

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

## NURSERY

- July 9** Barb Dore, Mikayla Powers, Jodi Meyering, Claire Thompson  
**July 16** Mary Rees, DaNay Tossey, Lindsay Beerens, Addean Oeverman  
**July 23** Jackie Schmid, Megan Pluger, Melissa Oeverman, Jayden Benthem  
**July 30** Deborah Ouwinga, Cindy Vennema, Patti Koop, Charlotte Thomas

## CHILDREN’S CHURCH

**June-Aug** \*\*\*Summer Break\*\*\*

## SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT

- July 9** Matt Thompson, Jonathan Ouwinga, Tami Eisenga  
**July 16** Matt Thompson, Deb Eisenga, Deborah Ouwinga  
**July 23** Cary Sikkema, Kaylie Benthem, Kendra Jenema  
**July 30** Kyle Meyering, Roger Hagerman, Jodi DeHate

## USHERS

**July:** Butch Karsten, Aaron Koetje, Bob Lee, Adam Swiler  
**August:** Henry Baas, Ken Roede, Todd Schmid, Dale Taylor

## 2<sup>ND</sup> OFFERINGS

**July:**  
**2<sup>nd</sup>** – Booster Club  
**9<sup>th</sup>** – Friendship Family Home  
**16<sup>th</sup>** – REV Moms  
**23<sup>rd</sup>** – Existing Building Fund  
**30<sup>th</sup>** – Middle School Youth Room

**\*\*If you are unable to serve on your scheduled date, please find a replacement.  
For additional assistance, please call the church office (231) 825-2171.**



**July 9, 2023**  
**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

### July 9, 2023

**The People of God Gather:**

Prelude/Special Music: *“I’ll Fly Away” -This song was requested by Sam VanHouten as one of her long-time favorites.*

Welcome/ Remembering our Baptism

God’s Greeting

Greet One Another

To Praise God

*Cry of My Heart (vs 1-2)*

*What The Lord Has Done For Me (vs 1,3)*

Professions of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism Q&A #1

To Pray and Serve God

Announcements

Congregational Prayer

To Proclaim God’s Word

Children’s Message: Pastor Mark

Song of Preparation: *He Knows My Name (vs 1-2)*

**Scripture: 1 Samuel 16: 1-13**

**Sermon: *How You Are Beautiful***

Prayer of Response

Song of Response/Offertory: Special Music: *Lord Speak to Me (vs 1-4)*

Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: Friendship Family Home

To Go in God’s Name

God’s blessing

Closing Song: *Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God (vs 1-2)*

Postlude

## HIGHLAND COUNCIL

### Officers for 2023:

(All have a 231 area code unless otherwise noted)

<b>President</b>	Jon Dracht
<b>Vice President</b>	Don Eisenga
<b>Clerk</b>	Alan Baas
<b>Sec. of Deacons</b>	Kyle Meyering
<b>Vice Treas.</b>	Kasey Rees

<p><b>Pastor Mark Bonnes</b>  <b>Pastor Ashley Bonnes</b>          *personal contact info is not posted online. Please call the church office.</p>
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### Districts for 2023:

<b>Elders</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Deacons</b>
Den Kamphouse	<b>#1, A-C</b>	David Wing
Alan Baas	<b>#2, D-E</b>	Kyle Meyering
Jon Dracht	<b>#3, F-L</b>	Devon Dracht
Paul Shaarda	<b>#4, M-O</b>	Kasey Rees
Don Eisenga	<b>#5, P-T</b>	Scott Oeverman
Don Ellens	<b>#6, U-Z</b>	Anne Thomas

