

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

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

July 6	South: Steph & Sam VanHouten, North: Jim & Bev Ouwinga
July 13	South: Steve & Sue Meeuwenberg; North: Jason & Shari Benthem
July 20	South: Paul & Carole Shaarda; North: Dale & Bev Taylor
July 27	South: Den & Bev Kamphouse; North: Ken & Jodi Meyering

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

July 6	Dana Baas, Jennifer Peterson, Lizelle Bazuin, Franklin Baas
July 13	Diane Eisenga, Steph VanHouten, Ruth Kulhawick, Ben Thompson
July 20	Nicole Schultz, Maggie Southwick, Donna Veddler, Kendyn Meyering
July 27	Esther Bode, Cam Mulder, Diane Nemeth,

**CHILDREN’S CHURCH – (September – May)**

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

**SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT**

July 6	Matt Thompson, Jon Ouwinga, Jodi DeHate
July 13	Kyle Meyering, Deb Eisenga, Tami Eisenga
July 20	Matt Thompson, Dan Ouwinga, Deborah Ouwinga
July 27	Cary Sikkema, Kaylie Benthem, Sue Cook

**USHERS – Please arrive by 9:15 am**

July	Scott Oeverman, Ken Roede, Todd Schmid, Jun Brinks
August	Steve Meeuwenberg, Jim Ouwinga, Devon Dracht, Aaron Pluger

**2ND OFFERINGS:**

JULY:	6 <sup>th</sup> : Booster Club
	13 <sup>th</sup> : George & Sarah DeVuyst
	20 <sup>th</sup> : Parking Lot Project
	27 <sup>th</sup> : Capital Improvement Fund

*Thank you* to all of our dedicated volunteers!



**July 6, 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**  
**July 6, 2025**

**The People of God Gather:**

Prelude  
Welcome & God’s Greeting  
Greet One Another

To Praise God in Song:  
*He Has Made Me Glad*  
*America The Beautiful (vs 1, 2 & 4)*  
Proverbs 3:5-6  
*Have Thine Own Way Lord*  
Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God  
Baptism of Averett Jon Mulder, son of Taylor & Cam Mulder  
Song: *Child of God* (video)  
Announcements  
The Lord’s Prayer / Congregational Prayer

To Proclaim God’s Word  
Children’s Message: Pastor Mark Bonnes  
Song of Preparation: *Lord Speak to Me (vs 1-3)*  
**Scripture: Colossians 2: 16-23**  
**Title: Rules...Rules...RULES?**

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: *We Are Called to be God’s People*  
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 Communion:**  
Sunday, July 13, 2025

**Next Council Meetings:**  
Monday, July 14 2025  
6:30 pm Elders  
7:00 pm Deacons  
7:30 pm Full Council

**Preaching Schedule:**  
July 6: Rev. Mark Bonnes  
July 13: Rev. George De Vuyst  
July 20: Rev. Mark Bonnes  
July 27: Rev. Mark Bonnes

**HIGHLAND COUNCIL**

**Council Officers for 2025:**

<b>President</b>	Mark Eisenga	<b>Pastor Mark Bonnes</b> <b>Pastor Ashley Bonnes</b> *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:**

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:	MINISTRY LEADERS:
<p><b>Phone:</b> (231) 825-2171 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:office@highlandcrc.org">office@highlandcrc.org</a> * * * * *</p> <p><b>Normal Office Hours:</b> Mon. –Thurs: 8:30 am – 2 pm Fri.-Sun: CLOSED</p> <p>*bulletin announcements are due by NOON on Thursdays.</p>	<p><b>Care &amp; Fellowship Team</b> – Cindy Vennema <b>Education Team</b> – Megan Pluger <b>Facilities Team</b> – Greg Hesselink &amp; Devon Dracht <b>Outreach Team</b> – Interim Committee Led <b>Prayer Team</b> – Sandy Rice <b>Service Team</b> – Carrie Thompson <b>Worship Team</b> – Bonnie McBride</p>

## AREA EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Clam River Chapel** in Falmouth is hosting a 9-week Evangelism class starting July 6th on Sunday evenings from 4:45 – 6 pm using the book “Evangelism and the Sovereignty of God” by J.I. Packer and Village Missions CDI program. Our goal is to help encourage and better equip Christians to share their faith. If interested in participating you can contact Pastor Stephen Chapman for more information at [vmpastor2020@gmail.com](mailto:vmpastor2020@gmail.com).

**The Annual NMCS "Comet Open"** golf outing is taking place on August 9 at the Missaukee Golf Club to benefit the student tuition assistance fund and Christ-centered educational opportunities. Registration and sponsor sign up is NOW OPEN! To register your team, visit [nmcs.us](http://nmcs.us) and scroll down to the Comet Open link. Please email Trey Reed ([treed@nmcs.us](mailto:treed@nmcs.us)) or Diane Eisenga ([deisenga@nmcs.us](mailto:deisenga@nmcs.us)) to sponsor the event. Sponsor forms are also available on the church information table. Lunch and prizes will be included! Don't miss out on this fun day to support NMCS!

