

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

GREETERS – Please arrive by 9:15 am

May 18	South: Greg & DaNay Tossey; North: Dave & Linda Wing
May 25	South: Todd & Jackie Schmid; North: Jerry & Diane Nemeth
June 1	South: Scott & Karen Oeverman; North: Greg & Laura Hesselink
June 8	South: Larry & Marilyn Visser; North: Lindsay & Amara Beerens

NURSERY – Please arrive by 9:15 am

May 18	Esther Bode, Cam Mulder, Diane Nemeth, Amara Beerens
May 25	Jodi Meyering, Barb Dore, Tami Eisenga, Elijah Rees
June 1	Bev Taylor, Mikayla Powers, Mary Rees, Aubrynn Bazuin
June 8	Jackie Schmid, Addean Oeverman, Cindy Vennema, Claire Thompson

CHILDREN'S CHURCH – (September – May)

May 18 (last)	Teacher: Miranda Dykhouse; Helpers: Steph VanHouten, Gracyn Swiler
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SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT

May 18	Kyle Meyering, Deb Eisenga, Tami Eisenga
May 25	Cary Sikkema, Dan Ouwinga, Jodi DeHate
June 1	Matt Thompson, Kaylie Benthem, Deborah Ouwinga
June 8	Cary Sikkema, Jon Ouwinga, Kendra Jenema

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:

MAY:	4 th : Booster Club	JUNE:	1 st : Booster Club
	11 th : Matt & Emily Slack		8 th : World Renew
	18 th : Benevolence		15 th : Prayer Safari
	25 th : Capital Improvement Fund		22 nd : Capital Improvement Fund
			29 th : Josh & Mandy Shaarda

*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 18, 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)

Thank you
Volunteers!!

Welcome to
HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
Morning Worship Service – 9:30 am
May 18, 2025

The People of God Gather:

Welcome & God’s Greeting
Greet One Another

To Praise God in Song:
My Hope is Built on Nothing Less (1-3)

Psalm 113:5-6
Behold Our God (vs 1-3)
Grace Alone (vs 1-2)
Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God
Announcements
Congregational Prayer

To Proclaim God’s Word
Children’s Message:
Song of Preparation: *By Grace We Have Been Saved (vs 1,3,5)*

Scripture: Romans 5:1-8
Title: *Just a Little Dash of Hope*

Prayer of Response
Song of Response/Offertory: *Special Music – Bonnie McBride*
Today’s Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: Benevolence

To Go in God’s Name
God’s Blessing
Closing Song: *We Receive Your Blessing*
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.
- Today is the LAST week of **Children’s Church** until the fall. This program is available for all children 3 years old through Kindergarten. They meet downstairs following the children’s message. Reminder that parents must pick their child up at the classroom after the worship service.

COUNCIL CORNER:

Next Council Meetings:
Monday, June 9 2025
6:30 pm Elders
7:00 pm Deacons
7:30 pm Full Council

Next Communion:
Sunday, July 13, 2025

Preaching Schedule:
May 4: Rev. Mark Bonnes
May 11: Rev. Mark Bonnes
May 18: Rev. Ashley Bonnes
May 25: Rev. Mark Bonnes
June 1: Rev. Ashley Bonnes
June 8: Rev. Mark Bonnes

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

S.P.U.R.S. –Special People Understanding Rodeo Skills invite you to a High school Rodeo (rain or shine!) this 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.

Marion Food Pantry Benefit Dinner & Auction –This Saturday, May 24, 2025; hosted by North Michigan Riders Association, 15778 Wilcox Lane, Marion, MI 49665. Money raised will be used to maintain the Marion Food Pantry facility. Events include a 50/50 drawing, buffet style dinner 2-4 pm (\$5.00 donation per plate) Auction to begin at 4 pm band to follow... “12 Years Later”. All auction donations welcome. To make a donation, please contact Gus (231) 846-4532 or Tara (989) 487-9636.

Vogel Center CRC invites everyone to join them for an Ascension Day worship service on Thursday, May 29 at 7:00 pm.

Next Versiti Blood Drive is scheduled for Wednesday, June 11 from 1:30-6:00 pm in the church fellowship hall. Donating blood takes about an hour of your time and has the potential to impact up to three lives! Please consider this life-saving opportunity! Appointments are preferred but walk-ins are welcome as the schedule allows. To Schedule your donation, please call (866) 642-5663 or visit Versiti.org/mi.

