

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

NURSERY

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

May 12 Tami Eisenga, Mikayla Powers, Mary Rees, Addean Oeverman

CHILDREN’S CHURCH

April 21 Teacher: Jodi DeHate; Helpers: Nicole Koetje, Steph VanHouten

April 28 Teacher: Megan Pluger; Helpers: Jordyn Richardson, Emma Lee

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

May 12 ***Mother’s Day – No Children’s Church***

SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT

April 21 Matt Thompson, Dan Ouwinga, Deborah Ouwinga

April 28 Cary Sikkema, Kaylie Benthem, Kendra Jenema

May 5 Kyle Meyering, Jon Ouwinga, Tami Eisenga

May 12 Matt Thompson, Deb Eisenga, Deborah Ouwinga

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 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

May 12 South: Greg & DaNay Tossey; North: Dave & Linda Wing

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 21, 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

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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 21, 2024

The People of God Gather:

Prelude
 Welcome & God's Greeting
 Greet One Another

To Praise God

Grace Greater Than Our Sin (vs 1 & 4)
O How He Loves You & Me (vs 1 & 2)
 Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God

Reaffirmation of Faith – Craig Archambeau
In Christ Alone (vs 1-3)
 Announcements
 Congregational Prayer

To Proclaim God's Word

Children's Message: Pastor Mark
 Song of Preparation: *O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus (vs 2, 3)*

Scripture: John 21: 15-19

Message: Jesus Reinstates Peter

Prayer of Response
 Song of Response/Offertory: *Great is Thy Faithfulness (vs 1-3)*
 Today's Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: Existing Building Fund

To Go in God's Name

God's blessing
 Closing Song: *I Need Thee Every Hour (vs 1, 2 & 4)*
 Postlude

- **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 worship service.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:

Monday, May 13
 6:30 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:

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

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.

You Are Invited to a Wedding Reception & Gospel Sing: Sidney J. King & Virginia M Sweet Beebe King would like to invite you to their wedding reception and gospel-sing. June 8th, 2024 at 12 pm at Ken & Brenda DeZeeuw's home, (9773 W. Falmouth Rd; McBain, MI 49657). No gifts please, but if you like, feel free to donate to *The Gideons International* or *Footprints in Time*. There will be donation boxes available at the reception. You are welcome to bring a lawn chair if you would like. Lunch will be served at 12:30 pm. Please RSVP to Brenda DeZeeuw at (231) 920-0177 if you plan to attend the lunch. Gospel sing will start at 2:00 pm. If you come for the singing only, there is no need to RSVP.

PRAYER CONNECTIONS:

- ✚ Our condolences go out to the family of **Mary Dracht** who passed away unexpectedly late Tuesday night.
Service Details: Visitation Saturday, April 21, 2-4:00 pm & 6-8:00 pm
Funeral Service, April 22 at 2:00 pm; luncheon to follow.
- ✚ Our condolences go out to Deborah & Jonathan Ouwinga and family in the recent passing of Deborah's Grandpa, **George Berkompas**, this past Wednesday.
- ✚ **Our Missionaries:** Prayer Letters and Updates are available on our Missions bulletin board:
 - **Josh & Mandy Shaarda & Family** (Serving in Uganda)
Email: jshaarda@crnapartners.org; Blog: <http://shaarda.blogspot.com>
 - **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>
 - **Matthew & Emily Slack & Family** (Serving in Central Asia)
Email: mslack@crcna.org
- ✚ **Our Active Military:**
 - **SSgt, Tyler Bode** (US Airforce; currently stationed in Italy).

- **2024 Roofing Project:** A bid was received for \$30,900 to replace sections of the roof. This bid was approved to send to the congregation for approval. Discussion took place as to where the monies to pay for the roof might come from. Council agreed to use the excess funds from last years' budget. Monies in the existing building fund will be used on already designated projects (nursery windows and playground area) this coming summer.
- **General Fund Signee:** An additional signee was designated from council for the general fund.
- **A Non-Wedding Church Use Policy** was approved by council. No major changes to the established practices already taking place. Church building and use of tables and chairs are available to any church member. Council would like to remind everyone that all requests for use of church facilities, tables and chairs must be submitted to the church secretary for approval. Also tables and chairs must be returned within 24 hours after your event.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: APRIL 14, 2024

The Proposed 2024 Roofing Project and bid from Flynn Roofing were **approved** by a Congregational vote of **145 Yes; 0 No**.

