Paul & Jan Rivera; North: Kyle & Abby Meyering
NURSERY – Please arrive by 9:15 am	
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	Becky Wemple, Diane Eisenga, Jennifer Peterson, Emma Lee
May 4	Dana Baas, Steph VanHouten, Ruth Kulhawick, Khloe McQuestion
CHILDREN’S CHURCH *Sundays Only	
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
May 4	Teacher: Megan Pluger; Helpers: Lindsay Beerens, Charlotte Thomas
SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT	
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
May 4	Matt Thompson, Kaylie Benthem, Deborah Ouwinga
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 <sup>th</sup> : Booster Club 13 <sup>th</sup> : George & Sarah DeVuyst 20 <sup>th</sup> : GEMS 27 <sup>th</sup> : Capital Improvement Fund





Welcome to  
**HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH**  
**Morning Worship Service – 9:30 am**  
**April 13, 2025**

**The People of God Gather:**

Palm Sunday Processional: *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* vs 1-3  
Welcome & God’s Greeting  
Greet One Another

To Praise God in Song:  
*Hosanna (Praise is Rising)*  
*Mighty to Save*  
Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God  
Preparatory Reading  
Announcements  
Congregational Prayer

To Proclaim God’s Word  
Children’s Message: Al Thomas  
Song of Preparation: *Lord, I Need You*  
**Scripture: Mark 2:23-3:6 & Psalm 145:1-8**  
**Title: Like Chocolate and Peanut Butter**  
Prayer of Response

Song of Response/Offertory: *Special music – Micah Chrisspell*  
Today’s Offerings: 1<sup>st</sup>: General Fund; 2<sup>nd</sup>: George & Sarah De Vuyst

To Go in God’s Name  
God’s Blessing  
Closing Song: *The Blessing*  
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:**  
This 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:**

<b>President</b>	Mark Eisenga	<b>Pastor</b> Mark Bonnes <b>Pastor</b> Ashley Bonnes *Please contact the church office for contact information (231) 825-2171
<b>Vice President</b>	Ken Meyering	
<b>Clerk</b>	Bob Vennema	
<b>Sec. of Deacons</b>	Carrie Thompson	
<b>Vice Treasurer</b>	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](mailto: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

**Lost and Found:** A member of the congregation is asking for the return of a ladies’ black nylon jacket with a silver liner. It was taken by mistake from the north entrance coat rack last weekend. If found, please turn it in to the church office as soon as possible. Please take a moment to also check the table set up in the fellowship hall this morning for any dishware or treasures that may be yours.

**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.

**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!

**Northern Michigan Christian School** will be having a **garage sale** during the McBain garage sale weekend May 8-10 and they are looking for donations of clean, gently used items! All proceeds will go NMCS. We would also like to open it up to anyone who would like to rent a table to sell their craft/food items for \$25 fee. Start cleaning out your closets and bring your donations to the school beginning April 28. Please make sure all items are cleaned/launched before dropping them off. If you would like to rent a vendor space for \$25, please let me know ASAP. We are also looking for volunteers to help organize and run the sale. Volunteers will organize items starting May 5 in the practice facility. You can help when it works in your schedule, there will not be any set times for volunteers during set-up. Please reply to this email if you are willing to help. Thank you!

**McBain Elementary Kindergarten Registration is now open!** McBain has an all-day, every day Kindergarten program. Our Kindergarten Registration Clinic will be held on April 23rd and 24th. If your child will be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2025 and you want them to attend McBain Elementary School this fall, please visit [www.mcbain.org](http://www.mcbain.org) to register. If you have any questions, please email [kasey.mcquestion@mcbain.org](mailto:kasey.mcquestion@mcbain.org) or call the office at 231-825-2021.

**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.

THANK YOU

Words cannot express our deepest and sincere thank you for all those who reached out in love, support, and encouragement with the loss of Dale. We thank you for all of the kind and thoughtful comments and memories you shared, for the texts messages, cards, flowers and plants, visits, food and meals, and for holding the family in prayer. You have blessed us richly with your love, and we humbly thank you for the outpouring of your generosity. Thank you from the Fredin Family.

