

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

### NURSERY

- 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  
**May 26** Melissa Oeverman, Cindy Vennema, Patti Koop, Charlotte Thomas

### CHILDREN’S CHURCH

- 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  
\*\*\*Children’s Church on Summer Break\*\*\*

### SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT

- May 5** Kyle Meyering, Jon Ouwinga, Tami Eisenga  
**May 12** Matt Thompson, Deb Eisenga, Deborah Ouwinga  
**May 19** Kyle Meyering, Dan Ouwinga, Jodi DeHate  
**May 26** Cary Sikkema, Kaylie Benthem, Kendra Jenema

### USHERS

- May** Ken VanPolen Jr; Gary Hesselink, Kevin Eisenga, Aaron Koetje  
**June:** Larry Visser, Butch Karsten, Dale Medendorp, Franklin Baas

### GREETERS – PLEASE ARRIVE BY 9:15 AM

- May 5** South: Hilda Cruz; North: Jean Vennema  
**May 12** South: Greg & DaNay Tossey; North: Dave & Linda Wing  
**May 19** South: Todd & Jackie Schmid; North: Jerry & Diane Nemeth  
**May 26** South: Scott & Karen Oeverman; North: Greg & Laura Hesselink

### 2ND OFFERINGS:

- May:**  
5<sup>th</sup> Booster Club  
12<sup>th</sup>: Mississippi Trip  
19<sup>th</sup>: Benevolence  
26<sup>th</sup>: Existing Building Fund



**May 5, 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**

office@highlandcrc.org  
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**  
**May 5, 2024**

**The People of God Gather:**

Prelude: *Magnify Him (special music)*

Welcome & God's Greeting

Greet One Another

To Praise God

*Be Still for the Presence (vs 1-3)*

*How Great Thou Art (vs 1, 3 & 4)*

Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God

Professions of Faith: JD Bazuin, Gerrit Oeverman, Harper Tossey,

Leighton Tossey & Owen Wemple

*I Surrender All (vs 1, 3 & 4)*

Announcements

Congregational Prayer

To Proclaim God's Word

Children's Message: Anne Thomas

Song of Preparation: *Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God (vs 1-3)*

**Scripture: Matthew 28:16-20**

**Message: Words to the Worshipping & Doubting Disciples**

Prayer of Response

Song of Response/Offertory: *(Special Music)*

Today's Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: Booster Club

To Go in God's Name

God's blessing

Closing Song: *God of Grace and God of Glory (vs 1,2)*

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:**

<b>President</b>	Don Eisenga	<b>Pastor Mark Bonnes</b> <b>Pastor Ashley Bonnes</b> *personal contact info is not posted online. Please call the church office.
<b>Vice President</b>	Bob Vennema	
<b>Clerk</b>	Alan Baas	
<b>Sec. of Deacons</b>	Kyle Meyering	
<b>Vice Treas.</b>	Curt Wemple	

**Districts for 2024:**

<b>Elders</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Deacons</b>
Jerry Nemeth	<b>#1, A-C</b>	Carrie Thompson
Alan Baas	<b>#2, D-E</b>	Kyle Meyering
Bob Vennema	<b>#3, F-L</b>	Curt Wemple
Mark Eisenga	<b>#4, M-O</b>	Gary Hesselink
Don Eisenga	<b>#5, P-T</b>	Scott Oeverman
Don Ellens	<b>#6, U-Z</b>	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

**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 is 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!

**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.

**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.

**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 8<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**SAVE THE DATE: May 18<sup>th</sup> from 11-2 pm** at the Love INC office 753 Sunnyside Dr. in Cadillac. – As summer approaches, it's essential to plan for your children's and grandchildren's activities during their well-deserved summer break. To avoid last-minute stress, gather all the necessary information and tools in advance, including registration deadlines, scholarship opportunities, and local resources for Wexford, Missaukee, and Osceola counties. **Love INC's Spot On Resource Day** streamlines the process, ensuring a fun and safe summer for everyone. Kick off the summer excitement with ease by planning for an unforgettable summer filled with adventures and joy. Leave with all the paperwork you need about summer camps, reading programs, teen opportunities, bible camps, swimming, boating, hiking, fishing and more! Plus, take home a bag of games and activities to keep everyone entertained all summer long. *All participants will be entered into a "Summertime Fun Package" raffle to be given away at the end of the day.*

