

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

NURSERY

June 16 Jan Rivera, Karen Oeverman, Becky Wemple, Evan Wemple

June 23 Diane Eisenga, Stephanie VanHouten, Ruth Kulhawick, Leah Thompson

June 30 Nicole Schutlz, Maggie Southwick, Donna Veddler, Karsyn Meyering

July 7 Esther Bode, Diane Nemeth, Barb Dore, Harper Tossey

CHILDREN’S CHURCH

Summer Break – No Children’s Church

SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT

June 16 Matt Thompson, Dan Ouwinga, Jodi DeHate

June 23 Cary Sikkema, Kaylie Benthem, Kendra Jenema

June 30 Kyle Meyering, Deb Eisenga, Tami Eisenga

July 7 Cary Sikkema, Jon Ouwinga, Jodi DeHate

USHERS

June: Larry Visser, Butch Karsten, Dale Medendorp, Franklin Baas

July: Jim Ouwinga, Greg Hesselink, Dale Taylor, Adam Swiler

GREETERS – PLEASE ARRIVE BY 9:15 AM

June 16 South: Bob & Cindy Vennema; North: Jean Venema

June 23 South: Kevin & Tami Eisenga; North: Steph & Sam VanHouten

June 30 South: Jim & Bev Ouwinga; North: Steve & Sue Meeuwenberg

July 7 South: Paul & Carole Shaarda; North: Dale & Bev Taylor

2ND OFFERINGS:

June:

2nd: Booster Club

9th: World Renew

16th: Josh and Mandy Shaarda

23rd: Benevolence

31st: Existing Building Fund

July:

7th: Booster Club

14th: Oasis

21st: Life Resources

28th: Existing Building Fund

If you are unavailable to serve on your scheduled day, please find a replacement. If you need directory assistance, please call the church office during normal office hours, (231) 825-2171.



June 16, 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

June 16, 2024

****Happy Father's Day!****

Please welcome Rev. Jim DeZeeuw, as he leads our worship this morning.

The People of God Gather:

Prelude: *There is Power in the Blood* – Sam & Steph VanHouten

Welcome & God's Greeting

Greet One Another

To Praise God

Our God Reigns (vs 1,3)

Redeemed (vs 1,3)

O How He Loves You & Me (vs 1-2)

Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God

Announcements

Congregational Prayer

To Proclaim God's Word

Children's Message: Pastor Jim DeZeeuw

Song of Preparation: *Jesus Loves Me (vs 1-3)*

Scripture: Colossians 3:7-14

Title: *Forgive*

Prayer of Response

Song of Response/Offertory: *A Child of the King (1-4)*

Today's Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: Josh & Mandy Shaarda

To Go in God's Name

God's blessing

Closing Song: *Seek Ye First (vs 1-2)*

Postlude

- **Nursery** is available year-round downstairs for children ages 0 - 3 years old.
- **Children's Bulletins** are available on the information table in the Fellowship Hall.
- ****Children's Church, Sunday School & Catechism are currently on summer break but will resume in September.**

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:

Monday, July 15

(3rd Monday due to VBS)

6:30 pm Elders

7:00 pm Deacons

7:30 pm Full Council

PREACHING SCHEDULE:

June 2 – Rev. Mark Bonnes

June 9 – Rev. Mark Bonnes

June 16 – Rev. Jim DeZeeuw

June 23 – Rev. Ashley Bonnes

June 30 – Rev. Bill Vander Heide

HIGHLAND COUNCIL:

Officers for 2024:

President	Don Eisenga	Pastor Mark Bonnes Pastor Ashley Bonnes *personal contact info is not posted online. Please call the church office.
Vice President	Bob Vennema	
Clerk	Alan Baas	
Sec. of Deacons	Kyle Meyering	
Vice Treas.	Curt Wemple	

Districts for 2024:

Elders	District	Deacons
Jerry Nemeth	#1, A-C	Carrie Thompson
Alan Baas	#2, D-E	Kyle Meyering
Bob Vennema	#3, F-L	Curt Wemple
Mark Eisenga	#4, M-O	Gary Hesselink
Don Eisenga	#5, P-T	Scott Oeverman
Don Ellens	#6, U-Z	Anne Thomas

Church Office Contact Info:

Phone: (231) 825-2171

Email: office@highlandcrc.org

Office Hours:

The office will be **CLOSED** the week of **6/16-6/21**. All bulletin announcements for 6/23 must still be submitted to the church office by noon on Thursday, 6/20 via email office@highlandcrc.org or on the office desk. Thank you!

