

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

### NURSERY

**May 12** Tami Eisenga, Mikayla Powers, Mary Rees, Addean Oeverman

**May 19** DaNay Tossey, Bev Taylor, Megan Pluger, Jayden Benthem

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

**June 2** Brooke Benthem, Lizelle Bazuin, July Dorman, Emerson Tossey

### 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

\*\*\*Summer Break – No Children’s Church\*\*\*

### SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT

**May 12** Matt Thompson, Deb Eisenga, Deborah Ouwinga

**May 19** Kyle Meyering, Dan Ouwinga, Jodi DeHate

**May 26** Cary Sikkema, Kaylie Benthem, Kendra Jenema

**June 2** Matt Thompson, Jon Ouwinga, Tami Eisenga

### 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 12** South: Greg & DaNay Tossey; North: Dave & Linda Wing

**May 19** South: Todd & Jackie Schmid; North: CJ & Sara Bruno

**May 26** South: Scott & Karen Oeverman; North: Greg & Laura Hesselink

**June 2** South: Larry & Marilyn Visser; North: Lindsay & Amara Beerens

### 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 12, 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 12, 2024**

*Ascension Sunday • Happy Mother's Day!*

**The People of God Gather:**

Prelude: *Jesus Draw Me Ever Nearer*

Welcome & God's Greeting

Greet One Another

To Praise God

*10,000 Reasons*

*Jesus Messiah*

Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God

Announcements

Congregational Prayer

To Proclaim God's Word

Children's Message: Pastor Ashley Bonnes

Song of Preparation: *Above All*

**Scripture: Acts 1:1-11**

**Message: Jesus is Still Here**

To Partake in the Lord's Supper

Heidelberg Catechism Q & A: #1

Communion \*please remain seated as the elements are passed

Bread: *Power of the Cross*

Juice: *Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*

Prayer of Response

Song of Response/Offertory: *Yet Not I, But Through Christ In Me*

Today's Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: Mississippi Mission Trip

To Go in God's Name

God's blessing

Closing Song: *Take My Life and Let it Be (vs 1, 2, 5 & 6)*

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.
- **No Children's Church or Sunday School today.**

**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 as well as community members 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. This program will be monitored by the counselor and/or superintendent at the school. 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 contact Carrie Thompson or the church office if you have any additional questions!

**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 with ease by planning ahead for a summer filled with adventures and excitement. Leave with all the paperwork you need about summer camps, reading programs, teen opportunities, bible camps, swimming, boating, hiking, fishing and more! *All participants will be entered into a "Summertime Fun Package" raffle to be given away at the end of the day* along with a bag of games and activities to keep everyone entertained all summer long.

**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 a 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. Donation boxes will be available at the reception on behalf of *The Gideons International & Footprints in Time*. You are welcome to bring a lawn chair. Lunch will be served at 12:30 pm. Please RSVP to Brenda DeZeeuw 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.

#### THANK YOU:

**Outdoor Spring Cleaning is done! – THANK YOU** to everyone that volunteered their time, skills and equipment to help tidy up the church grounds!

**Dear Project Canefire Supporters,** Thank you so much for your prayers and financial support for the 2024 mission trip this past Jan/Feb. A group of 19 volunteers went to the Dominican Republic to be used by God to bring hope and encouragement to needy communities. This year, 2 new homes were built, 10 new wells installed, 10 new sewing machines distributed along with classes. Interviews for college scholarships took place and some of the agricultural and industrial micro-enterprises were visited. God has blessed the work tremendously over the years, and we are so grateful. Thanks so much!

#### PRAYER CONNECTIONS:

- ✚ Please pray for **Dale & Faye Fredin** as they recently learned that Dale has a tumor on his pancreas. Please pray as he has additional testing done and as they consult with specialists in the coming weeks.
  - ✚ Please pray for **Matthew & Emily Slack** as they await VISA renewals.
  - ✚ Prayer Updates from **Lydia Shaarda** with YWAM & DTS: Their team moved from Angola over to the Himba tribe this past Friday.
    - Please pray for their team as they adjust to the Himba tribe and living in a harsher environment.
    - Prayers for the students who are going through a lot of personal "spiritual growth"
    - Prayer for the provision of a bus that will take us to Namibia after a week with the Himba tribe.
- Thank you so, so much for your prayers! Our team is seeing them being answered and we are encouraged as well as strengthened to know you've got our backs in prayer!  
~Lydia

#### OUR MISSIONARIES:

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

- ✚ **Josh & Mandy Shaarda & Family** (Serving in Uganda)  
Email: [jshaarda@crcnapartners.org](mailto:jshaarda@crcnapartners.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 12-18**

<b>SUN 5/12</b>	9:15 AM	Prayer
	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	-----	<b>NO</b> Sunday School or Catechism
	3:00 PM	Amen Chorus (see below for details)
	-----	<b>NO</b> Fellowship Bible Study tonight
<b>MON 5/13</b>	6:30 PM	Elders Meeting
	7:00 PM	Deacons Meeting
	7:00 PM	Council Meeting
<b>TUES 5/14</b>	9:30 AM	Ladies Bible Study – Lesson 7
<b>SAT 5/18</b>	9-3:00 PM	Fellowship Hall Use (set up on 5/17)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Happy Mother’s Day** to all the moms, grandmas and special mother-figures in our lives, both here today and in our hearts forever.

This morning, we have the privilege of celebrate **the Lord’s Supper**.

**Attention Parents:** In observance of Mother’s day, there is no Sunday school or Catechism this week.

**Highland’s Spring Prayer Retreat:** Today is the last day to sign up for this Please visit the blue table in the fellowship hall yet this morning to register. The retreat is planned for May 22. The cost is \$10 per person. Additional information is available at the blue table.

**Fellowship Bible Study** will not be meeting this evening in observance of Mother’s day and Amen Chorus Program. They will continue their DVD-series “Cultures in Conflict” on May 19 in the middle school youth room.

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

**The Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study** will be discussing Lesson 7 of their study on “Esther” this Tuesday beginning at 9:30 am.

**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.

**McBain School’s Baccalaureate** will be held on Sunday, May 19, 2024 at 3:00 pm in the Elenbaas Auditorium at McBain School.

**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.

- **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.

**Christmas Shoebox:** Throughout the year we are collecting items on a monthly basis to help fill our Christmas Shoeboxes this November. For **May/June:** HYGIENE ITEMS: Toothbrushes and toothbrush holders, Combs, hairbrushes, hair ties/bows, washcloths, bars of soap, Band-aids, lip balm, 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.

**Uganda Presentation:** Learn more about Uganda where Josh and Mandy Shaarda serve. Many of us have been partnering with Josh and Mandy Shaarda and their missionary work in Uganda for many years. But how much do you know about this country and where they live and minister? Join us on **Friday, May 17** at Vogel Center CRC. We will have a pizza dinner at 6:30 pm followed by a presentation at 7:00 pm. Donations will support the Vogel Center CRC Missionary Support team as they work to encourage our missionary partners."

**Attention all Quilters and Sewing Crafters:** Project Canefire is having a Fabric and Notions Drive in MAY. Project Canefire is in need of fabric pieces and notions that are no longer being used. We will be sending a container at the end of the summer with supplies for the PC teams to use in the next 3-4 years. We are desperately in need of unused fabric and notions including threads, ribbons, seam tapes, pins, needles and buttons and any other sewing tools that would aid in the sewing classes. Please contact Betsy Diemer or the Vogel Center CRC office to arrange pick up of your items. Thank you!

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