

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

GREETERS – Please arrive by 9:15 am

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
May 10	South: Steve & Sue Meeuwenberg; North: Paul & Carole Shaarda

NURSERY – Please arrive by 9:15 am

April 19	Jodi DeHate, Cam Mulder, Claire Thompson
April 26	Diane Nemeth, Esther Bode, Jayden Benthem
May 3	Barb Dore, Tami Eisenga, Charlotte Thomas
May 10	Jodi Meyering, Addean Oeverman, Madelyn Oeverman

CHILDREN’S CHURCH – (September – May; Sundays Only)

April 19	Teacher: Miranda Dykhuse; Helper: Alan Thomas
April 26	Teacher:; Megan Plugger; Helper: Harper Tossey
May 3	Teacher: Jordyn Richardson; Steph VanHouten
May 10	**Children’s Church will resume in September.**

SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT

April 19	Matt Thompson, Deb Eisenga, Tami Eisenga
April 26	Matt Thompson, Dan Ouwinga, Jodi DeHate
May 3	Kyle Meyering, Jon Ouwinga, Micah Crispell
May 10	Matt Thompson, Kaylie Benthem, Deborah Ouwinga

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 19 th : Parking Lot Fund 26 th : Capital Improvement Fund	May: 3 rd : Booster Club 10 th : Matt & Emily Slack 17 th : Benevolence 24 th : George & Sarah De Vuyst 31 st : Capital Improvement Fund
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April 19, 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 19, 2026**

The People of God Gather:

Prelude
Welcome & God's Greeting
Greet One Another

To Praise God in Song:

Behold Our God (vs 1-3)
Our God Reigns / Awesome God
Psalm 46:10
Be Still for the presence of the Lord (vs 1-3)
Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God

Announcements
Congregational Prayer

To Proclaim God's Word

Children's Message: Jodi Meyering
Song of Preparation: Break Thou the Break of Life (vs 1, 3 & 5)

Scripture: Genesis 15

Sermon: What's in a Covenant?

Prayer of Response
Song of Response/Offertory: It Is Well With My Soul (vs 1-4)
Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: Parking Lot Fund

To Go in God's Name

God's Blessing
Closing Song: Go, My Children, With My Blessing (vs 1)
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. (231) 825-2171
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:

Food Drive for Salvation Army: As part of a service project at Northern Michigan Christian, Ella sheets is collecting donations for the Salvation Army's food pantry and we need your help? They are in need of canned goods and boxes of Cheerios (nothing past date). Donations can be placed in the box by the church office and will be collected now through May 3. Thank you for your help!

Classis Northern Michigan is in need of a new treasurer. Any person who may be interested can contact Rog Hoeksema, Stated Clerk, for a job description and application form at northmichclerk@gmail.com or (231) 878-4993. Applications are due no later than July 15, 2026.

UNITED Night of Worship is Sunday, April 26, 2026, 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 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.

PRAYER CONNECTIONS:

Shut-ins: We remember and lift up in prayer our shut-ins that can't always join us in person each week: Ruth Bazuin (Quiet Creek) Freda Eisenga (Curry House), Bonnie Veddler (Green Acres), 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 renewed strength and encouragement for both Colter and his family, that he will be able to finish strong!

Christ Sheats recently underwent a stem-cell transplant and is currently in the "zero immunity" phase. Please pray for:

- protection from painful mouth sores
- healing from a recent rhino-virus and protection from further illness during this time.
- 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).**

March Classis Meeting – Pastor Ashley was approved to go to Synod 2026. Synod will take place June 12-18 in Grand Rapids. Matthew Mulder was approved as Minister of the Word. Highland will hold his credentials as Rev. Mulder serves Midland RCA. His ordination service will be held at Midland Reformed Church today, April 19, at 4 pm. Anyone interested in attending is welcome. For more information, please talk to Pastor Mark or Pastor Ashley.

Elevator – Many have noticed the elevator is out of order. It will cost approximately \$30,000 to bring it into working order again. There is enough money in the Capital Improvement Fund to cover the cost. Several other building projects (basement lights and nursery ceiling) have been put on hold till the fall.

Benevolence Fund – Highland has maintained and used a benevolence fund for generations. This fund is used to help those who have financial needs in our church and surrounding community. In the last 3 years, the fund has spent \$8,500+ each year to help those who have needs. Council wants to thank the congregation for their faithful giving to this fund.