Notes:

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THANK YOU:

Dear Members of Highland CRC,

We thank you for the monetary gift and all your prayers for our Pastor, John Kostelyk and his wife Arla. This month, Pastor John will have several chemo treatments in preparation for the stem cell harvesting and then transplant later this month. We so appreciate the prayers of your congregation for the pastor and his family. The words on your card says it all. "When I cannot say 'all is well', or 'all is known', help me say 'all is held so I never believe all is lost'. Our God is able!"

Psalm 139:5-6) You hem me in behind and before. You have laid your hand on me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, to lofty for me to attain!

We will forward the money to Pastor John and let him know of your concern and prayers. Thank you on behalf of Pastor John, Arla and our congregation. So great to have another "flock" of prayer warriors joining with us. Thank you! ~ Deacons and Rudyard CRC family

PRAYER CONNECTIONS:

- We lift up prayers asking for healing and strength for those that are battling serious health conditions: **Bob Hesselink & Dana Stahl**. We pray too for their caregivers and the medical teams by their side.
- A new prayer letter from **Lydia Shaarda** is now available on the Missions bulletin board in the East Wing. Everyone is also invited to Georgetown CRC (6475 40th Ave, Hudsonville, MI 49426) on Wednesday, May 21 at 7 pm for a time of prayer and information about Lydia's upcoming mission trips to Thailand and Ethiopia. Please RSVP to Lydia via the Highland church office if you can make it.

OUR MISSIONARIES:

**** Please make a point to check the MISSIONS bulletin board for ministry updates and monthly/quarterly prayer letters. ****

- **Josh & Mandy Shaarda Family (Serving in Uganda)**
Email: jshaarda@crcnapartners.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).

- **Playground Structure:** Council approved the proposal for new playground equipment to replace the south structure.
- Al Thomas came in to talk with Council about a potential service opportunity for Highland Church called, “**Sleep in Heavenly Peace**”, an organization made up of local chapters to build beds for kids that may otherwise not have one. Council approved Al’s request to establish a local chapter at Highland Church serving Osceola County.
- **Paving North Parking Lot** – A motion has been made to the Highland CRC Congregation to allow Council to:
 1. Raise the funds needed prior to starting the project.
 2. Pay in full (the estimated cost of \$102.650) for paving the entire North parking lot as proposed by Council.

Council requires a 75% approval from the Congregation to approve the motion.

A **Congregational meeting has been scheduled for June 1** immediately following the morning worship service to vote on this motion.

TREASURER’S REPORT

April General Fund		2nd Offerings	
6th	8,478.00	Booster Club	852.00
13th	5,675.00	George & Sarah De Vuyst	1,249.00
20th	7,908.00	GEMS	1,075.00
27th	5,448.84	Capital Improvement	1,328.00
Total April Offerings	27,509.84		
Budget needed weekly	6,341.59		
Times 17 weeks	107,806.98		
Received to date	<u>101,442.89</u>		
Balance	(6,364.09)		

SUN 5/18	9:15 AM	Prayer
	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	10:40 AM	Sunday School, Catechism & New Members Class
	4:30 PM	No Fellowship Bible Study - Lesson 8; Potluck to follow
TUE 5/20	7:00 PM	Praise 9 Practice
WED 5/21	-----	Office Closed
FRI 5/23	All Day	Youth Building Use
SAT 5/24	All Day	Youth Building Use

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Today is the last day of Children’s Church, Sunday School & Catechism. Parents are invited to join us for a special presentation during Sunday school for awards and ice-cream bars.

Profession of Faith/New Members Class will meet this morning in Pastor Mark’s office during the Sunday School hour.

Fellowship Bible Study will be meeting tonight at 4:30 pm in the fellowship hall for lesson 8 as they wrap up their study on the prophet Elijah from *Life Guide Bible Studies*. Potluck to follow.

Modified office Hours: The church office will be closed Wednesday, **May 21** and Monday, **May 26**. Normal deadlines for bulletin content will still apply for each week.

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 by **May 27** of your graduate along with the name of their school and future plans / degree earned. Pictures and 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!