

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

**GREETERS – Please arrive by 9:15 am**

<b>May 25</b>	South: Todd & Jackie Schmid; North: Jerry & Diane Nemeth
<b>June 1</b>	South: Scott & Karen Oeverman; North: Greg & Laura Hesselink
<b>June 8</b>	South: Larry & Marilyn Visser; North: Lindsay & Amara Beerens
<b>June 15</b>	South: Matt & Carrie Thompson; North: Devon & Hillary Dracht

**NURSERY – Please arrive by 9:15 am**

<b>May 25</b>	Jodi Meyering, Barb Dore, Tami Eisenga, Elijah Rees
<b>June 1</b>	Bev Taylor, Mikayla Powers, Mary Rees, Aubrynn Bazuin
<b>June 8</b>	Jackie Schmid, Addean Oeverman, Cindy Vennema, Claire Thompson
<b>June 15</b>	Patti Koop, Anne Thomas, Brooke Benthem, Jayden Benthem

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH – (September – May)

**\*\*SUMMER BREAK – No Children's Church\*\***

**SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT**

<b>May 25</b>	Cary Sikkema, Dan Ouwinga, Jodi DeHate
<b>June 1</b>	Matt Thompson, Kaylie Benthem, Deborah Ouwinga
<b>June 8</b>	Cary Sikkema, Jon Ouwinga, Kendra Jenema
<b>June 15</b>	Kyle Meyering, Deb Eisenga, Tami Eisenga

**USHERS – Please arrive by 9:15 am**

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

## 2ND OFFERINGS:

<b>MAY:</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> : Booster Club	<b>JUNE:</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> : Booster Club
	11 <sup>th</sup> : Matt & Emily Slack		8 <sup>th</sup> : World Renew
	18 <sup>th</sup> : Benevolence		15 <sup>th</sup> : Prayer Safari
	25 <sup>th</sup> : Capital Improvement Fund		22 <sup>nd</sup> : Capital Improvement Fund
			29 <sup>th</sup> : 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 know that your work has not gone unnoticed.  
God bless you for your generosity, and thank you for  
being a blessing to others.*



**May 25, 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 25, 2025**

**The People of God Gather:**

Prelude: *His Eye Is On The Sparrow*  
Welcome & God’s Greeting  
Greet One Another

To Praise God in Song:  
*He Will Hold Me Fast (vs 1-2)*  
*Turn Your Eyes (vs 1-4)*

Psalm 100:5  
*Goodness of God*  
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: *O, How I Love Jesus (vs 1-2)*

**Scripture: John 15: 1-17**  
**Title: *All you Need is Love...Love...Love***

Prayer of Response  
Song of Response/Offertory: *People Need the Lord – special music*  
Today’s Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: Capital Improvement Fund

To Go in God’s Name  
God’s Blessing  
Closing Song: *Oh for a Thousand Tongues*  
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 on Summer break but will resume in the **September**.

**COUNCIL CORNER:**

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

**Preaching Schedule:**  
May 25: Rev. Mark Bonnes  
June 1: Rev. Ashley Bonnes  
June 8: Rev. Mark Bonnes

**Next Communion:**  
Sunday, July 13, 2025

**HIGHLAND COUNCIL:**

**Council Officers for 2025:**

<b>President</b>	Mark Eisenga	<b>Pastor</b> Mark Bonnes <b>Pastor</b> Ashley Bonnes *Please contact the church office for contact information (231) 825-2171
<b>Vice President</b>	Ken Meyering	
<b>Clerk</b>	Bob Vennema	
<b>Sec. of Deacons</b>	Carrie Thompson	
<b>Vice Treasurer</b>	James Bazuin	

**Districts for 2025:**

<b>Elders</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Deacons</b>
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](mailto: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

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Thank you to all the dedicated volunteers that gave of their time to help clean up the church yards, parking lot, playground and flowerbeds earlier this spring. Your gift of time and hard work was greatly appreciated! ~The Facilities Team

