

**Welcome to
HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
Morning Worship Service – 9:30 am
June 1, 2025**

The People of God Gather:

Prelude
Welcome & God’s Greeting
Greet One Another

To Praise God in Song:

I Sing the Mighty Power of God (vs 1-3)

Great & Mighty

Philippians 2:10-11

He Is Lord

Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God

Announcements

Congregational Prayer

To Proclaim God’s Word

Children’s Message: Erin McPherson

Song of Preparation: *Rejoice the Lord is King (vs 1 & 2)*

Scripture: Acts 1:1-11

Title: *Why Did You Have To Go?*

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: *Jesus Shall Reign (vs 1 & 4)*

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:

June 1: Rev. Ashley Bonnes
June 8: Rev. Mark Bonnes
June 15: Rev. Mark Bonnes
June 22: Rev. Mark Bonnes
June 29: Rev. Mark Bonnes

Next Communion:

Sunday, July 13, 2025

HIGHLAND COUNCIL:

Council Officers for 2025:

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| 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

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!

THANK YOU

Dear Highland Church, thank you for supporting Wexford/Missaukee Right to Life through the Benefit Life Banquet in May. Through generous supporters like you, we were able to raise a total of \$41,000. This money will be used for state-wide TV ads. The ads have a 1-800 phone # that women facing an unwanted pregnancy can call to get the help and support they need and hopefully save the life of that baby. That is our goal! Thanks again! ~Wexford/Missaukee RTL

Thank you Highland Church for the stamps you sent to Stamp Ministry. The income from their sales goes to support preparation, publication and distribution of the Spanish language curriculum for Sunday Schools. As of the end of April 2025, \$14,000 total has been generated this year in support of the Sunday School program. Thank you so much for your support of this unique ministry and for serving the Lord with us! ~Stamp Ministry Volunteers

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.
- Please continue to lift up prayers for **Colter Bailey**, youngest son of Justin and Kait (Eisenga) Bailey. Colter was recently diagnosed with neuroblastoma. Please pray for healing and strength for Colter and for wisdom and comfort for his parents and the medical team by his side through this journey.
- On May 31 **Lydia Shaarda** left for Thailand where she will be working with Project Rescue from June 2 to July 14. While there, she will join the team in a variety of ways: intercession and relationship outreach, ministering among refugees, prison ministry, and serving in the international church the missionaries attend. Lydia is asking for prayers for safety and strengthened faith in Jesus even in times of fear and uncertainty. They will be there June 1-July 14.
- On June 2, **Grace Shaarda** will be returning to Uganda to work alongside her parents through Freedom in Christ Ministries. Please pray for safe travels.
- **Pastor John Kostelyk** had his stem cell infused transplant completed on Wednesday evening. It went very smoothly. Now they wait for engraftment (when these stem cells start working) around days 10-14. Please pray for John and Arla and their family during these next two weeks as there will be some hard days ahead.
- **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

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).

OUR CHURCH WEEK: JUNE 1-7

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| SUN 06/01 | 9:15 AM 9:30 AM 10:30 AM | Prayer Worship Service Congregational Meeting |
| WED 06/04 | 7:00 PM | Fellowship Hall Use (Prayer Team) |
| SAT 06/07 | 2:00-8:00 PM | Youth Building Use |

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

This morning, we will have a **Congregational Meeting** immediately following the morning worship service re: **Funding for Paving the North Parking Lot.** (Absentee ballots are available in the church 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 congregational meeting.

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 next week 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! 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. Please consider this life-saving opportunity!

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.

Raspberry Jam for Highland - A dear Highland woman planted raspberry bushes, and by herself tended the plants until they produced pails of raspberries which she picked and froze until her freezer could hold no more. Then by herself she made these raspberries into bright red decadent jam! BUT, she does not want to keep the jam for herself, she wants to share it with her congregation. For the next several Sundays, 12 oz. low-sugar containers of raspberry jam will be available in the east wing of the fellowship hall near the coat rack. Our gracious raspberry lady will accept donations for the jam but once again give it away to two of her favorite causes: Highland Booster Club and Life Resources.

Last Call for the Swing-set! If you would like to claim the swing-set at the south end of the church play-ground, please notify Greg Hesselink or Sara Bruno in the church office by 2:00pm Thursday. A new set is on its way and we need the current set removed.

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.

Prayer Safari: Prayer with a Purpose

- **What is Prayer Safari?** Pastor Ken Koning will be here Wednesday, June 11 at 7 pm in the Youth Building to present information on what Prayer Safari is and their visit to Michigan in October, 2025. Everyone is invited to attend this information meeting.
- **How can Highland help with this ministry?** Through prayer and financial support.

Christmas Shoebox Collection: Throughout the year we have been 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, Band-aids, lip balm, etc. **** No toothpaste or soap ****. 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!

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 at Lake City CRC.

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