

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

#### GREETERS – Please arrive by 9:15 am

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
May 11	South: Al & Anne Thomas; North: Hilda Cruz

#### NURSERY – Please arrive by 9:15 am

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
May 11	Nicole Schultz Maggie Southwick, Donna Veddler, Penny Bruno

#### CHILDREN'S CHURCH \*Sundays Only

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
May 11	Mother's Day **No Children's Church or Sunday School **

#### SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT

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
May 11	Cary Sikkema, Jon Ouwinga, Jodi DeHate

#### 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

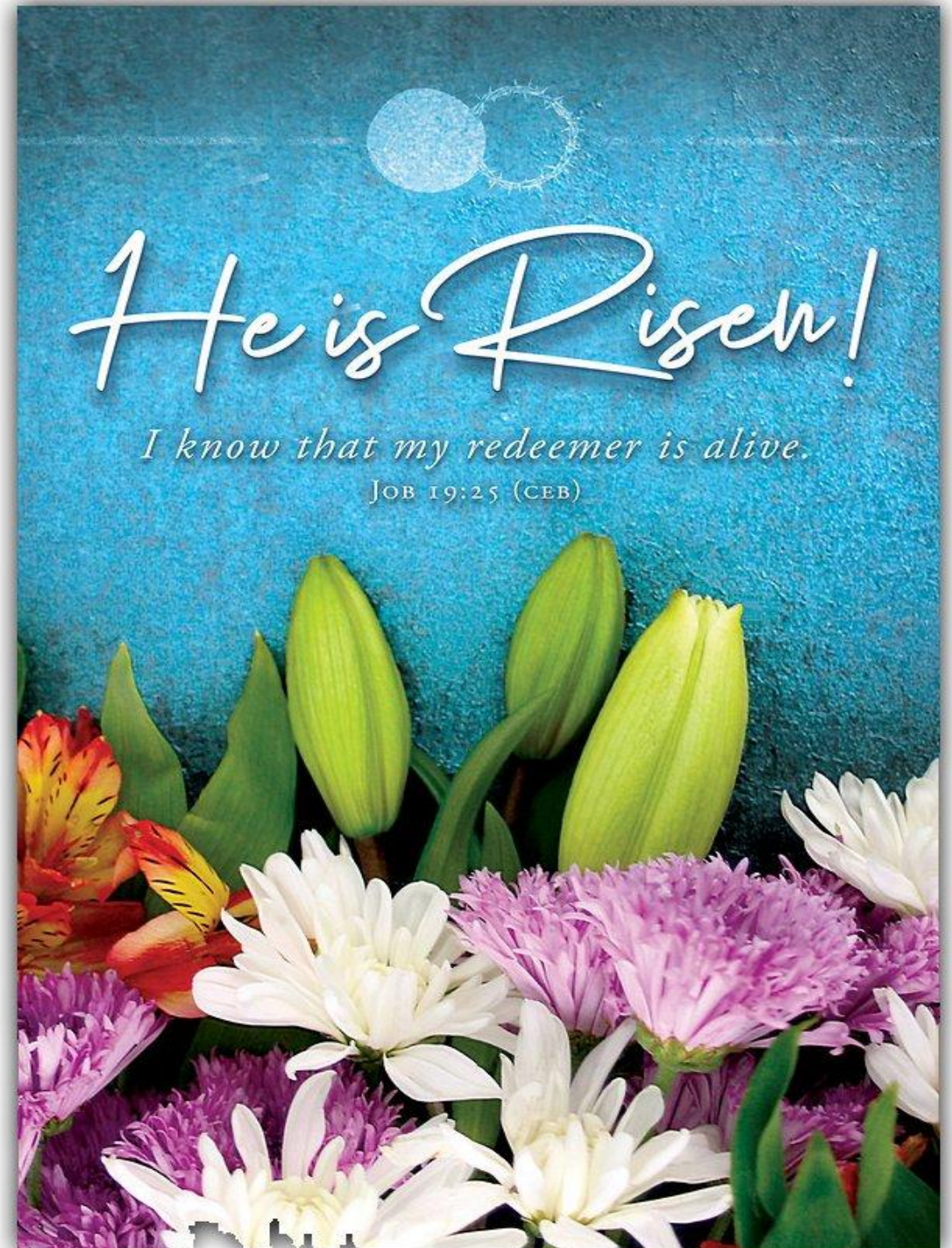
#### 2ND OFFERINGS:

APRIL:	6 <sup>th</sup> : Booster Club	MAY:	4 <sup>th</sup> : Booster Club
	13 <sup>th</sup> : George & Sarah DeVuyst		11 <sup>th</sup> : Matt & Emily Slack
	20 <sup>th</sup> : GEMS		18 <sup>th</sup> : Benevolence
	27 <sup>th</sup> : Capital Improvement Fund		25 <sup>th</sup> : Capital Improvement Fund

Thank you  
Volunteers!!

