

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

NURSERY

- 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
May 19 DaNay Tossey, Bev Taylor, Megan Plugger, Jayden Benthem

CHILDREN’S CHURCH

- April 28** Teacher: Megan Plugger; Helpers: Jordyn Richardson, Emma Lee
May 5 Teacher: Miranda Dykhouse; Helpers: Lindsay Beerens, Gracyn Swiler
May 12 ***Mother’s Day – No Children’s Church***
May 19 Teacher: Kasey McQuestion; Helpers: Nicole Schultz, Alan Thomas

SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT

- April 28** Cary Sikkema, Kaylie Benthem, Kendra Jenema
May 5 Kyle Meyering, Jon Ouwinga, Tami Eisenga
May 12 Matt Thompson, Deb Eisenga, Deborah Ouwinga
May 19 Kyle Meyering, Dan Ouwinga, Jodi DeHate

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 28** South: Al & Anne Thomas; North: Marlin & Jean Venema
May 5 South: Hilda Cruz; North:
May 12 South: Greg & DaNay Tossey; North: Dave & Linda Wing
May 19 South: Todd & Jackie Schmid; North: Jerry & Diane Nemeth

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 28, 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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www.highlandcrc.org

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 28, 2024

The People of God Gather:

Holy Spirit

Welcome & God’s Greeting

Greet One Another

To Praise God

Graves Into Gardens

Speak to the Mountains

Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God

Adult Baptism / Profession of Faith: Bryce Akom

Announcements

The Lord’s Prayer / Congregational Prayer

To Proclaim God’s Word

Children’s Message: Alan Baas

Song of Preparation: *What A Beautiful Name*

Scripture: John 21:1-14

Message: Jesus Catches Fish

Prayer of Response

Song of Response/Offertory: *Gratitude*

Today’s Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: GEMS

To Go in God’s Name

Honoring our Seniors

God’s blessing

Closing Song: *The Blessing*

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 28 – Rev. Mark Bonnes

May 5 – Rev. Ashley Bonnes

May 12 – Rev. Mark Bonnes

May 19 – Rev. Mark Bonnes

May 26 – 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

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!

The AMEN Chorus will be presenting a program on Sunday, May 12 at 3:00 at the United Methodist Church in Cadillac. We invite you to join us for this time of fellowship and praise.

S.P.U.R.S. – Learning the Rodeo Way! Hughston’s Cow Camp Rodeo and Friends proudly presents Special People Understanding Rodeo Skills. This 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:

- ✚ Please pray for **Dale & Faye Fredin** as they recently learned that Dale has a tumor on his pancreas. He is scheduled for a biopsy this Thursday in Grand Rapids.
- ✚ Please pray for continued healing for **Elijah Dracht** following his recent heart transplant.
- ✚ Please pray for **Matthew & Emily Slack** as they await VISA renewals.
- ✚ Please pray for **Lydia Shaarda** during her time with **YWAM** and their work in Angola:
 - That God will open doors for them to work in refugee camps.
 - For the group as they spend time at the YWAM base loving the kids through extracurricular activities and bible studies,
 - For their group as they spend 3 days among a Himba tribe and also time in a wildlife reserve helping the youth/kids ministry and local church.
 - After 3 weeks, Lydia & her group will be returning to Worcester for the DTS graduation.

The National Day of Prayer (May 2, 2024) is a significant occasion for collective prayer and reflection. The theme for this year is “Lift Up the Word - Light Up the World,” inspired by 2 Samuel 22:29-31 which praises God as both a lamp and a shield. Let us unite in faith and prayer, seeking light in the midst of darkness.

- ✚ **In Lake City**, Thursday May 2, at noon, many area pastors and Christians will band together to pray for our community at the flagpole outside of the county courthouse. Everyone is invited. All are welcome.
- ✚ **Calvin CRC** is also hosting a National Day of Prayer service for our community. The service will be on Thursday May 2 at 7:00pm. Come and pray for our nation and community.

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).

OUR CHURCH WEEK: APRIL 28 – MAY 4

SUN 4/28	9:15 AM	Prayer
	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	10:40 AM	Sunday School or Catechism (dismissed at 11:30)
	4:30 PM	Fellowship Bible Study –in the MS Youth Room
	6:00 PM	UNITED Night of Worship –McBain Auditorium
TUES 4/30	9:30 AM	Ladies Bible Study – Lesson 5
WED 5/1	7:00 PM	Screwtape Letters Bible Study (Youth Building)

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS:

This Morning, we have the joy of celebrating the adult baptism of **Bryce Akom**. Bryce is the son of Scott & Lindsay Akom.

We also are happy to welcome new members, **Bernard & Judy Eisenga** as transfers from Rehoboth Reformed Church.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Communion: Lord willing, we will be celebrating the Lord's Supper on Sunday, May 12.

Highland's Spring Prayer Retreat: Registration begins today in the fellowship hall! 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.

Fellowship Bible Study will be meeting tonight at 4:30 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.

TONIGHT: United Night of Worship, April 28 from 6-8 pm in the Elenbaas Auditorium at McBain School.

The Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study will be discussing Lesson 5 of their study on "Esther" this Tuesday beginning at 9:30 am.

Screwtape Letters Bible Study – Our last meeting is this Wednesday at 7:00 pm in the Youth Building. Please read chapters 29-31 before then.

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.

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 19. A sign-up list is available on the information table. Bring your own tools/equipment.

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).

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!

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.