- 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.
- Please continue to lift up prayers for **Colter Bailey** and his parents, Justin and Kait (Eisenga) Bailey. Colter was recently diagnosed with neuroblastoma. Please pray for healing from the recent surgery to remove a tumor & kidney. Pray too for wisdom and strength as he undergoes additional testing and they discuss treatment options.
- **Lydia Shaarda** will be leaving May 28 for Missouri for 3 days of training before flying out on May 31st with her team to Thailand for mission work. Lydia is specifically requesting prayers for team unity.
- **Synod 2025:** Please pray for men and women that will be attending Synod June 13-19, 2025. Please pray for wisdom and that the decisions made will be led by the Holy Spirit. Please pray for the representatives of Classis Northern Michigan that will be attending Synod: Rev. Adam Barton, Rev. Steve Datema, and Andy Liimata

**\*\* 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](mailto:jshaarda@crcnapartners.org); Blog: <http://shaarda.blogspot.com>
- **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 London, England)**

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

OUR CHURCH WEEK: MAY 25-31

SUN 5/25	9:15 AM 9:30 AM	Prayer Worship Service
MON 5/26	-----	Memorial Day; Office Closed

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**A Congregational Meeting** has been scheduled for next Sunday, **June 1** immediately following the morning worship service re: **Funding for Paving the North Parking Lot.** (Absentee ballots are available in the office.)  
A motion has been made to the Highland CRC Congregation to allow Council to:

- Raise the funds needed prior to starting the project.
- Pay in full (the estimated cost of \$102.650) for paving the entire North parking lot as proposed by Council.

**Profession of Faith/New Members Class** will meet this morning in Pastor Mark’s office during the Sunday School hour. **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 this coming Tuesday, **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](mailto:office@highlandcrc.org) or dropped off in the office.

**J.O.Y. Summer Cookout:** Join us in Bob and Cindy Vennema’s back yard for burgers and fun on Tuesday, June 10, at 12:30 pm. Bring a dish to pass. Sign up in the fellowship hall today if you plan to attend as this helps our coordinators with preparations.

**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](http://Versiti.org/mi).

**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!

**Baby Bottle Turn-in:** if you have not already done so, PLEASE return all baby bottles from the Life Resources Fundraiser so they can be reused in future fundraisers. We still have 30+ bottles missing.

**Volunteers Needed to Water Flowers:** We are looking for volunteers to help keep our beautiful outdoor flowers watered throughout the summer. Please check the sign-up sheet on the information table for the week(s) that work for you.

**Save the Date: Highland’s “True North” VBS 2025** will be **July 21-24 from 6-8 pm**. This event is for 4 years old up to those entering 6th grade. Dinner will be provided at 5:30 pm for all volunteers and their families. Please consider one of the many volunteering opportunities (posted in the fellowship hall) that are vital to making this event a success. More information to follow in the coming weeks.

**VBS Prop-building:** Highland will once again be sharing props with Lake City CRC so we’re asking those with a gift for creativity to consider helping at their upcoming prop-building events on **May 28**, 6:30-8:30pm and **June 4**, 6-8:30 pm.

COMMUNITY EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

**VBS at Prosper CRC June 16-19 from 9am - 11am.** All children in Kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to **Wonder Junction** to embark on the trip of a Lifetime. There’s no greater joy than to praise the name of the Lord all day long. But how can our kids do that if they don’t know who Jesus is or what he’s done for them? Wonder and amazement will await us each day at Wonder Junction, where kids will *marvel at Jesus and live for His glory*. A family lunch will follow each day.

**Prosper CRC Seeking Applicants for Office Administrator Position:** Due to the June 13 retirement of our long-serving Office Administrator, the Prosper Christian Reformed Church is seeking interested applicants to fill this position. If interested, please contact Elder Henry Diemer (231-878-2523) or Gary Gandolfi (989-329-3690), no later than June 6. This position requires 18 to 25 hours of work each week, and is well paid with benefits. A full job description can be obtained upon request. Thank You!

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