

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

GREETERS – Please arrive by 9:15 am

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
May 24	South: Ken & Jodi Meyering; North: Jon & Michelle Dracht

NURSERY – Please arrive by 9:15 am

May 3	Barb Dore, Tami Eisenga, Charlotte Thomas
May 10	Jodi Meyering, Addean Oeverman, Madelyn Oeverman
May 17	Mikayla Power, DaNay Tossey, Franklin Baas
May 24	Jackie Schmid, Megan Pluger, Ben Thompson

CHILDREN’S CHURCH – (September – May; Sundays Only)

May 3	Teacher: Jordyn Richardson; Steph VanHouten
May 10-Sept 6	**Summer Break: Children’s Church will resume September 13**

SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT

May 3	Kyle Meyering, Jon Ouwinga, Micah Chispell
May 10	Matt Thompson, Kaylie Benthem, Deborah Ouwinga
May 17	Cary Sikkema, Deb Eisenga, Tami Eisenga
May 24	Kyle Meyering, Dan Ouwinga, Jodi DeHate

USHERS – Please arrive by 9:15 am

May:	Scott Oeverman, Kevin DeHate, Bob Vennema, James Bazuin
June:	Kyle Meyering, Alan Thomas, Jerry Koop, Franklin Baas

2ND OFFERINGS:

<p>May: 3rd: Booster Club 10th: Matt & Emily Slack 17th: Benevolence 24th: George & Sarah De Vuyst 31st: Capital Improvement Fund</p>	<p>Parking Lot Pledges can be turned in anytime using the pledge envelopes available on the information table.</p>
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May 3, 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
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**Welcome to
HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
Morning Worship Service – 9:30 am
May 3, 2026**

The People of God Gather:

Prelude: *Beyond the Cross*
Welcome & God's Greeting
Greet One Another

To Praise God in Song:

He Will Hold Me Fast (vs 1-3)
Wonderful, Merciful Savior (vs 1 & 3)
Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God

Announcements
Congregational Prayer

To Proclaim God's Word

Children's Message: Pastor Mark Bonnes
Song of Preparation: *Oh My Child (vs 1 & 3)*

Scripture: Genesis 17:3-14

Sermon Topic: "Here's Your Sign!"

To Partake in the Lord's Supper

The Apostles' Creed
Communion (please remain seated as the elements are passed)
Bread – *In Christ Alone (vs 1-3)*
Juice – *The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power (vs 1-2)*
Prayer of Response
Song of Response/Offertory: *Hallelujah! Praise the Lamb*
Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: Booster Club

To Go in God's Name

God's Blessing
Closing Song: *People of God*
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:

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:

President	Steve Meeuwenberg	Pastor Mark Bonnes Pastor Ashley Bonnes Please call 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:

The Roaring 20's is a Life group for anyone in their 20's, and you're invited. We will be meeting on May 6 and May 20 at 6:30 pm. At Rehoboth Church. We start with dinner and then go into a study. No need to prep ahead of time. Come as you are!

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 (616) 566-7937.

Ascension Day Service: Vogel Center CRC is hosting a service in celebration of Ascension Day for our community. Join us Thursday, May 14 at 7:00 pm 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 or (231) 878-4993. 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

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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), Tim Bode, Dick Bruno, Bob Keen & Ron Sikkema. We pray too for the families & caregivers by their side.

Our condolences to the family of **Bonnie Veddler**, who passed away into Glory last Sunday, April 26, 2026. She was 91. The visitation funeral service were held at Highland Church this past Friday & Saturday. To view the full obituary, please visit <https://www.burkholderfunerals.com/obituaries/bonnie-veddler>

Prayer Chain Update: Gracyn Swiler underwent surgery at DeVos this past Thursday to place a catheter valve in her heart. This will help open the tissue valve that was previously placed in 2021. The surgery went well! Please continue to pray for healing, comfort and strength for Gracyn and her family through her recovery.

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. The first round of immunotherapy resulted in a lot of nerve pain. Please pray for clear direction going forward for the medical team and the Baileys as they navigate this process.

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 Christle 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: MAY 3-9

SUN 5/3	9:15 AM 9:30 AM 10:40 AM 4:30 PM	Prayer Worship Service Sunday School/Catechism – Dismissed at 11:30 am Community Hymn-sing
MON 5/4	5:30 PM	Wellness Warriors (YB)
TUES 5/5	9:30 AM 5:45 PM	Ladies Bible Study REV Moms
WED 5/6	7:00 PM	Praise Team Practice
THUR 5/7	9 AM – 2 PM -----	Prayer Retreat at CLBC Office Closed

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

This morning, we will have the opportunity to celebrate the **Lord’s Supper**.

Congratulations to Jim & Bev Ouwinga who will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary this coming Tuesday, May 5. Today, they have invited us to celebrate with them during our fellowship time with cake!

TONIGHT: Highland’s Community Hymn-sing – all are invited to join us at 4:30 pm in the sanctuary for a Community Hymn-Sing as we lift our voices in song and fellowship. Singing will be followed by a potluck supper with sloppy joes.

Fellowship Bible Study will not meet tonight but will resume their regular study of Proverbs with Lesson 3 next Sunday, May 10.

Wexford/Missaukee RTL invites you to their annual **Focus on Life Dinner** this coming Monday, 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 CRC has already purchased 8 seats that you are welcome to claim at no cost. There are only a few left though. Additional tickets will be \$25/person. High school students are free (if accompanied by an adult). Contact Sara through the church office to claim your tickets!

Ladies Bible Study will meet this Tuesday, May 5 at 9:30 am for Lesson 25 of their study on Genesis.

Highland’s next Prayer Retreat will be this Thursday, May 7 from 9 am-2 pm at Center Lake Bible Camp. The focus will be on “Praying the Psalms”. TODAY is the last day to sign up. Cost is \$10/person to help with the cost of lunch.

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.

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 one of the games:

- 4 Garage creepers
- Ball-pit balls (as many as we can find) ...OR empty plastic Easter eggs
- 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.

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 **May/June**, we will be collecting HYGIENE ITEMS: Toothbrushes and toothbrush holders, combs, hair brushes, hair ties/bows, washcloths, bars of soap, Band-aids, lip balm, etc. **NO TOOTHPASTE**. 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 Update: Thank you for the incredible support! Between the second offering and items donated, we have been blown away by the outpouring of support. Todd and Al are in Utah for training this weekend and will be sharing an update on next steps soon.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS:

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 TODAY, 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.