PRAYER CONNECTIONS:

- Our heartfelt condolences to the family of **Chuck Koetje** who passed away this past Tuesday, April 8 following a ruptured brain aneurism in mid-March. He was 72. Funeral services were held at The Grove Church on Saturday April 11. To see the full obituary, please visit <https://burkholderfamilyfuneralhome.com/obituaries/charles-chuck-alan-koetje/>
- 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.
- 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 **Wednesday, May 21 at 7:00 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](mailto:jshaarda@crcnapartners.org); Blog: <http://shaarda.blogspot.com>
- **George & Sarah de Vuyst & Family** (Serving in Ukraine & the U.S.)  
Email: [gdevuyst@crcna.org](mailto: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).

OUR CHURCH WEEK: APRIL 13-19		
SUN 4/13	9:15 AM	Prayer
	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	10:40 am	School/Catechism resume
	4:30 PM	Fellowship Bible Study & Potluck – Lesson 5
	6-8 PM	MS/HS – UNITED Night of Worship at Cadillac HS
MON 4/14	6:30 PM	Elders
	7:00 PM	Deacons
	7:30 PM	Council Meeting
TUES 4/15	9:30 AM	Ladies Bible Study (w/ Hilda) – Lesson 11
WED 4/16	5:30 PM	Easter Egg Hunt
	6:00 PM	GEMS Program & Centershot’s Derby Car Display
	6:30 PM	Family Night Dinner – PIZZA!
	7:00 PM	Pinewood Derby Races & Bible Study wrap-up
FRI 4/18	7:00 PM	Good Friday Service & Communion
	7:00 PM	HS movie “Passion of the Christ” in the Youth Building

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- TODAY:
- 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.
  - Sunday School Food Drive:** That’s a wrap! Thank you to all of the kids and congregation members for supporting our local community food bank through this year’s Lenten Food Drive Challenge! Here are the results:
    - PreSchool-1<sup>st</sup> Grade: 45 items
    - 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: 31 items
    - 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade: 56 items \*\*winners of a pancake party during Sunday School today!
    - Middle School: 41 items
    - High School: 29 items
  - The 2025 Baby Bottle Campaign** for Life Resources of Northern Michigan begins TODAY! This morning, you will be offered a bottle at the end of the service to fill and return by May 11 (Mother’s Day). Cash, change and checks welcome! If you wish to write a check, please make it payable to Life Resources of Northern Michigan. Please return any unused bottles as well so these can be used for future campaigns. A box for bottles (full or empty) will be available near the information table in the fellowship hall.
  - Registration for Highland’s 2025 Prayer Retreat begins today!** The retreat is planned for Wednesday, **May 7, 2025** from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm at Center Lake Bible Camp in Tustin, MI. Our focus this year, will be Self-examination/Confession. The cost is \$10 per person to cover the cost of lunch. Please prayerfully consider attending.

- TONIGHT:
- Fellowship Bible Study** will meet tonight at 4:30 pm in the fellowship hall for Lesson 5 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.
  - Attention MS & HS: UNITED Night of Worship** is TONIGHT, 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.unitednwmi.com](http://www.unitednwmi.com) or Instagram: @unitednwmi.

**Ladies Bible Study (w/ Hilda)** will be meeting this Tuesday, April 15 for Lesson 11 of their Life-Guide Bible study “*Nehemiah - The Courage to Face Opposition*”.

**We Need Your Help: EASTER EGGS NEEDED** for our Family Night Finale this Wednesday. 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 from the office, take them home to stuff with candy and deliver back to the church office before our event on April 16<sup>th</sup>. New/Used plastic Easter Eggs greatly appreciated!!!

**Family Night Year-End Celebration!** – Join us for a Derby Party! April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024 from 5:30pm-7:30 pm for this packed night of events! Bring the kids, all are welcome to take part in the festivities!

- 5:30 PM Easter Egg Hunt
- 6:00 PM Derby Car Display & GEMS program
- 6:30 PM Family Night Dinner (PIZZA!)**
- 7:00 PM Derby Car Races & Bible Study wrap-up

**\*\*Good Friday & Easter Services\*\*** Please join us this coming Friday, April 18 at 7:00 pm for our Good Friday Service & Communion. The High School youth group will also be meeting at 7 pm in the Youth building for the movie “Passion of the Christ”. We also invite everyone back for Easter Sunday Worship as we celebrate the Risen Savior, April 20 at 9:30 am. Nursery will be provided during each service. No Children’s Church or Sunday School that Sunday.

**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.

- Spring Clean-up Project Areas:
- 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).