

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

**NURSERY**

- April 30** Jodi Meyering, Mikayla Powers, Tami Eisenga, Charlotte Thomas
- May 7** Mary Rees, DaNay Tossey, Lindsay Beerens, Kendyn Meyering
- May 14** Bev Taylor, Jackie Schmid, Megan Pluger, Evan Wemple
- May 21** Patti Koop, Melissa Oeverman, Cindy Vennema, Leah Thompson

**CHILDREN’S CHURCH**

- April 30** Teacher: Cindy Vennema; Helpers: Nicole Schultz, Leah Thompson
- May 7** Teacher: Lizelle Bazuin; Helpers: Nicole Koetje, JD Bazuin
- May 14** Teacher: Jodi DeHate; Helpers: Hillary Dracht, Addean Oeverman
- May 21** Teacher: Sara Bruno; Helpers: Amy VanPolen, Karsyn Meyering

**SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT**

- April 30** Matt Thompson, Jon Ouwinga, Jodi DeHate
- May 7** Kyle Meyering, Roger Hagerman, Tami Eisenga
- May 14** Cary Sikkema, Kaylie Benthem, Tami Eisenga
- May 21** Matt Thomson, Deb Eisenga, Deborah Ouwinga

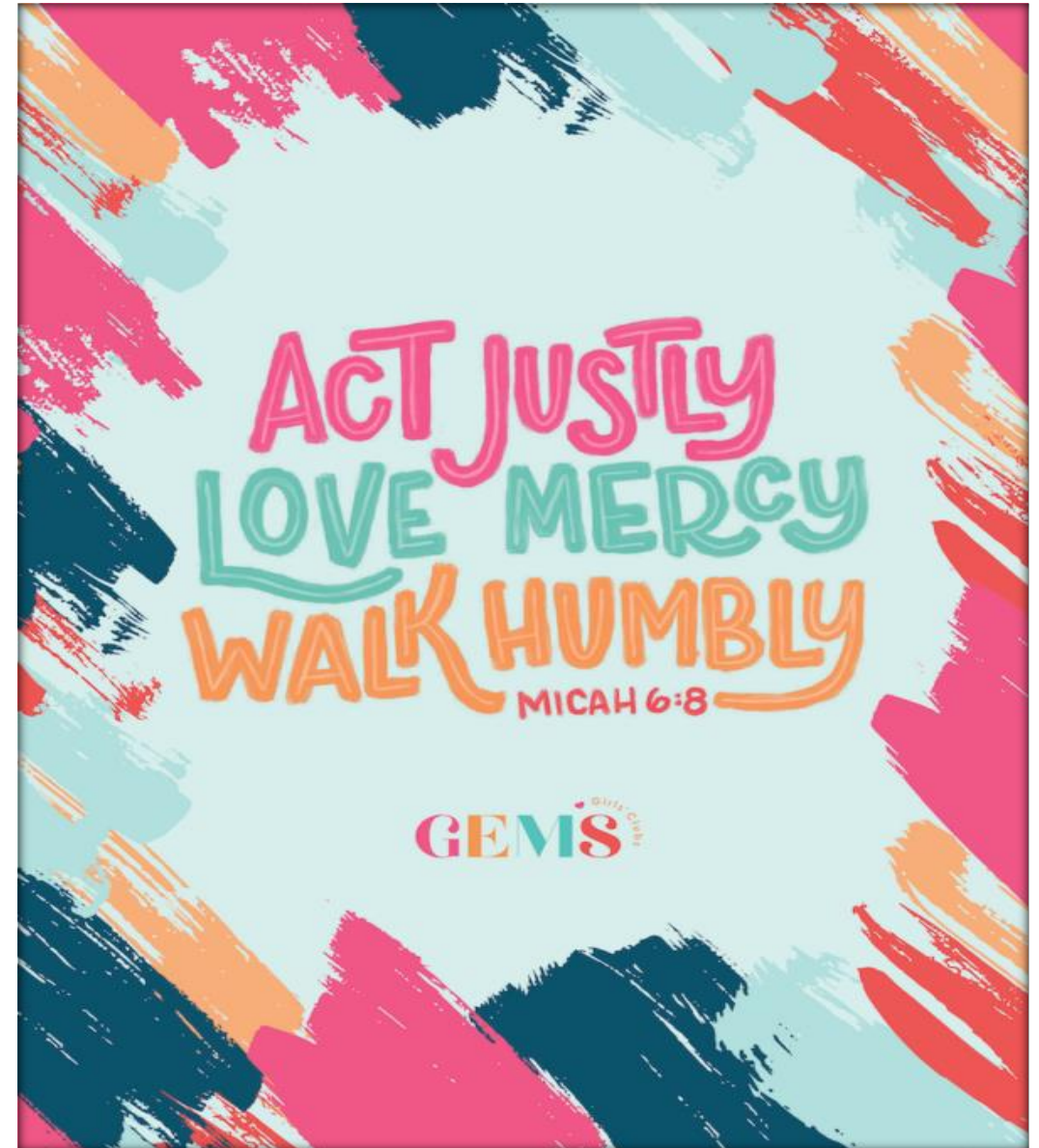
**2<sup>ND</sup> OFFERINGS**

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| <b>April:</b>                                | <b>May:</b>                                   |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Booster Club               | 7 <sup>th</sup> – Booster Club                |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> – Existing Building Fund     | 14 <sup>th</sup> – Johnson/Hoekwater families |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> – George and Sarah de Vuyst | 21 <sup>st</sup> – Josh & Mandy Shaarda       |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Middle School Youth Room  | 28 <sup>th</sup> – Middle School Youth Room   |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> – GEMS                      |   |

**USHERS**

- April:** Kasey Rees, Dale Fredin, Al Thomas, Lars Fredin
- May:** Matt Thompson, Bob Vennema, Ken VanPolen Jr, Gary Hesselink

**\*\*If you are unable to serve on your scheduled date, please find a replacement. Please call the church office (231) 825-2171 if you have any questions. Thank you!**



**April 30, 2023**  
**Highland Christian Reformed Church**  
*“Striving to be the heart and hands of Jesus”*

**HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH**  
**Morning Worship Service – 9:30 am**  
**April 30, 2023**

**The People of God Gather:**

Prelude  
 Welcome / Lighting the Christ Candle  
 Greet One Another

To Praise God:

*God is Here (vs 1,3,4)*  
 Ephesians 2: 4-9  
*Grace Alone (vs 1,2)*  
 Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God:

GEMS Video  
 Announcements  
 Congregational Prayer

To Proclaim God's Word:

Children's Message- Greg Tossey  
 Song of Preparation: *Ancient Words (vs 1,2)*  
 Sermon Questions: **What is faith and how do you get it?**  
**How do I know I have it?**  
 Scripture: **Hebrews 11:1; Heidelberg Catechism Q&A #21**  
 Prayer of Response  
 Song of Response/Offertory: *(Prayer is the Key to Heaven) Faith Unlocks the Door*  
 Offerings: 1<sup>st</sup>: General Fund; 2<sup>nd</sup>: GEMS

To Go in God's Name:

God's blessing  
 Closing Song: *We've Come This Far by Faith*  
 Postlude

*Our **Nursery** is available downstairs for children ages 0 - 3 years old.*  
**Children's Church** is available downstairs for children ages 3 - Kindergarten  
 following the children's message.

**HIGHLAND COUNCIL:**

**Officers for 2023:**

(All have a 231 area code unless otherwise noted)

<b>President</b>	Jon Dracht
<b>Vice President</b>	Don Eisenga
<b>Clerk</b>	Alan Baas
<b>Sec. of Deacons</b>	Kyle Meyering
<b>Vice Treas.</b>	Kasey Rees

**Pastor Mark Bonnes**  
**Pastor Ashley Bonnes**  
 \*personal contact info is  
 not posted online. Please  
 call the church office.

**Districts for 2023:**

<b>Elders</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Deacons</b>
Den Kamphouse	<b>#1, A-C</b>	David Wing
Alan Baas	<b>#2, D-E</b>	Kyle Meyering
Jon Dracht	<b>#3, F-L</b>	Devon Dracht
Paul Shaarda	<b>#4, M-O</b>	Kasey Rees
Don Eisenga	<b>#5, P-T</b>	Scott Oeverman
Don Ellens	<b>#6, U-Z</b>	Anne Thomas

**Next Council Meeting:** Monday, May 8, 2023: 6:30 pm Elders, 7:00 pm Deacons, 7:30 pm Full Council. \*\*Please note that all Council meetings going forward will now be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month.