TREASURER'S REPORT – MARCH 2024

March General Fund		2nd Offerings	
3rd	6,779.00	Booster Club	993.00
10th	5,036.00	Matt & Emily Slack	1,420.00
17th	8,021.00	Single MOMM	826.00
24th	4,249.00	Marion Backpack Program	676.00
31st	<u>5,914.44</u>	Church Building Fund	1,591.00
Total March Offerings	29,999.44		
Budget needed weekly	6,471.23		
Times 13 weeks	84,126.05		
Received to date	<u>77,495.97</u>		
Balance	(6,630.08)		

OUR CHURCH WEEK: APRIL 21-27

SUN 4/21	9:15 AM 9:30 AM 10:40 AM 2:00 PM ----- *See Below	Prayer Worship Service Sunday School or Catechism (dismissed at 11:30) Funeral for Mary Dracht Hymn-sing has been CANCELED MS & HS Youth Group Year-end Celebrations
TUES 4/23	9:30 AM 5:45 PM	Ladies Bible Study – Lesson 4 REV Moms
WED 4/24	7:00 PM	Screwtape Letters Bible Study (Youth Building)
THUR 4/25	7:00 PM	JUMP / Youth Sunday Practice

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS:

This Morning, we have the joy of welcoming new member, Craig Archambeau, through Reaffirmation of Faith.

April 28: Adult Baptism / Profession of Faith of Bryce Akom.

May 5: Professions of Faith – JD Bazuin, Gerrit Oeverman, Harper Tossey, Leighton Tossey & Owen Wemple.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

TONIGHT- MS & HS Youth Groups' Year-end celebrations:

- MS will be meeting in the MS youth room for a year-end pizza party & games starting at 6:00 pm.
- HS students will be meeting in the Highland parking lot at 4:30 before heading to Skeggox in Cadillac for Ax throwing at 5:00 followed by pizza at G&D's at 6:00.

UPDATE: Highland's Community Hymn-sing this evening has been **canceled**. We hope to reschedule this at a later date.

Fellowship Bible Study will next meet on April 28 at 4:30 pm in the MS Youth Room for the first of 5 DVD-led studies on Paul's missionary journey produced by Ray Vanderlaan and Focus on the Family. Any questions, please contact Sandy Rice.

The Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study will be discussing Lesson 4 of their study on "Esther" this Tuesday beginning at 9:30 am.

Screwtape Letters Bible Study will resume this Wednesday, April 24 at 7:00 pm in the Youth Building. Please read chapters 25, 26, and 28 and consider the following questions for our next discussion:

- Chapter 25: On the Need for Excitement - What is the "Same Old Thing"?
- Chapter 26: On Bickering - Why does Screwtape say that being unselfish leads to arguments?"
- Chapter 28: On Perseverance - What does it mean to "wear out a soul by attrition"

JUMP / Youth Sunday Practice: All students participating in leading of worship on Sunday April 28 will need to be at JUMP practice on Thursday, April 25 at 7:00 pm.

Prayer Retreat Registration: Next Sunday, April 28, registration for Highland's Spring Prayer Retreat begins. The retreat is planned for **May 22, 2024** from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm at Center Lake Bible Camp in Tustin, MI. The focus will be on “*Praying scripture, God’s love letter to us*”. The cost is \$10 per person to cover the cost of lunch. Please prayerfully consider attending.

Attention Junior High and High school Students: United Night of Worship is next 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.

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.

The Banner- is a monthly periodical published by the Christian Reformed Church in North America. The Christian Reformed Church decided at Synod 2004 that the print version of *The Banner* will no longer be a subscription-based magazine. Instead it will be a partially subsidized publication sent to every household in the Christian Reformed Church. In an effort to avoid duplicate subscriptions, please contact the Highland church office if you are not yet (but want to be) receiving this monthly publication. *The Banner* is also available through their mobile app, weekly emails (*The Banner Update*) or you can find them on Facebook and Twitter. For more information about options available to you, please contact either the Highland church office or visit www.thebanner.org/about-us. To see a sample of this publication, please check the information table.

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!

Youth Group Needs: In an effort to avoid last-minute planning and in order to nurture the student-led high school youth group format that began this year, the Education team is beginning our search for youth group leaders now. For next fall, we are in need of high school leaders and helpers. If you are willing to help out, please contact Megan Pluger (231-342-4830).

- **High-school:** Youth leaders will come alongside the student leadership team to guide them in planning youth group activities and lesson topics. HS youth leaders will also give the lesson and lead small group discussions. HS youth helpers will support the leaders each week and help lead small group discussions.
- **Middle School:** We also need middle school youth group helpers. Adam and Maggie Southwick will continue to lead the MS youth group. We are looking for others who will come alongside them to give support and help facilitate each week.

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.

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!

“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.