### Next Council Meeting - July 10:

Elders at 6:30 PM

Deacons at 7:00 PM

Full Council at 7:30 PM

<p><b><u>Church Office</u></b>          (231) 825-2171          office@highlandcrc.org  <b><u>Normal Office Hours:</u></b>          Mon-Thurs 8:30 am – 2:00 pm          Fri-Sun: Closed          All bulletin announcements must be turned in no later than noon on Thursdays.</p>	<p><b><u>Ministry Team Leaders</u></b>  <b>Care &amp; Fellowship Team</b> (Cindy Vennema)  <b>Education Team</b> (Megan Pluger)  <b>Facilities Team</b> (Greg Hesselink)  <b>Outreach Team</b> (Jodi DeHate)  <b>Prayer Team</b> (Sandy Rice)  <b>Service Team</b> (Carrie Thompson)  <b>Worship Team</b> (DaNay Tossey)</p>
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Our **Nursery** is available downstairs for children ages 0 - 3 years old.  
 \*\*Children’s Church is on break now for the summer but children’s bulletins (activity sheets) are available on the information table

## ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED:

**Worship in the Park – Community Gospel Hymn Sing:** Saturday, July 22 in Clare, Michigan from 5-8:00 PM. Shamrock Park, 225 Wilcox Parkway, Clare, MI 48617. We are excited to be holding our annual Worship in the Park hymn sing! This event will be held rain or shine at Shamrock Park. We will be serving a free barbecue dinner at 5:00 pm. Singing will start at 6:30, and run until 8:00 pm. Seating for 1,000 is provided. The singing will be backed by a full band. Mark your calendars and come prepared to sing! For more information, grab a brochure from the information table in the fellowship hall.

**Lake City Christian Reformed Church** is seeking to hire a **Next Generation Pastor** to minister to youth and young adults through age 30. This is a full-time, salaried position that requires a person with a passion for Jesus Christ and for young people to know Him. Other requirements include college or seminary education and certification (or ability to obtain such) by the CRC, ministry leadership experience, vision casting, recruiting and training volunteers, implementing ministry programs, demonstrating relational influence, and the ability to teach with scriptural knowledge. More information and a job description may be found at [www.lakecitycrc.org](http://www.lakecitycrc.org). If interested, please send a resume and other credentials to [office@lakecitycrc.org](mailto:office@lakecitycrc.org) or to [ross.vrieze@gmail.com](mailto:ross.vrieze@gmail.com).

## PRAYER CONNECTION:

- ✚ **BJ & Sue Cook Update:** BJ is slowly progressing, however, he still has problems with eating many foods as his altered taste and smell have not yet returned to normal. He is hoping to be able to get out a little more once he is 3 months post-transplant (August). We appreciate your continued prayers for patience as the progress can seem slow and frustrating at times. ~BJ & Sue Cook
- ✚ **Jerry Nemeth's** heart valve repair on 6/29 went well. He was able to come home this past Monday. Please pray for continued healing and renewed energy.
- ✚ **Dick Bruno** appreciates your continued prayers for patience and healing of his foot.
- ✚ **Ellie Dodde** is doing well. Please continue to lift her in prayer as she undergoes treatments for acute leukemia.
- ✚ **Bonnie Veddler** – Please pray for continued patience and relief from the itching as she awaits her July 21 appointment at U of M.
- ✚ **Shandel Banks** would greatly appreciate our prayers for daily strength and relief from the chronic back and leg pain.
- ✚ **Carol Niver** is thankful to God that she is able to be up more and for the cards and prayers following the death of her mother-in-law, Francis Niver.
- ✚ **Jean Vennema** appreciates your continued prayers for strength and endurance as she undoes Physical Therapy.

### Weekly Prayer Emphasis:

- **This Sunday**, we pray for the family/friends who support people with mental health concerns.
- **In the week ahead & next Sunday**, we lift up prayers for courage and guidance for those who want to be of service but don't know how.

## MISSIONARIES:

- **Josh & Mandy Shaarda & Family** (Serving in Uganda)  
Email: [jshaarda@crnapartners.org](mailto:jshaarda@crnapartners.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>

## MILITARY:

- **SSgt, Tyler Bode**; U.S. Air Force; Aviano Air Force Base, Italy.