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

Community Hope is pleased to announce that we are hosting a **Women's Retreat, Sept. 20-22** at Timber Wolf Lake Camp in Lake City, MI. Our hope is that women from the Northern Michigan area and beyond will gather that weekend to worship the Lord, celebrate the goodness of His abundant gifts in our lives and connect more deeply not only with Christ, but the women around us. The results could be a growing community of more loving hearts, homes, work places and churches! For more information, check out the green insert with this bulletin.

Lucas CRC hosts, Dr. Jeffrey Weima of Calvin Theological Seminary: You are invited to join us, June 30, 2024 at 6:00 pm as we host Dr. Jeffrey Weima from Calvin Theological Seminary. Dr. Weima is Professor of New Testament at Calvin. He is a sought-after speaker who is able to communicate well the truths of the Bible in an interesting, contemporary and practical manner. He has 6 published books and is also the author of numerous scholarly articles, academic essays and book reviews. He also leads biblical study tours to Greece, Turkey, Israel/Jordan, and Italy.

THANK YOU

Thank you to the Consistory of Highland Church for their financial support and to those that attended the Focus on Life Dinner in May. A total of \$42,000 was raised on behalf of Right to Life. ~Bonnie Veddler, Wexford/Missaukee RTL Representative

PRAYER CONNECTIONS:

- ✚ **Dale Fredin** had a port installed and had his first chemo treatment this past Tuesday. Please pray that the side-effects will be minimal.
- ✚ **Synod:** Please pray for men and women that will be attending Synod June 14-20, 2024. Please pray for wisdom and that the decisions made will be inspired by the Holy Spirit. Please pray for the representatives of Classis Northern Michigan that will be attending Synod: Rev. Mark Bonnes (Highland CRC), Rev. Steve Datema (Friendship CRC), Scott Chandler (Elder, Friendship Church) & Jared Yaple (Elder, Watershed Church)

OUR MISSIONARIES:

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

- ✚ **Josh & Mandy Shaarda & Family** (Serving in Uganda)
Email: jshaarda@crnapartners.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; Website: <http://www.devuysts.com>
- ✚ **Matthew & Emily Slack & Family** (Serving in Central Asia)
Email: mslack@crcna.org

OUR ACTIVE MILITARY:

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

PRAYER / DEVOTIONAL RESOURCES:

*Additional resources are available on the table by the library.

Here are two app suggestions for people interested in continuing the Lectio Divina practice introduced at the Spring Prayer Retreat.:

- ✚ Lectio 365
- ✚ Lectio Divina Journal

HIGHLAND CRC'S COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS:

1. Church Building Updates:

- The North roof is scheduled to be redone late summer.
- New windows were installed in the nursery. They should be much more energy efficient!
- Council approved a bid of \$10,600 to replace the sidewalks by handicap parking, the playground, and front entrance. This is coming from the existing building fund which is specifically designated for these types of projects. This will happen after July 11.
- The Deck on the northeast lawn is going to be removed after July 11. We have water seeping into a basement classroom and have to figure out why. We are hoping that retiling the downspouts along with new gutters after the new roof is installed should solve the problem. There is no plan in place to replace the deck.

**You will notice that the northeast lawn is going to go through some drastic improvements. Please be aware of any construction and mess as several projects are ongoing after July 11.

2. Existing Church Building Fund: Council must report once a year on this fund. We continue to take a collection once a month for this fund. The total balance of this fund is \$19,654.78. At the November congregation meeting we gave a five year plan for church building improvements:

- 2024 – Playground & 3 Nursery Windows
- 2025 – Concrete & Outside Deck
- 2026 – Roof over East Wing
- 2027 – Fellowship Hall Floor
- 2028 - Siding for Church.

**You will notice that because of leaks, needs and financial ability that several projects are being done this year instead and one project is being delayed. We have not yet relooked at a five year plan but will do so later this fall.

3. It was noted that Pastor's Mark will be gone to Synod from June 13 to June 20. Classis has funds to cover pulpit supply for pastors serving at Synod. The pastors will take their first vacation the week of June 24 to July 1st.
4. A service opportunity in the community was discussed. The clerk and chair of the service team will coordinate.
5. Mutual Censure took place

Help Needed: Friends Ministry relies on the dedication of volunteers to continue its ministry to the community. Volunteers are currently needed in the following areas:

- Afternoons in the Thrift Store (Lake City, Ewart & Harrison locations available)
- Drivers for deliveries
- Strong people for moving/pickup

Marion Food Pantry is in need of the following items: condiments (ketchup, mustard, mayo), gravy packets, rice packets, macaroni and cheese, diapers (sizes 3 and 4), canned soup, canned fruits and vegetables (they already have a lot of canned peaches and mixed veggies, so anything other than that), and small/medium boxes of cereal. Any questions, please let Carrie Thompson know!

