

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

GREETERS – Please arrive by 9:15 am

June 8	South: Larry & Marilyn Visser; North: Lindsay & Amara Beerens
June 15	South: Matt & Carrie Thompson; North: Devon & Hillary Dracht
June 22	South: Bob & Cindy Vennema; North: C.J. & Sara Bruno
June 29	South: Jean Venema; North: Kevin & Tami Eisenga

NURSERY – Please arrive by 9:15 am

June 8	Jackie Schmid, Addean Oeverman, Cindy Vennema, Claire Thompson
June 15	Patti Koop, Anne Thomas, Brooke Benthem, Jayden Benthem
June 22	Lizelle Bazuin, Julie Dorman, Bev Kamphouse, Charlotte Thomas
June 29	Kasey McQuestion, Shari Benthem, Jan Rivera, Madelyn Oeverman

CHILDREN’S CHURCH – (September – May)

****SUMMER BREAK – No Children’s Church****

SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT

June 8	Cary Sikkema, Jon Ouwinga, Kendra Jenema
June 15	Kyle Meyering, Deb Eisenga, Tami Eisenga
June 22	Cary Sikkema, Dan Ouwinga, Kendra Jenema
June 29	Matt Thompson, Kaylie Benthem, Deborah Ouwinga

USHERS – Please arrive by 9:15 am

June	Alan Baas, Kyle Meyering, Scott Akom, Brandon Veddler
July	Scott Oeverman, Ken Roede, Todd Oeverman, Jun Brinks

2ND OFFERINGS:

JUNE:	1st- Booster Club
	8th- World Renew
	15th- Josh & Mandy Shaarda
	22nd- Capital Improvement Fund
	29th- Prayer Safar

Thank you to all of our dedicated volunteers!!



June 8, 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
June 8, 2025
Pentecost Sunday

The People of God Gather:

Welcome & God’s Greeting
Greet One Another

To Praise God in Song:
God of Revival
Goodness of God
Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God
Announcements
Congregational Prayer

To Proclaim God’s Word
Children’s Message: Pastor Mark Bonnes
Song of Preparation: *Gratitude*
Scripture: Acts 2:1-16, 40-41

Title: *This Is What It Means*

Prayer of Response
Song of Response/Offertory - *Special Music*
Today’s Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: World Renew

To Go in God’s Name
God’s Blessing
Closing Song: *The 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.
- **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:

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:
Mon. –Thurs: 8:30 am – 2 pm
Fri.-Sun: CLOSED

*bulletin announcements are due by NOON on Thursdays.

MINISTRY LEADERS:

Care & Fellowship Team – Cindy Vennema
Education Team – Megan Pluger
Facilities Team – Greg Hesselink & Devon Dracht
Outreach Team – Committee led
Prayer Team – Sandy Rice
Service Team – Carrie Thompson
Worship Team – Bonnie McBride

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!

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

Thank you, Highland church family for your GENEROUS GIVING to Life Resources of Northern Michigan through the baby bottle campaign. Your gift of \$2,368.93 will help bring needed services to our community. ~Marilyn Visser for Life Resources

PRAYER CONNECTIONS:

- Please pray for comfort and strength each day for **Bob and Lori Hesselink** as they battle the effects of Bob’s cancer.
- Please continue to lift up fervent prayers for **Colter Bailey**, youngest son of Justin and Kait (Eisenga) Bailey. Colter was diagnosed with neuroblastoma this past spring. He was admitted to DeVos Children’s Hospital this past Thursday for his first round (5 days) of chemotherapy. Please pray for strength and healing for Colter as well as strength and guidance for his parents and the medical team by his side through this journey.
- **Lydia Shaarda** is currently in Thailand where she is serving 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 especially in times of fear and uncertainty.
- **Grace Shaarda** has returned to Uganda to serve through Freedom in Christ ministries alongside her parents.
- **Pastor John Kostelyk** recently had his stem cell infused transplant and it went very smoothly. Now they wait for engraftment (when these stem cells start working) around days 10-14 after transplant. Please continue praying for John and Arla and their family during this time as there will be some hard days ahead.
- **Synod 2025:** Please pray for the men and women that will be attending Synod 2025 June 13-19. 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 8-14

SUN 06/08	9:15 AM 9:30 AM	Prayer Worship Service
Mon 06/09	6:30 PM 7:00 PM 7:30 PM	Elders Meeting Deacons Meeting Council Meeting
TUES 06/10	12:30 PM	J.O.Y. Group’s Summer Cookout (at Bob & Cindy Vennema’s House)
WED 06/11	1-6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Versiti Blood Drive (fellowship hall) Prayer Safari – Informational Meeting (youth building)
THUR 06/12	7:00 PM	Youth Building Use
SAT 06/14	1-3:00 PM	Church Use

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

06.01.2025 Congregational Meeting Results: The motion re: Funding the paving project for the North parking lot passed by 86% (minimum of 75% was required by Council). 129 Yes / 18 No / 2 Abstained.

Grocery Shower: Please help us bless Nick Ouwinga and Rose Clark with a grocery shower! A basket will be available in the fellowship hall through June 22. Their wedding is scheduled for Friday, June 20.

Profession of Faith/New Members Class will meet this morning in Pastor Mark’s office following the worship service.

J.O.Y. Group’s Summer Cookout: Join us in Bob and Cindy Vennema’s back yard for burgers and fun this 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.

Versiti Blood of Michigan will be here this 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!

GEMS/Centershot: The Education Team invites you to join them in expressing our sincere gratitude to Maggie Southwick and Devon Dracht for their years of leadership as directors of our GEMS and Centershot programs and we look forward to seeing their faces in other areas of service at Highland. The Education team also would like to encourage you to consider these roles as we will need each one filled before our next Family Night season begins in October. Please contact Megan Pluger if interested or if you would like more information.

Prayer Safari: Prayer with a Purpose

- **What is Prayer Safari?** Pastor Ken Koning will be here this 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. We will have an opportunity to support this ministry financially through the 2nd offering on June 29.

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.

4th Annual Highland Fishing Tournament 2025 - Get your boat in the water and head to Lake Missaukee! We'll meet June 29, straight out from the County Park beach to start at 3:00 pm. Weight-in time will be at 7:00 pm at the pavilion by the boat launch with prizes and pizza to follow! ** You WILL need a fishing license for this event! ** Get your boat in the water and head to Lake Missaukee! Prizes will be awarded in multiple categories!!! -All kids 10 & under will win a prize if they send a picture of their catch from their boat!

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 Director Position: I have loved directing VBS for the last 14 years, but this will be my last year. It's time for some fresh leadership and ideas! If anyone is interested in taking over next year and would like to work alongside me this year, please get ahold of me at church or at 878-2131. -Anne Thomas

Raspberry Jam for Highland – Through a service of love over the years, a dear Highland woman has tended to multiple raspberry plants from which she and her family have collected multiple buckets of the delicious fruit. These were then carefully made into decadent bright red 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 church kitchen freezer. These are available by donation through Sara in the church office. All proceeds will be divided evenly between Life Resources of Northern Michigan and our Highland Booster Club donations. Please make all checks payable to Highland CRC with “Jam” in the memo.

Ladies' Night Out: Please join us in the youth building this Thursday, June 12 at 7 pm for a ladies’ night out. We will have a short time of devotions followed by fellowship and snacks. Feel free to invite friends. If you have questions, contact Pastor Ashley or Linda Wing. See you then!