## THANK YOU:

Dear Highland, Thank you for your recent gift! We've been so blessed by your partnership. Thanks to you, we're within reach of our target goal for our first year! We appreciate your continued prayers as we work on obtaining visas. Thank you so much for your prayers and support! Blessings, Matt, Emily, and Juniper

## PRAYER CONNECTIONS:

- ✚ Please pray for **Dale & Faye Fredin** as they recently learned that Dale has a tumor on his pancreas. He was scheduled for a biopsy this past 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:
  - Pray for protection as they drive around from both physical and spiritual attack.
  - Pray for selflessness within the group towards each other.
  - Pray for strength to love the kids they are ministering to.
  - Pray for the girl that sustained a serious back injury.
  - Prayers for two students that each had a close family member die while they've been away serving on DTS. Please pray for comfort and healing.

## OUR MISSIONARIES:

\*Prayer Letters and Updates are available on our Missions bulletin board:

- **Josh & Mandy Shaarda & Family** (Serving in Uganda)  
Email: [jshaarda@crnapartners.org](mailto: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](mailto:gdevuyst@crcna.org); Website: <http://www.devuysts.com>
- **Matthew & Emily Slack & Family** (Serving in Central Asia)  
Email: [mslack@crcna.org](mailto:mslack@crcna.org)

## OUR ACTIVE MILITARY:

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



## OUR CHURCH WEEK: MAY 5-11

<b>SUN 5/5</b>	9:15 AM	Prayer
	9:30 AM	Worship Service & Professions of Faith
	10:40 AM	Sunday School or Catechism (dismissed at 11:30)
	4:30 PM	Fellowship Bible Study –in the MS Youth Room –DVD #2
<b>TUES 5/7</b>	9:30 AM	Ladies Bible Study – Lesson 6
<b>FRI 5/10</b>	5-8:00 PM	Fellowship Hall Use (set-up)
<b>SAT 5/11</b>	9-3:00 PM	Fellowship Hall Use

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**This Morning**, we have the joy of celebrating the Professions of Faith of JD Bazuin, Gerrit Oeverman, Harper Tossey, Leighton Tossey & Owen Wemple.

**Next Sunday, May 12:** Lord willing, we will have the opportunity to celebrate the Lord's Supper. In observance of Mother's day, there will also be no Sunday School or Catechism.

**Highland's Spring Prayer Retreat Registration** will be today, May 5 and also May 12 in the fellowship hall. The retreat is planned for May 22. Registration must be complete by May 13 for food prep & planning purposes. The cost is \$10 per person. Please visit the table set up in the fellowship hall today!

**Fellowship Bible Study** will be meeting tonight at 4:30 in the MS Youth Room for the second of 5 DVD-led studies on Paul's missionary journey to Athens and Corinth.

**The Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study** will be discussing Lesson 6 of their study on "Esther" this Tuesday beginning at 9:30 am.

**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.

**Help Needed:** We are looking for someone to serve alongside Anne Thomas as co-director of our VBS program. Please contact Anne for more information.

**Youth Group Needs:** In an effort to avoid last-minute planning and in order to nurture the student-led high school youth group format that began this year, the Education team is beginning our search for youth group leaders now. For next fall, we are in need of high school leaders and helpers. If you are willing to help out, please contact Megan Pluger (231-342-4830).

- **High-school:** Youth leaders will come alongside the student leadership team to guide them in planning youth group activities and lesson topics. HS youth leaders will also give the lesson and lead small group discussions. HS youth helpers will support the leaders each week and help lead small group discussions.
- **Middle School:** We also need middle school youth group helpers. Adam and Maggie Southwick will continue to lead the MS youth group. We are looking for others who will come alongside them to give support and help facilitate each week.

**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](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 Sunday morning announcement slides on June 9.

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**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.