The NMCS golf outing is coming up on June 22 at 8am at the Missaukee Golf Club. Teams of 4 can register at www.nmcs.us or by calling the main office at 231-825-2492. Prizes, lunch, and 18 holes of golf with a cart are included. Thank you for helping support NMCS student tuition assistance funding.

ENCOUNTER Night of Worship - Summer Series: 7 - 8:30 PM three times through this summer! Come join a mix of worship leaders from Cadillac and McBain for a respite from the craziness of summer and some time to rest in the presence of our God through worship! Cookies and fellowship after worship! For additional information, check out Encounter Night of Worship on Facebook.

- June 21 at Mark & Sue Lanser's: 9510 E 50 Road, Cadillac, MI 49601
- July 9 at Jim & Renee Ransom's: 6249 Crosby Road, Cadillac, MI 49601
- August 6 at Stahl's Event Barn: 9421 S Lucas Road, McBain, MI 49657

Northern Michigan Christian School currently has two teaching positions open for the 2024-2025 school year. If you are interested in applying and joining the Comet Nation faculty family, please email Scott Curell (scurell@nmcs.us) or call NMCS at 231-825-2492.

- First grade classroom teacher (state of Michigan certification required)
- Third grade classroom teacher (state of Michigan certification required)

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.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR APRIL & MAY 2024:

April General Fund		2nd Offerings	
7th	13,351.00	Booster Club	1,365.00
14th	13,582.00	George & Sarah DeVuyst	1,703.00
21st	5,476.00	Church Building Fund	2,428.00
28th	5,417.11	GEMS Girls Club	314.00
		Highland Gems	330.00
Total April Offerings	37,826.11		
Budget needed weekly	6,471.23		
Times 17 weeks	110,010.98		
Received to date	<u>115,322.08</u>		
Balance	5,311.10		

May General Fund:		2nd Offerings:	
5th	6,386.00	Booster Club	1,714.00
12th	9,132.00	Mississippi Trip	10,775.00
19th	4,542.00	Benevolence	680.00
26th	4,510.11	Church Building Fund	801.00
Total May Offerings	24,570.11		
Budget needed weekly	6,471.23		
Times 21 weeks	135,895.92		
Received to date	<u>139,892.19</u>		
Balance	3,996.27		

OUR CHURCH WEEK: JUNE 16-22

SUN 6/16	9:15 AM	Prayer
	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	-----	No Fellowship Bible Study; will resume June 23
	3:00 PM	Highland's Annual Fishing Tournament (see details below)
MON 6/17-6/20	-----	Church Offices will be CLOSED –see below for details.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Happy Father's Day to all the Dads, Grandpas/Papas, and special father-figures in our lives, both here today and in our hearts forever.

Fellowship Bible Study will resume next Sunday, June 23 in the MS Youth room downstairs, for their DVD-series "Cultures in Conflict".

Notice of Upcoming Modified Office Hours: The church offices will be closed 6/17-6/20. Please have all bulletin announcements for the 6/23 bulletin to the office by 6/19. These can be left on the office desk or submitted via email to office@highlandcrc.org. Thank you!

HCRC's 3rd Annual Fishing Tournament will be held this afternoon at 3:00 pm on Lake Missaukee. Please be on the lake by 3:00 pm and meet at the city park, just south of the canal. We will fish from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm and then meet for pizza at the pavilion at 7:30 pm. Please let Jason Benthem or Al Baas know yet this morning if you plan to attend.

Scuba VBS 2024 has been scheduled for **July 8-11** from 6-8 pm. Dinner will be provided at 5:30 pm for all volunteers and their families. Please check out the various opportunities for helping with this amazing ministry for our kids and community. Sign-ups are on the red bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

The Education Team has several leadership positions that need to be filled for our fall programs. Please contact Megan Pluger if you are willing to help with any of the following:

- Children in Worship Coordinator
- Sunday School Superintendent
- High School Youth Group Leader

Open House: Friends Ministry is celebrating 30 years! Join us for an open house at 3728 S. Morey Rd; Lake City, MI 49651 (in case of bad weather, open house will be held Friday, June 21st from 3-6 pm. Hotdogs and watermelon provided (while supplies last).