Children at the Table – Since 2011, the Christian Reformed Church has allowed covenant children who have not made profession of faith to receive communion with permission of the parents and supervision of the elders. Each church is given the ability to approve or not approve children at the table. This topic has come up in discussion with the elders a number of times in recent years. In the last few months especially, the elders and pastors have spent time learning, discussing, and faithfully praying over this issue. We have concluded two things:

1. No Scripture bars children from celebrating at the table. In fact, Scripture seems to encourage participation of covenant children in the worship and life of the church.
2. Many children show interest in Communion, what it is and what it means, before middle school and high school age. We trust our parents to know if their child is at a place that the child would understand and benefit from receiving communion.

What next? In the next 6 weeks, Rev. Bonnes and Pastor Ashley are going to preach about covenant and sacraments. Next month, the elders will decide how to invite the whole church into a discussion about this topic. Presently, we also encourage you to talk to an elder or pastor with any questions and/or concerns.

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.

Wexford/Missaukee RTL invites you to their annual **Focus on Life Dinner** on May 4th at Northland Community Church (5855 S. Morey Rd; McBain, MI). Doors open at 5:00 pm, Dinner & program @ 6:00 pm. This year's guest speaker will be Amy Smallegan, a local teacher, speaker and poet. **Highland Church has already purchased 8 seats that you are welcome to claim at no cost. Please contact Sara Bruno to claim these tickets!

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.

Supplies Needed: Our Sunday School program will soon be wrapping up their 2025/26 school year with a year-end party on May 17. We are asking for your help with collecting the following items for a life-size version of hungry hippos:

- 4 Garage creepers
- Ball-pit balls (as many as we can find)
- Pool noodles

****Please put your name on any items you would like returned to you**** All items collected can be dropped off at the church office.

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).

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

TREASURER'S REPORT – FEBRUARY & MARCH 2026

February General Fund		2nd Offerings	
1st	6,302.00	Booster Club	642.00
8th	5,726.00	Mississippi Trip	1,066.00
15th	6,191.00	Matt & Emily Slack	1,128.00
22nd	15,952.31	Capital Improvement	1,434.00
Total February Offerings	34,171.31		
Budget needed weekly	6,627.06	Parking Lot Fund	45,142.50
Times 8 weeks	53,016.49	Offering	<u>100.00</u>
Received to date	<u>60,047.78</u>	Parking Lot Fund	45,242.50
Balance	7,031.29		

March General Fund		2nd Offerings	
1st	4,850.00	Booster Club	806.00
8th	8,368.00	Josh & Mandy Shaarda	3,363.00
15th	No Church	World Renew	440.00
22nd	18,134.00	Life Resources	926.00
29th	5,243.57	Capital Improvement	1,039.00
Total March Offerings	36,595.57		
Budget needed weekly	6,627.06	Parking Lot Fund	45,242.50
Times 13 weeks	86,151.80	Offering	<u>200.00</u>
Received to date	<u>96,643.35</u>	Parking Lot Fund	45,442.50
Balance	10,491.55		

1st Quarter Budget Reports were placed in mailboxes last week. Additional copies are available in the racks on the information table.

OUR CHURCH WEEK: APRIL 19-25

SUN 4/19	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 4/20	5:30 PM	Wellness Warriors (YB)
TUES 4/21	9:30 AM	Ladies Bible Study
THUR 4/23	8:00 PM	JUMP Practice
FRI 4/24	5-8:00 PM	YB Use

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Fellowship Bible Study will meet this evening at 4:30 pm. They will be starting a new Life Guide Bible Study on Proverbs. Please contact Sandy Rice yet this morning if you still need a book.

Save the Date: Community Hymn-sing – all are invited to join us for our upcoming Community Hymn-Sing as we lift our voices in song and fellowship. Sunday, May 3, 2026 at 4:30 pm at Highland Christian Reformed Church (9034 23 Mile Rd; Marion, MI 49665). Followed by a potluck supper.

Ladies Bible Study will be meeting this Tuesday at 9:30 am for lesson 23 of their study on Genesis.

JUMP Practice will be this Thursday, April 23 at 8:00 pm.

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: Thank you for your continued support and prayers! Our “Fill the Bunk” is going on now and will continue through April 30th. Make sure to check the bulletin board next to the display bed tools, materials and bedding we still need! Other ways to help:

- **Financially supporting** our chapter:
 - Visit <https://give.shpbeds.org/page/FUNADPTHLYG> or make a check out to Sleep in Heavenly Peace (or SHP), ****be sure to note “MI-Osceola Co.” in the memo.** (turned in to a core team member)
- **Share 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. 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!