<p align="center"><b><u>Church Office</u></b>          (231) 825-2171          office@highlandcrc.org          Office Hours:          Mon - Thurs: 8:30 am-2:00 pm          Fri-Sun: Closed          **All bulletin announcements          must be turned in no later than          noon on Thursdays**</p>	<p align="center"><b><u>Ministry Team Leaders</u></b>  <b>Care &amp; Fellowship Team</b> (Cindy Vennema)  <b>Education Team</b> (Megan Pluger)  <b>Facilities Team</b> (Greg Hesselink)  <b>Outreach Team</b> (Jodi DeHate)  <b>Prayer Team</b> (Sandy Rice)  <b>Service Team</b> (Carrie Thompson)  <b>Worship Team</b> (DaNay Tossey)</p>
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED:

**Classis Northern Michigan** supports a fund for helping students working their way through seminary with the intent of doing ministry in the Christian Reformed Church. If you are a student of seminary or looking to go to seminary and are interested in financial help, please contact Pastor Mark Bonnes by June 1 at (765) 532-4612 or [hcrccpastor@gmail.com](mailto:hcrccpastor@gmail.com).

**In Honor of Those That Have Served:** Our Role of Honor plaques in the fellowship hall are due for an update. If you or a loved one (past or present member) of Highland Church served in the U.S. Military and their name isn't already on the plaques, please notify the church office so they can be added. Thank you!

**The National Day of Prayer** will be on Thursday, May 4. We encourage our community to use this day as an opportunity to pray for our nation. Calvin CRC will be hosting a service at 7:00 pm as an opportunity for friends and neighbors in our community to gather for prayer.

**Mother's Day is right around the corner...May 14<sup>th</sup>!** –REV Moms is hosting a Mother's Day card fundraiser. Each of these beautiful cards is embedded with wild flower seeds and for every card sold, plants 2 trees and supports moms in our community. Cards are located in the fellowship hall on the REV Moms table. Grab one for each of the moms in your life!

**Vogel Center CRC** is putting together a team for a **Costa Rica mission trip** in mid-February, 2024 where we will be working with a local organization to construct classrooms as well as have an opportunity to work with students. If you are interested or want to learn more, there will be an informational meeting held this Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. at Vogel Center church.

**Bible Bee 2023** is a summer family discipleship program that encourages your family to memorize God's Word, study the Bible, and pray together. You are also welcome to gather with local families for learning and encouragement throughout the summer as part of the local Bible Bee in Northern Michigan. If your 7-18 year old is new to Bible Bee, contact Amy Vredevoogd at 231-290-1806 for a discount code to use during registration. See more information at [www.BibleBee.org](http://www.BibleBee.org) and join the life-changing fun!

## THANK YOU:

Thank you for your recent donation to the food pantry. It is greatly appreciated by the community. ~The Marion Food Pantry

## PRAYER CONNECTION:

- ✚ We lift up in prayer those that need healing, patience and the endurance needed for each day: **Ken VanPolen Sr., BJ Cook, Amanda Lee, Jean Venema, Bonnie Veddler, Dick Bruno, Carol Niver, MaryJo Lee and Shandell (Veddler) Banks.**
- ✚ **BJ Cook Update:** Thanks again to everyone for your prayers and cards. On Monday May 1<sup>st</sup>, I will have a PICC line inserted along with some tests and blood work done and then I will be admitted to the hospital on Tuesday May 2 to begin the process for the stem cell transplant process. ~BJ & Sue Cook

**Weekly Prayer Emphasis:** On January 1 we began 2023 with a prayer service where we collected prayers from you all. The Prayer Team has turned those wonderful prayers and prayer concerns into a calendar of prayers for 2023. Every week we will emphasize one of those prayer concerns:

- **This Sunday**, we pray for opportunities to love others.
- **In the week ahead & next Sunday**, we will be lift up prayers for those with ongoing health concerns.

### OUR MISSIONARIES

**George & Sarah DeVuyst & Family**  
Serving in Ukraine & the U.S.  
Email: [gdevuyst@crcna.org](mailto:gdevuyst@crcna.org)  
Website: <http://www.devuysts.com>

**Josh & Mandy Shaarda & Family**  
Serving in Uganda  
Email: [jshaarda@crcnapartners.org](mailto:jshaarda@crcnapartners.org)  
Blog: <http://shaarda.blogspot.com>

### OUR ACTIVE MILITARY

**Seth Nowland**  
(Sergeant First Class; U.S. Army)  
Camp Casey Army Base, South Korea  
\*\*Parents: Larry & Marilyn Nowland

**Tyler Bode**  
(Staff Sergeant, U.S. Air Force)  
Davis Monthan Airforce Base, Tucson, AZ  
\*\*Parents: Dale & Becky Bode

**Missionary Prayer Letters:** Please take a moment to check the Missions Bulletin Board for the latest prayer letters from the Shaardas and DeVuysts. Copies are available next to the bulletin board.