*We are incredibly grateful to God for you, our volunteers  
and for your loving service to the Church and the  
community. We want you to now that your work has not  
gone unnoticed. God bless you for your generosity,*

*and thank you for being a blessing to others.*



Welcome to  
**HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH**  
Morning Worship Service – 9:30 am  
**April 20, 2025**

**The People of God Gather:**

- Prelude
- Welcome & God’s Greeting
- Greet One Another

**To Praise God in Song:**

- Christ Arose (vs 1,3)*
- Worship Christ the Risen King (vs 1,2,5)*
- Christ the Lord is Risen Today (vs 1-4)*
- Prayer of Praise

**To Pray and Serve God**

- Announcements
- Congregational Prayer

**To Proclaim God’s Word**

- Children’s Message: Pastor Ashley Bonnes
- Song of Preparation: *Alleluia, Alleluia Give Thanks (vs 1,2)*

**Scripture: 1 Peter 1: 3-9**

**Message: What Is Worth Celebrating?**

- Prayer of Response
- Song of Response/Offertory: *Living Hope*
- Today’s Offerings: 1<sup>st</sup>: General Fund; 2<sup>nd</sup>: GEMS

**To Go in God’s Name**

- God’s Blessing
- Closing Song: *Because He Lives (vs 1)*
- 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:**

- Monday, May 12 2025
- 6:30 pm Elders
- 7:00 pm Deacons
- 7:30 pm Full Council

**Next Communion:**

May 4, 2025

**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

**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



**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.

**Northern Michigan Christian School 2025-26 Enrollment is OPEN!** Attention Parents, admissions and enrollment for next year is now open! You can [click here](#) and select Fall 2025 – Spring 2026 School Year to apply a new student or re-enroll. If you have questions on admissions/enrollment, please contact Elisha Helsel ([ehelsel@nmcs.us](mailto:ehelsel@nmcs.us)) or call (231) 825-2492. Financial aid questions can be directed to Cari Gommesen ([cgommesen@nmcs.us](mailto:cgommesen@nmcs.us)) or (231) 825-2492 x3903. Financial aid applications for returning students are due on April 30. Due to processing time and limited funds, no exceptions will be made regarding late applications this year.

**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/laundered 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!

**S.P.U.R.S. –Special People Understanding Rodeo Skills** invite you to a High school Rodeo (rain or shine!) Saturday, May 24, 2025, 12:00-2:30 pm. This event is for disabled persons of all ages! Performance will begin at noon. Hotdogs, popcorn and ice cream will be provided. Additional events include mock steer roping, mighty bronc riding, horse painting and music. 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.



The beautiful flowers at the front of church this morning have been placed in loving memory of those that are no longer here in person but will forever remain in our hearts.

Daffodils	
Missy Schoch (Lily’s Grandma)	Dave Westmaas
Harold Meyering	Dick Dorman
Sam & Margaret Tjepkema	Abe & Freda Kamphouse
Josie Thompson	
Tulips	
Anna VanPolen	Reminder of God’s Faithfulness
Bernard Eisenga	All Loved Ones of the Bierens & Eisenga Family
Tom & Shirley Boven	
Otto & Deloris Archambeau	
Hyacinths	
Elton & Hilda Sikkema	Brenda VanHouten
Ralph & Marie Brinks	Whip Koetje
Henry & Reka Eisenga	Jake & Jo Eisenga
Ben Eisenga	Leah Jacobs
Jerry Eisenga	Josie Thompson
Shandra Eisenga	Dawn Richardson
Marlys Keen	Minard & Mary Ouwinga
John & Margaret Keen	

If you ordered one of these plants from the Worship Team, you are encouraged to take it home with you following this morning’s worship service. Thank you!

### THANK YOU:

Thank you, Highland church for all the prayers, meals, visits and acts of kindness shown to our family leading up to and following Chuck's passing. Your love for our family was deeply felt and greatly appreciated. ~Pearl, Aaron, Nicole & Family of Chuck Koetje

Project Canefire would like to thank all those who supported the 2025 mission trip this year through prayer and monetary donations. New wells were installed, church benches were built, a new home was constructed, sewing machines were distributed, scholarship interviews were held and various other jobs were completed. Thank you for helping Project Canefire in being the hands and feet of Jesus in the Dominican Republic.

A more detailed newsletter with pictures is available on your mission table. For more information, you can also check out our website, [www.projectcanefire.org](http://www.projectcanefire.org) and on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/pages/Project Canefire-Inc/142241752498198](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Project-Canefire-Inc/142241752498198).