**CranHill Ranch invites you to their 17th Annual Golf Outing Fundraiser** on Tuesday, August 12, 2025 at The Meadows at GVSU. Registration is open now for individuals or teams. Registration includes 18 holes of golf, a cart, polo shirt, a \$50 donation to Cran Hill, and more! Proceeds from this event go directly to supporting the ministry and covering some of the costs of operating the youth camp. Now is the time to get your team together and plan on a great day of having fun and supporting the mission of transforming lives! Looking to be a bigger part of this important event? We are still looking for sponsors to help make this year's outing a huge success!

### Event Details:

10:00 AM - Registration Opens

11:00 AM - Lunch

12:00 PM - Shotgun Start

5:00 PM - Dinner and Awards

To Register to golf, confirm your sponsorship, or to get more information, please scan the QR code here or visit

<https://www.cranhillranch.com/golf-fundraiser>



**Bible League** invites men and women to a conference: LISTEN, LOVE, REPEAT on September 5, 2025 at Friendship CRC in Byron Center. Our keynote speaker, Karen Ehman—Proverbs 31 Ministries speaker and New York Times bestselling author—will inspire you with her practical wisdom and engaging humor as she encourages us to live our priorities and love our lives in service to God and others. Worship will be led by Sara Denzel, and Bible League leaders will share powerful updates about their ministry. Register today at [bibleleague.org/tickets](http://bibleleague.org/tickets)—seating for lunch is limited!

## PRAYER CONNECTIONS:

- Please continue to lift up prayers for comfort and strength each day for **Bob and Lori Hesselink** and their family through Bob's cancer journey.
- Continued prayers for Kelly Hesselink's mom, **Peggy Booher** who has been battling complications from multiple health issues including heart issues, a back fracture and kidney disease. Please pray for healing and patience as she awaits follow-ups with specialists.
- Please continue to lift up fervent prayers for **Colter Bailey**, youngest son of Justin and Kait (Eisenga) Bailey. Colter was diagnosed with neuroblastoma earlier this spring. Please pray for strength and healing for Colter and that the side effects from the treatments will be minimal. Please continue to lift up his family 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.
- **Prayer Safari 2025 – Prayer Requests:**
  - Pray for God to prepare the hearts of people in Michigan for this experience.
  - Pray for the participants
  - Pray for safety in travel – both to Michigan and throughout the 10 days.
  - Pray for the right people to receive travel visas.
  - Pray for financial support to come in.
  - Pray for God's presence, power, and glory to be seen and experienced.

## OUR MISSIONARIES:

- **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)

## OUR ACTIVE MILITARY:

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

OUR CHURCH WEEK: JULY 6-12		
SUN 07/06	9:15 AM	Prayer
	9:30 AM	Worship Service & Baptism
	2-4:00 PM	Hesselink Anniversary Open House -YB

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**This Morning**, we have the joy of celebrating the infant baptism of Averett Jon Mulder, son of Taylor & Cambria Mulder.

**Coming up:**  
 07/13: **Communion** & special guest Pastor George De Vuyst  
 07/20: Baptism of Walton Allen Pluger, son of Aaron & Megan Pluger

**Anniversary Open House- Bob & Lori Hesselink** and their family wish to invite the people of Highland church to an open house in celebration of their 45<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary today, July 6, 2025 from 2-4 pm in the Highland Church youth building. No gifts please.

**Please Note:** Pastor Mark & Pastor Ashley will be out of the office this July 7-14. Please reach out to an Elder for any Pastoral Care needs during that time. You may also contact the church office at (231) 825-2171 for prayer chain requests.

**Parking Lot Pledge Envelopes** are available on the information table. Our kick-off offering for this project will be July 20 but donations can be placed in the offering plate at any time using the pledge envelopes.

**Raspberry Jam for Highland** – Through the hard work and generosity of one of our members, over the next several Sundays, 12 oz. low-sugar containers of raspberry jam will be available in the East wing on Sundays and in the church kitchen freezer during the week. These are available by donation. All proceeds will be divided evenly between Life Resources of Northern Michigan and our Highland Booster Club. Please make all checks payable to Highland CRC with “Jam” in the memo. A jar is available alongside the cooler or you may also leave your donation with the church office.

**Highland CRC T-shirts** are available to order yet this Sunday only. Shirts will be a dark gray with our new logo on the front and our website on the back on a soft t-shirt fabric. Please visit the table set up in the fellowship hall to see an example of the design and to place your order. Prices and sizes available are Youth S-L for \$10.50; Adult S-XL for \$12 and Adult 1X-3X for \$14. Payment (cash or check) is due at the time of ordering. Please make checks payable to Highland CRC with “T-shirt” noted in the memo.

**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 **July/August**, we will be collecting SCHOOL SUPPLIES: Crayons, pencils, pencil sharpeners, glue sticks, markers, rulers, erasers, colored pencils, small solar calculators, compasses or protractors, etc. 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!

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE AT HIGHLAND:

**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 contact me or the church office. ~ Anne Thomas

**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.

**Sunday School Superintendents:** Thank you to Jon and Deborah Ouwinga for taking on the Sunday school superintendent position last year! We greatly appreciate their willingness to serve in this way. For the upcoming school year, we are in need of a superintendent. If this is something you are willing to consider, please reach out to Megan Pluger.

**Sound Booth, Video and PowerPoint Techs Needed:** If you are interested in helping in any of these areas please contact Matt Thompson for additional information.