

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

NURSERY

- 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
May 5 Jodi DeHate, Barb Dore, Jodi Meyering, Claire Thompson

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

- 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
May 5 Teacher: Miranda Dykhouse; Helpers: Lindsay Beerens, Gracyn Swiler

SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT

- April 14** Cary Sikkema, Deb Eisenga, Jodi DeHate
April 21 Matt Thompson, Dan Ouwinga, Deborah Ouwinga
April 28 Cary Sikkema, Kaylie Benthem, Kendra Jenema
May 5 Kyle Meyering, Jon Ouwinga, Tami Eisenga

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 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
May 5 South: Hilda Cruz; North: Mary Dracht

2ND OFFERINGS:

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

- May:**
5th Booster Club
12th: Mississippi Trip
19th: Benevolence
26th: Existing Building Fund



April 14, 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
www.highlandcrc.org

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

9034 23 Mile Rd; Marion
(231) 825-2171

HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

Morning Worship Service – 9:30 am

April 14, 2024

The People of God Gather:

Prelude – *Wonderful, Merciful Savior*
 Welcome & God’s Greeting
 Greet One Another

To Praise God

Cornerstone
 Psalm 107:8-9
Goodness of God
 Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God

Announcements
 Congregational Prayer

To Proclaim God’s Word

Children’s Message: Pastor Ashley
 Song of Preparation & Offertory: *Lord, I Need You*
 Today’s Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: George & Sarah De Vuyst

Scripture: John 20: 24-31

Message: Doubting Thomas

Prayer of Response
 Song of Response: *Living Hope*

To Go in God’s Name

God’s blessing
 Closing Song: *What the Lord Has Done in Me (vs 1-3)*

Congregational Meeting: All professing members of Highland CRC are asked to remain seated for a brief Congregational Meeting following the closing song; If you are not a member of Highland CRC, you are welcome to a time of fellowship in the fellowship hall. ****Sunday School & Catechism will begin once the Congregational meeting is adjourned and classes will be dismissed at 11:30 am as usual.**

- **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, May 13
 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

HIGHLAND COUNCIL:

Officers for 2024:

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| 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

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 or at 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.

Mission Trip Opportunity: Do you feel God calling you to do a mission trip? Maybe it's helping someone local or maybe it's international. Please join us @ Vogel Center on April 28th at 3:00 pm for an informational meeting about a mission trip in La Fortuna, Costa Rica in February 2025! If you are unable to attend this meeting but would still like additional information, please contact Amy Rice at (231) 667-4559.

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.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Pastor Mark & Pastor Ashley and the people of Highland Church for all you prayers, cards and calls following the passing of our granddaughter, Catherine. ~June & Jan Brinks & Family

PRAYER CONNECTIONS:

- ✚ Prayers for Mary Dracht’s grandson, **Elijah**, as he continues to heal from the heart transplant.
- ✚ **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 14-20

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| SUN 4/14 | 9:15 AM | Prayer |
| | 9:30 AM | Worship Service / Congregational Meeting |
| | 10:50 AM | Sunday School or Catechism (dismissed at 11:30) |
| | 4:30 PM | Fellowship Bible Study resumes –Lesson 8 |
| TUES 4/16 | 9:30 AM | Ladies Bible Study – Lesson 3 |
| | 7:00 PM | REV Moms Steering Team Mtg. |
| WED 4/17 | 5:30 PM | GEMS & Centershot Easter Egg Hunt |
| | 6:00 PM | Derby Car Display; Worship/Special Music |
| | 6:30 PM | Family Night Dinner |
| | 7:00 PM | Derby Car Races |
| | ----- | No Screwtape Letters Bible Study; Next meeting: 4/24 |
| SAT 4/20 | 12-4 PM | Youth Building Use |

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

TODAY - A Congregational Meeting will be held immediately following the worship service (before fellowship): the **Proposed 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 uses excess monies from the 2023 General Fund to fund this roofing project. ****Absentee ballots are available on the desk in the church office for members unable to attend this meeting.**

The Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study will resume with Lesson 3 of their study on “Esther” this Tuesday, April 16, beginning at 9:30 am.

Family Night Year-End Celebration! – Join us for a Derby Party! April 17th, 2024 from 5:30pm-7:30 pm for this packed night of events!

- 5:30 PM Easter Egg Hunt
- 6:00 PM Derby Car Display & Worship/Special Music
- 6:30 PM Family Night Dinner
- 7:00 PM Derby Car Races

****Family Night dinner** this Wednesday, will be chicken strips, mashed potatoes and dessert. We are looking for a few volunteers to make mashed potatoes and desserts. Please check the sign-up sheet on the information table or contact Cindy Vennema or Bev Taylor if you are available to help with either of these. Thank you!

Screwtape Letters Bible Study will not be meeting this Wednesday, April 17 as we encourage your support at the Centershot Derby Car Race. Our next meeting will be April 24 at 7:00 pm.

Next Sunday- Highland Hymn-sing: you’re invited 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.

Marion Schools Mentoring Program: The Marion Elementary School has recently reached out to our congregation to inquire about mentorship opportunities with their students. This program would be similar to Kid's Hope, in that it will ask for a one hour (approximate) time commitment from all mentors. All mentors will be paired with students through a school/teacher referral process. It will be somewhat different in that the school will also be reaching out to community members, retired teachers, etc. to help fill the mentoring roles as well and it will be monitored by the counselor and/or superintendent at the school, as opposed to a director through Highland. The school would like to start matching students to mentors as soon as possible and continue into the next academic year. If you are interested in a mentorship role, either starting yet this school year or next, please sign up on the sheet on the information table. Please reach out to Carrie Thompson (231-250-7517) or the church office if you have any additional questions!

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.

Wexford/Missaukee RTL “Focus on Life” Dinner- May 6, 2024. Doors open at 5:00 pm, Dinner & program @ 6:00 pm at Northland Community Church (5855 S. Morey Rd; McBain, MI). Reservations: \$25/individual, High School Students are free when accompanied by an adult. This year’s guest speaker will be Amber Roseboom, President of Right to Life of Michigan. ****Highland Church has already purchased 8 seats that you are welcome to claim at no cost. Please contact Bonnie Veddler to claim these tickets!**

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.