**OUR CHURCH WEEK: APRIL 30-MAY 6**

<b>SUN 4/30</b>	9:15 AM	Prayer
	9:30 AM	Morning Worship Service
	10:40 AM	Sunday School, Middle School Catechism & High School Profession of Faith Class
	4:30 PM	Fellowship Bible Study – <i>Heros of Faith</i> Series
<b>WED 5/3</b>	9:30 AM	Ladies Bible Study (w/ Hilda)
	7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting
<b>THUR 5/4</b>	7:00 PM	Ladies Bible Study (w/ Linda) in the YB

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Next Sunday**, we have the privilege of welcoming special guests, Pastors Jim & Abby DeZeeuw to lead us in worship. Pastors Mark & Ashley will be enjoying some vacation time from May 1 - May 8. Please contact an elder or the church office with any pastoral care or prayer chain needs during that time.

**The Sunday Evening Fellowship Bible Study** will continue their new study series, “*Heroes of Faith*” at 4:30 pm.

**The Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Study (w/ Hilda)** will be looking at lesson 9 of their study on the Ten Commandments.

**You are invited to a new Ladies Bible Study** on Philippians that will meet on Thursday nights at 7 pm beginning May 4 in the youth building. Participants will have homework to complete during the week. Ladies of all ages welcome. Please contact Linda Wing if you are interested or have questions.

**Communion:** We will be celebrating the Lord’s Supper on Sunday, **May 14**.

**29<sup>th</sup> Annual Focus on Life Dinner:** Highland church is once again sponsoring a table at the Wexford/Missaukee RTL Focus on Life Dinner. This event has been schedule for **Monday, May 8** at Northland Community Church with social hour beginning at 5:30pm and dinner at 6:00 pm. We have the opportunity to hear from special guest speaker, Genevieve Marnon in addition to enjoying a delicious meal. Your seat has already been paid for. Please contact Sara Bruno to claim your ticket. Thank you for your support of Wexford/Missaukee Right to Life and the lives they work to protect!

**Tables, Chairs, & Church Use:** Members wanting to reserve the youth building, fellowship and/or tables and chairs for open houses or other gatherings need to contact the church office as soon as possible as availability is going quick. Please call (231) 825-2171 to book your reservation.

**Congratulations Graduates!!!** We want to celebrate all of our 2023 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](mailto: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 morning PowerPoint slides on June 11.

**Items for Christmas Shoeboxes-** For the months of **May/June** we will be collecting hygiene items: toothbrushes and toothbrush holders, combs, hairbrushes, hair ties/bows, washcloths, bars of soap, Band-aids, lip balm, etc. We appreciate your continued support as we collect these donated items on a monthly basis. There is a tote labeled for the donations of each month located next to the information table in the fellowship hall. Please feel free to purchase any of these items at any time as we greatly appreciate all the support.

**Prayer Retreat – Save the date!** Our church-wide prayer retreat will be on Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. Please prayerfully consider if God is inviting you to attend. We’ll continue to share updates as we have them.

**Praying for Synod 2023**

- **40 Days of Prayer for Synod 2023** - All members of the CRCNA are invited to join others across North America in 40 days of prayer. Each day, readers will receive a Bible text, a prayer, and some suggested questions for reflection or conversation. All of the prayers are intended to reflect the theme of Synod 2023: Longing to be Like Christ, which is based on Philippians 2:1-11, summarized by verse 5: “In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus.” The 40 days of prayer will begin on April 30 and will conclude when Synod 2023 begins on June 8.
- **Prayer Opportunities During Synod:** During synod, an emphasis on prayer will continue with focused times of prayer by delegates and morning prayers with those who are interested. For those who’d like to pray but aren’t at synod, there’ll be opportunities to sign up for half hour prayer time slots each day with a provided prayer guide. There’ll also be an opportunity for prayer each day on social media via Facebook.
- **Visit <https://www.crcna.org/synod/prayer>** to access links for additional information, articles from the Banner and the CRC Network and to sign up for daily/weekly prayer lists, and other prayer opportunities.