**OUR CHURCH WEEK: JULY 9-15**

<b>SUN 7/9</b>	9:15 AM 9:30 AM	Prayer Worship Service & Professions of Faith
<b>MON 7/10</b>	6:30 PM 7:00 PM 7:30 PM	Elders Meeting Deacons Meeting Council Meeting
<b>WED 7/12</b>	7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**This Morning** we are excited to celebrate the Professions of Faith of Isaac Baas, Henry Baas, Ayla Fredin and Tucker Tossey.

**Pastor Mark** and **Pastor Ashley** will be out of the office **July 11-17**. For any pastoral care needs during that time, please contact an elder or the church office.

**Next Sunday**, we look forward to having Calvin Seminarian, Kelsey Bruinwood lead our time of worship.

**VBS 2023** is scheduled to launch July 17-20 from 6-8 pm. Our theme this year is “*Stellar: Shine Jesus’ Light*”. All kids entering Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to this action packed event...and don’t forget to bring your friends!!!

- **VBS Volunteers still needed!!!** Please take a moment to see how you can help with this action-packed event. Opportunities are available for people of all ages! Nursery will be available for children (ages 0-3) of volunteers. Dinner will also be provided at 5:30 pm for volunteers and their family.
- **Items Needed for VBS:** If you have a gently used (clean) kiddie pools that we can borrow for our props, please contact Anne Thomas or the church office.

**The Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Study** group will be meeting on July 12 at 9:30 am for brunch in the fellowship hall.

**GEMS & Centershot:** Thank you to Lizelle Bazuin for leading our GEMS program and Greg Tossey for leading our Centershot program over the past several years! Both Lizelle & Greg have stepped down from these positions and we are looking for new leaders for the Wednesday night GEMS & Centershot programs. If you are interested, please contact Megan Pluger.

**Save the Date: Highland’s Prayer Retreat** is scheduled for Wednesday, September 13, 2023 from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm (you can stay later if your schedule allows). This event will be held at Center Lake Bible Camp in Tustin.

**Custodian Position:** As of August 31, 2023, we will be in need of a new person to vacuum, sweep, dust, clean bathrooms, the kitchen and a few windows in the church and youth building. This position also includes cleaning after funerals and weddings. This job takes about 12 hours/week. If you are interested in learning more about this position, please text or call Marilyn Visser. We'd like to thank Mallory VanderMeulen for her years of dedicated service to Highland church and we pray that her future plans are blessed beyond measure.

**Christmas shoeboxes:** Thank you for all the donations that have come in so far. The blue tote has been filled and it is great to see our church family helping out in this way! We will be collecting School Supplies during July and August. Now is a great time to collect these items as the stores begin their “Back to School” sales. Here is a list of items that would be greatly appreciated for Christmas Shoeboxes while you’re already out shopping for the kiddos: Crayons, pencils, pencil sharpeners, Soft pencil pouch, glue sticks, markers, rulers, erasers, colored pencils, compasses or protractors, small solar calculators, etc.

**Community School Supply Drive:** We will be collecting school supplies for the Marion School and the surrounding area through September 17th. Please keep your eyes open for the following items when out shopping over the next few weeks:

- Backpacks
- Folders
- 1-subject, wide-ruled notebooks
- Colored pencils
- Washable Markers
- Disinfectant wipes
- #2 Pencils
- Head-phones
- Hand sanitizer

**Friendship Program:** Some from the greater community have been inquiring about a Friendship program beginning again this fall for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. If you have any interested in leading, volunteering, or participating in this group, please contact Abby DeZeeuw at 231-884-1114 or [abigail.dezeeuw@gmail.com](mailto:abigail.dezeeuw@gmail.com). Please spread the word outside of our church bubble as well!

**Life Resources of Northern Michigan** is hosting a **Golf Marathon!!!** Monday, July 17<sup>th</sup> at the Eldorado golf course in Cadillac. Have a blast playing a day of golf for LIFE. The more holes you play, the more you are investing in the babies and parents we serve for FREE! Sign up to golf or sponsor at <https://liferesourcesnm.org/support-our-work/> today. For more information, pick up a brochure and a sponsor sheet in the fellowship hall.