### PRAYER CONNECTIONS:

- Our heartfelt condolences to Dale & Bev Taylor & family in the unexpected passing of Dale's brother, **Jack Taylor**, on Saturday, April 12. He was 75. The funeral was held Saturday, April 19 at the Rehoboth Reformed Church in Lucas with Pastor Kathy Vana officiating. The full obituary can be found at <https://burkholderfamilyfuneralhome.com/obituaries/jack-lee-taylor/>
- 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.
- **Bonnie Veddler** moved into Curry House (room 124) on Friday, April 11. Please pray for peace during this time of transition.
- 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).

**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 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).

**Wexford/Missaukee Right to Life** will be holding their **2025 "Focus on Life" Dinner** on Tuesday, May 6, at Northland Community Church between McBain & Lake City. Doors will be open at 5:00 pm with a dinner and program at 6:00 pm. Tickets are \$25 each (High School students are free if accompanied by an adult) but Highland Church has already purchased a table for 8. Please contact Sara Bruno through the church office for ticket(s) if you wish to attend. Please check the posters by each entrance for more information on this year's guest speaker, Brian Cusack, Director of Development for Right to Life of Michigan.

**Attention Parents of 2025 Graduates!!!** We want to celebrate all of our 2025 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 information can be emailed to [office@highlandcrc.org](mailto:office@highlandcrc.org) or placed on the desk in the church office. Our goal is to include these with our twice-a-year Highlighter publication and with the Sunday morning announcement slides on June 1.

**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!

**Rehoboth Reformed Church** is inviting everyone to a student-led Night of Worship on Sunday, May 4 from 6-7 pm. Tickets are by donation! Come support their youth mission trip to North Carolina this summer.

HIGHLAND COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS:      APRIL 14, 2025

- **Human Resources:** Council nominated and approved the following additions to Highland’s Human Resources Department: Hillary Dracht as Chair and Adam Swiler as a member.
- **Wexford/Missaukee Right to Life Benefit Dinner:** Council approved the request to purchase 1 table (8 seats) at the upcoming W/M Right to Life Benefit Dinner on May 6. Please see Sara in the office for one of these tickets. See announcements for additional information.
- **Council North Parking Lot Project:** Council received a quote of **\$102,650** from American Asphalt Paving (**see bulletin insert**) for the paving of our north parking lot. Constructive feedback and funding suggestions from the congregation are greatly appreciated. Please reach out to a member of council before the next Council meeting on May 12.

TREASURER’S REPORT – MARCH 2025

March General Fund		2nd Offerings	
2nd	6,079.00	Booster Club	1,141.00
9th	6,959.00	Josh & Mandy Shaarda	1,343.00
16th	5,604.00	World Renew	1,457.00
23rd	5,591.00	Capital Improvement Fund	831.00
30th	5,256.88	Life Resources	971.00
Total March Offerings	29,489.88		
Budget needed weekly	6,341.59		
Times 13 weeks	82,440.64		
Received to date	<u>73,933.05</u>		
Balance	(8,507.58)		

OUR CHURCH WEEK: APRIL 20-26

SUN 4/20	9:15 AM	Prayer
	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	-----	No Sunday School/Catechism; will resume 4/27
	-----	No Fellowship Bible Study; will resume 4/27
TUES 4/22	-----	No Youth group; <b>moved to 4/27</b>
	9:30 AM	Ladies Bible Study (w/ Hilda) – Lesson 12
	5:45 PM	REV Moms
WED 4/23	7:00 PM	Praise Team Practice – Anne’s Team

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**This morning** there will be no Children’s Church, Sunday School or Catechism. Nursery is still available for ages 0-3 yrs.

**Next Sunday, April 27**, we look forward to celebrating pubic **Professions of Faith** from Alan Thomas (son of Al & Anne Thomas) and Megan Benthem (daughter of Jason & Shari Benthem).

**The 2025 Baby Bottle Campaign** for Life Resources of Northern Michigan is in full swing! If you did not get a baby bottle last week, please check the information table for an empty one. Everyone is encouraged to fill the bottle with cash, change or a check and then return the bottles by May 11 (Mother’s Day). \*\*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 returned bottles (full or empty) will be available near the information table in the fellowship hall.

**Registration for Highland’s 2025 Prayer Retreat is OPEN!** 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. If you have attended in the past, please consider inviting someone who also might enjoy it! Registration is open yet today and next Sunday, April 27.

**Fellowship Bible Study** will not be meeting tonight, but will resume next Sunday, April 27 at 4:30 pm in the fellowship hall for lesson 6 on the prophet Elijah from *Life Guide Bible Studies*. If you still need a book, please contact Sandy Rice. Potluck to follow.

**Ladies Bible Study (w/ Hilda)** will be meeting this Tuesday, April 15 for Lesson 12 of their Life-Guide Bible study “*Nehemiah - The Courage to Face Opposition*”.

**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.

**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.