

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

| GREETERS – Please arrive by 9:15 am | |
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| 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 |
| May 17 | South: Dale & Bev Taylor; Den & Bev Kamphouse |
| NURSERY – Please arrive by 9:15 am | |
| April 26 | Diane Nemeth, Esther Bode, Jayden Benthem |
| May 3 | Barb Dore, Tami Eisenga, Charlotte Thomas |
| May 10 | Jodi Meyering, Addean Oeverman, Madelyn Oeverman |
| May 17 | Mikayla Power, DaNay Tossey, Franklin Baas |
| CHILDREN’S CHURCH – (September – May; Sundays Only) | |
| April 26 | Teacher:; Megan Plugger; Helper: Harper Tossey |
| May 3 | Teacher: Jordyn Richardson; Steph VanHouten |
| May 10-Sept 6 | **Summer Break: Children’s Church will resume September 13** |
| SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT | |
| April 26 | Matt Thompson, Dan Ouwinga, Jodi DeHate |
| May 3 | Kyle Meyering, Jon Ouwinga, Micah Chrispell |
| May 10 | Matt Thompson, Kaylie Benthem, Deborah Ouwinga |
| May 17 | Cary Sikkema, Deb Eisenga, Tami Eisenga |
| 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 |



April 26, 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

(231) 825-2171

www.highlandcrc.org



**Welcome to
HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
Morning Worship Service – 9:30 am
April 26, 2026**

The People of God Gather:

Prelude
Welcome & God's Greeting
Greet One Another

To Praise God in Song:

Praise
Holy Spirit
Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God

Profession of Faith for Evan Wemple
Announcements
The Lord's Prayer into Congregational Prayer

To Proclaim God's Word

Children's Message: Rev. Ashley Bonnes
Song of Preparation: *Holy Water*
Scripture: Jeremiah 31:31-34 & Luke 22:20
Sermon: The Old Becomes New

Prayer of Response
Song of Response/Offertory: *I Know A Name*
Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: Capital Improvement Fund

To Go in God's Name

God's Blessing
Closing Song: *I Know A Name*
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, May 11, 2026
6:30 pm Elders
7:00 pm Deacons
7:30 pm Full Council

Preaching Schedule:

April 26: Rev. Mark Bonnes
May 3: Rev. Mark Bonnes
May 10: Rev. Mark Bonnes
May 17: Rev. Ashley Bonnes
May 24: Rev. Mark Bonnes
May 31: Rev. Mark Bonnes

HIGHLAND COUNCIL:

Council Officers for 2026:

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| President | Steve Meeuwenberg | Pastor Mark Bonnes Pastor Ashley Bonnes (Please contact the 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 ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS:

UNITED Night of Worship is TONIGHT, 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 this Wednesday, April 29 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.

Food Drive for Salvation Army: As part of an 8th grade service project at Northern Michigan Christian, Ella Sheats is collecting donations for the Salvation Army's food pantry and we need your help! She will be collecting canned goods and boxes of Cheerios (nothing past date). Donations can be placed in the box by the church office now through May 3. Thank you for your help!

National Day of Prayer Service: There will be a community prayer service on Thursday, May 7 at 7:00 pm at the Calvin Christian Reformed Church (between McBain and Marion on the corner of M-66 and Meyering Rd). Let's come together and seek the Lord for our community, state and nation.

McBain Area Ministers is sponsoring a series of **Freedom in Christ Bible Study** groups for men of all ages across our community. The Freedom Course is a great way to connect more closely with God and get unstuck in your faith journey along with other men. If you would like more information, please contact Pastor Adam from Vogel Center CRC at (231) 825-2053.

Ascension Day Service: Vogel Center CRC is hosting a service in celebration of Ascension Day for our community. Join us Thursday, May 14 at 7:00PM to praise our ascended King!

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. Applications are due no later than July 15, 2026.

2026-2027 Enrollment at NMCS is OPEN! Admissions and enrollment for next year is now open! Visit www.nmcs.us and select Fall 2026-Spring 2027 school year to apply for a new student or re-enroll. Applications for financial aid are also available. Please contact Jordyn Richardson at jrichardson@nmcs.us or call (231) 825-2492 if you have questions on admissions/enrollment or Cari Gommesen at cgommesen@nmcs.us or (231) 825-2492 x3903 with questions on Financial aid and tuition assistance.

THANK YOU:

A huge thank you to all the deacons, the young people, and anyone else who came out last Saturday to help clean up the tree debris in my "prize-winning" yard after the ice storm. You were truly a blessing to me. Thank you so much. ~ Jean Ouwinga

A BIG thank you to the volunteers that helped restore order and beauty to the church grounds during our spring clean-up project. ~The Facilities Team

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.

Our heartfelt condolences to Josh & Mandy Shaarda and their family in the loss of Mandy's sister, **Achia Beute** who passed away into the loving arms of Jesus on Friday, April 17. She was 15 years old. A memorial service was held Saturday, April 25, 2026, at 10:00 am at Georgetown CRC in Hudsonville. To read the full obituary and the amazing story of Achia's life journey please visit <https://heritagelifestory.com/obituaries/achia-beute.151740>

Colter Bailey has been receiving immunotherapy. Each of the 5 rounds involves 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!

04/21 Prayer Chain Update: Chris Sheats is still in Grand Rapids but his blood cell counts have improved so much that he has now been moved into the Renucci House which is a hospitality house attached to the hospital complex. He still needs to stay within close proximity to the hospital for a period of time. Please pray that the next 2-3 weeks continue to show improved blood cell counts and for protection from illness and complications. Please pray too for patience, grace and compatibility with his caregivers when Chrystal is unable to be with him.

OUR MISSIONARIES:

- **Josh & Mandy Shaarda (Serving in Uganda)**
Email: jshaarda@crnapartners.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).**

OUR CHURCH WEEK: APRIL 26 – MAY 2

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| SUN 4/26 | 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 4/27 | 5:30 PM | Wellness Warriors (YB) |
| TUES 4/28 | 9:30 AM | Ladies Bible Study |
| WED 4/29 | 6:30 PM 7:00 PM | Family Night Pizza Party GEMS & Centershot Derby **year-end celebration** |
| FRI 5/1 | 4-8:00 PM | YB Use |
| SAT 5/2 | 12-4:00 PM | YB Use |

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

This morning we will be celebrating the public Profession of Faith of Evan Wemple. Evan is a son of Kurt & Becky Wemple.

Fellowship Bible Study will meet this evening at 4:30 pm for lesson 3 of their new study on Proverbs. Please contact Sandy Rice yet this morning if you still need a book.

Ladies Bible Study will meet this Tuesday at 9:30 am for lesson 24 of their study on Genesis.

Family Night Finale will be this Wednesday, April 29 starting at 6:30 pm. Bring the family for a delicious dinner of pizza, veggies, chips and brownie sundaes. At 7 pm, help cheer on the Centershot boys as they hold their Pinewood derby. GEMS will have a night of music, crafts and games.

Next Sunday: Highland's 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 with sloppy joes.

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 be April 19-May 3 in the fellowship hall. Cost is \$10/person to help with the cost of lunch.

SS Year-End Party 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.

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. Once those are gone, additional tickets are \$25/person. High school students are free (if accompanied by an adult). Please contact Sara Bruno through the church office to claim your tickets!

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

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!