

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

GREETERS – Please arrive by 9:15 am

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
May 25	South: Todd & Jackie Schmid; North: Jerry & Diane Nemeth

NURSERY – Please arrive by 9:15 am

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
May 25	Jodi Meyering, Barb Dore, Tami Eisenga, Elijah Rees

CHILDREN’S CHURCH *Available Sundays Only

May 4	Teacher: Megan Plugger; Helpers: Lindsay Beerens, Charlotte Thomas
May 11	Mother’s Day **No Children’s Church or Sunday School/Catechism**
May 18	Teacher: Miranda Dykhous; Helpers: Steph VanHouten, Gracyn Swiler
May 25	**Children’s Church on Summer Break; will resume in September**

SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT

May 4	Matt Thompson, Kaylie Benthem, Deborah Ouwinga
May 11	Cary Sikkema, Jon Ouwinga, Jodi DeHate
May 18	Kyle Meyering, Deb Eisenga, Tami Eisenga
May 25	Cary Sikkema, Dan Ouwinga, Jodi DeHate

USHERS – Please arrive by 9:15 am

May	Tucker Tossey, Larry Visser, Kendyn Meyering, James Bazuin
June	Alan Baas, Kyle Meyering, Bryce Akom, Brandon Veddler

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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Thank you
Volunteers!!

*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.*



May 4, 2025

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

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
May 4, 2025

The People of God Gather:

Prelude: *I Believe in a Hill Called Mount Calvary*
Welcome & God’s Greeting
Greet One Another

To Praise God in Song:
Our God Reigns (vs 1 & 3)
Grace Alone (vs 1 & 2)
Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God
Announcements
-Life Resources Video
Congregational Prayer

To Proclaim God’s Word
Children’s Message: Jodi Meyering
Song of Preparation: *Behold the Lamb (vs 1-4)*
Scripture: John 6: 25-59
Title: Are We Cannibals?

To Partake in the Lord’s Supper
Apostles’ Creed
Communion *please remain seated as the elements are passed
Bread: *Let Us Break Bread Together (vs 1 & 3)*
Juice: *Redeemed (vs 1, 3 & 4)*
Prayer of Response
Song of Response/Offertory: *Hallelujah! Praise the Lamb*
Today’s Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: Booster Club

To Go in God’s Name
God’s Blessing
Closing Song: We are so Blessed (vs 2)
Postlude

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:

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

Next Communion:

Sunday, July 13, 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

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.

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.

THANK YOU

A heartfelt THANK YOU to Joe Kulhawick, the VanPolens and the whole crew that graciously blessed me with a wood-cutting bee last Saturday. ~Faye Fredin

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.
- 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@crnapartners.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: MAY 4-10

SUN 5/4	9:15 AM	Prayer
	9:30 AM	Worship Service & Communion
	10:30 AM	Sunday School, Catechism & New Members Class
	4:30 PM	Fellowship Bible Study –Lesson 7; potluck to follow
WED 5/7	9-2:00 PM	Prayer Retreat at Center Lake Bible Camp (Tustin)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

Fellowship Bible Study will be meeting tonight at 4:30 pm in the fellowship hall for lesson 7 on the prophet Elijah from *Life Guide Bible Studies*. Potluck to follow.

Tonight, 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.

Sunday School & Catechism will not be meeting next Sunday, May 11, in observance of Mother’s Day. We will have our year-end finale on **May 18**. Parents are invited to join us for a special presentation of awards and ice-cream bars.

Profession of Faith & New Members Class will meet in the Pastor’s study today following the worship service. 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** this 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’s 2025 Prayer Retreat is this Wednesday, **May 7** from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm at Center Lake Bible Camp at 15204 20 Mile Rd, Tustin, MI 49688. Please remember to bring your Bible a notepad/journal and something to write with. If you have not yet paid the \$10 needed to cover your lunch, please do so before Wednesday to either Sandy Rice or the church office.

Outdoor Spring Cleaning: Thank you to everyone that has pitched in with the various areas of yard work. We’re almost done with just a little stone raking yet to finish on the south lawn and along the pine trees by the parsonage. If you have time in the coming week to help us wrap up this project, it would be greatly appreciated.

****Just 1 week left of the 2025 Baby Bottle Campaign for Life Resources of Northern Michigan!** If you still need a bottle to (re)fill please check near 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 **next Sunday, 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 next **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.

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.

Attention Parents of 2025 Graduates!!! We want to celebrate all of our 2025 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 information can be emailed to office@highlandcrc.org or placed on the desk in the church office. Our goal is to include these with our twice-a-year Highlighter publication and with the Sunday morning announcement slides on June 1.

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!