

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

GREETERS – Please arrive by 9:15 am

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
May 18	South: Greg & DaNay Tossey; North: Dave & Linda Wing

NURSERY – Please arrive by 9:15 am

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
May 18	Esther Bode, Cam Mulder, Diane Nemeth, Amara Beerens

CHILDREN’S CHURCH *Available Sundays Only

April 27	Teacher: Jodi DeHate; Helpers: Nicole Schultz, Emma Lee
May 4	Teacher: Megan Plugger; Helpers: Lindsay Beerens, Charlotte Thomas
May 11	Mother’s Day **No Children’s Church or Sunday School **
May 18	Teacher: Miranda Dykhouse; Helpers: Steph VanHouten, Gracyn Swiler

SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT

April 27	Cary Sikkema, Dan Ouwinga, Kendra Jenema
May 4	Matt Thompson, Kaylie Benthem, Deborah Ouwinga
May 11	Cary Sikkema, Jon Ouwinga, Jodi DeHate
May 18	Kyle Meyering, Deb Eisenga, Tami Eisenga

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 th : Booster Club 13 th : George & Sarah DeVuyst 20 th : GEMS 27 th : Capital Improvement Fund	MAY:	4 th : Booster Club 11 th : Matt & Emily Slack 18 th : Benevolence 25 th : Capital Improvement Fund
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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.



April 27, 2025

Highland Christian Reformed Church

“Striving to be the heart and hands of Jesus”

Rev. Mark Bonnes & Rev. Ashley Bonnes

office@highlandcrc.org Sunday Worship 9:30 am 9034 23 Mile Rd; Marion
www.highlandcrc.org Sunday School & Catechism (231) 825-2171
10:40 am – 11:30 am (Sept-May)

Welcome to
HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
Morning Worship Service – 9:30 am
April 27, 2025

Welcome & God’s Greeting

Greet One Another

Opening Song: *Praise*

Scripture: Acts 2: 36-39

Title: “As for me and my Family...”

Prayer

Professions of Faith: Megan Benthem & Alan Thomas III

Song: *Even So Come*

Children’s Message: Henry Baas & Bryce Akom

Song: *Raise A Hallelujah*

Youth Share

Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Senior Dedication

Song of Response/Offertory: *Gratitude* (during slideshow)

Offerings: 1st: General Fund; Capital Improvement Fund

God’s Blessing

Closing Song: *Chain Breaker*

***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

Preaching Schedule:

April 27: Rev. Mark Bonnes
May 4: Rev. Mark Bonnes
May 11: Rev. Mark Bonnes
May 18: Rev. Ashley Bonnes
May 25: Rev. Mark Bonnes

Next Communion:

Sunday, May 4, 2025

HIGHLAND COUNCIL:

Council Officers for 2025:

President	Mark Eisenga	Pastor Mark Bonnes Pastor Ashley Bonnes *Please contact the church office for contact information (231) 825-2171
Vice President	Ken Meyering	
Clerk	Bob Vennema	
Sec. of Deacons	Carrie Thompson	
Vice Treasurer	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
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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

Christmas Shoebox Collection: Throughout the year we are asking the congregation for ongoing support and donations toward our annual Christmas Shoebox Collection. We are collecting these items on a monthly basis. For **May/June**, we will be collecting HYGIENE ITEMS: Toothbrushes & tooth brush holders, combs, hairbrushes, hair-ties/bows, wash cloths, bars of soap, Band-aids, lip balm, etc. ** No toothpaste **. All of these items are 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 and thank you for your ongoing support and generosity!

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 to register. If you have any questions, please email 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) or call (231) 825-2492. Financial aid questions can be directed to Cari Gommesen (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. Start cleaning out your closets and bring your donations to the school beginning April 28. 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. 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. If you would like to rent a vendor space for \$25, please let me know ASAP. Please contact Diane Eisenga at (231) 825-2192 or deisenga@nmcs.us to sign-up or for additional information.

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.

PRAYER CONNECTIONS:

- 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. Please pray for peace during this time of transition. Please contact the church office for additional contact info.
- 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; Blog: <http://shaarda.blogspot.com>
- **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 London, England)

OUR ACTIVE MILITARY:

- **SSgt, Tyler Bode** (US Airforce; currently stationed in Italy).

OUR CHURCH WEEK: APRIL 27 – MAY 3

SUN 4/27	9:15 AM	Prayer
	9:30 AM	Youth-led Worship Service & Professions of Faith
	10:30 AM	Sunday School/Catechism resume
	4:30 PM	Fellowship Bible Study; potluck to follow
	5-7:00 PM	Middle School Youth Group Year-end Party
	6-9:00 PM	High School Youth Group Year-end Party & Bonfire
TUES 4/29	9:00 AM	Ladies Bible Study (w/ Hilda) – Year-end brunch
SAT 5/3	10-2:00 PM	Fellowship Hall Use

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

TODAY, April 27:

This morning we have the joy of celebrating pubic **Professions of Faith** from Alan Thomas (son of Al & Anne Thomas) and Megan Benthem (daughter of Jason & Shari Benthem).

Don’t miss it! Today is the last day to register for **Highland’s 2025 Prayer Retreat!** The retreat is planned for Wednesday, **May 7, 2025** from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm at Center Lake Bible Camp in Tustin, Michigan. This will be the only prayer retreat for 2025. 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!

MS & HS Youth Groups will be meeting tonight for their year-end parties! Please see adjusted time frames noted above for each group.

THIS WEEK:

Fellowship Bible Study will be meeting tonight at 4:30 pm in the fellowship hall for lesson 6 on the prophet Elijah from *Life Guide Bible Studies*. Potluck to follow.

Ladies Bible Study (w/ Hilda) has finished their studies for the season, but will be meeting this Tuesday, April 29 at 9:00 am for their year-end brunch.

NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 4:

Next Sunday, May 4, we look forward to celebrating **Communion**. If you or a loved-one are a member of Highland church and are unable to attend that service in person, please contact one of the elders so alternative arrangements can be made.

Next Sunday, 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.

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.

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. Highland Church has already purchased 8 tickets for you to use. Please contact Sara Bruno through the church office for these tickets. Additional tickets are \$25 each (High School students are free if accompanied by an adult). Please check the posters by each entrance for information on this year’s guest speaker, Brian Cusack, Director of Development for Right to Life of MI.

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 group projects are difficult to coordinate this time of year so we’re leaving the schedule up to you. Our goal is to have this project done by **May 10**. Bring your own tools/equipment. A list is available on the information table, please check off anything that you finish of the following 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).

North Parking Lot Project: Council has received a quote of **\$102,650** from American Asphalt Paving 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. Additional information is also available on the information table.

The 2025 Baby Bottle Campaign for Life Resources of Northern Michigan is in full swing! If you still need a bottle to (re)fill please check the information table for an empty one. Everyone is encouraged to fill a baby 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.

The **AMEN Chorus** will be performing a concert of hymns and patriotic pieces in appreciation of our veterans and those currently serving. This program will be **Sunday, May 11 at 4:00** at the Cadillac Christian Reformed Church. We invite all to join us. A free will offering will be received.