

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

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

<b>July 13</b>	South: Steve & Sue Meeuwenberg; North: Jason & Shari Benthem
<b>July 20</b>	South: Paul & Carole Shaarda; North: Dale & Bev Taylor
<b>July 27</b>	South: Den & Bev Kamphouse; North: Ken & Jodi Meyering
<b>August 3</b>	South: Jon & Michelle Dracht; North: Curt & Becky Wemple

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

<b>July 13</b>	Diane Eisenga, Steph VanHouten, Ruth Kulhawick, Ben Thompson
<b>July 20</b>	Nicole Schultz, Maggie Southwick, Donna Veddler, Kendyn Meyering
<b>July 27</b>	Esther Bode, Cam Mulder, Diane Nemeth, Evan Wemple
<b>August 3</b>	Barb Dore, Addean Oeverman, Jodi Meyering, Harper Tossey

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH – (September – May)

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

**SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT**

<b>July 13</b>	Kyle Meyering, Deb Eisenga, Tami Eisenga
<b>July 20</b>	Matt Thompson, Dan Ouwinga, Deborah Ouwinga
<b>July 27</b>	Cary Sikkema, Kaylie Benthem, Sue Cook
<b>August 3</b>	Kyle Meyering, Dan Ouwinga, Tami Eisenga

**USHERS – Please arrive by 9:15 am**

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

## 2ND OFFERINGS:

<b>JULY:</b>	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 13, 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 13, 2025**

**The People of God Gather:**

Prelude: *All Glory Be to Christ*  
Welcome & God’s Greeting  
Greet One Another

To Praise God in Song:

*Jesus Messiah*  
Psalms 139:7-10  
*He Will Hold Me Fast*  
Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God

Announcements  
Congregational Prayer

To Proclaim God’s Word

Children’s Message: Megan Plugger  
Song of Preparation: *Wonderful, Merciful Savior*  
**Scripture: Ezekiel 37:1-14**  
**Message: *The Church in the Valley***

To Partake in the Lord’s Supper

Apostles’ Creed  
Communion \*please remain seated as the elements are passed  
Bread- Song: *Before the Throne of God Above*  
Juice- Song: *Thank You Jesus for the Blood*  
Prayer of Response  
Song of Response/Offertory (*special music*)  
Today’s Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: George & Sarah De Vuyst

To Go in God’s Name

God’s Blessing  
Closing Song: *I Surrender All* (Vs 1, 2, 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 Communion:**  
Sunday, September 7, 2025

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

**Preaching Schedule:**  
July 13: Rev. George De Vuyst  
July 20: Rev. Mark Bonnes  
July 27: Rev. Mark Bonnes  
August 3: Rev. David McBride  
August 10: Rev. Mark Bonnes  
August 17: Rev. Ashley Bonnes

**HIGHLAND COUNCIL**

**Council Officers for 2025:**

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

<b>Elders</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Deacons</b>
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](mailto: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 Plugger  
**Facilities Team** – Greg Hesselink & Devon Dracht  
**Outreach Team** – Interim Committee Led  
**Prayer Team** – Sandy Rice  
**Service Team** – Carrie Thompson  
**Worship Team** – Bonnie McBride

### AREA EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Lake City CRC's Summer Fun for Kids 2025 - Moose Mania:** Wednesday, August 6, 6-8:30pm: Through this moose themed event, we will explore these majestic creatures as well as use the M.O.O.S.E. acronym to learn about looking for signs of our powerful God in His amazing creation! We will have kid-friendly food, games, music, and more! This event is for kids ages 5-12 years. To register, visit <https://lakecitycrc.breezechms.com/form/766e29364970>. This event is hosted by Lake City CRC, 1657 S. Morey Rd., Lake City

**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 CranHill, 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!

### THANK YOU!

A special thank you to all who came and shared in our 45<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary celebration last Sunday. The prayers, hugs and well-wishes were so special. A special thank you to Faye Fredin, and Jean Ouwinga for all their help serving food and those that helped prepare food, set up and take down. Your acts of kindness meant so much to us. ~ Bob & Lori Hesselink

### PRAYER CONNECTIONS:

- **Marlin Venema** has moved to Maple Ridge Living Center in Lake City. Please pray for a smooth transition for Marlin as well as for Jean and the family.
- Please continue to wrap **Bob and Lori Hesselink** and their family in prayers for comfort and strength each day.
- 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** and **Grace Shaarda** will be serving in Ethiopia for the remainder of July. While there, these ladies will help their Freedom in Christ ([ficm.org](http://ficm.org)) coworkers run an English-learning camp for children from the Muslim community. Please pray for love for the children and for energy through these coming weeks.
- **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@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>
- **Matthew & Emily Slack Family** (Serving in London, England)

### OUR ACTIVE MILITARY:

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

OUR CHURCH WEEK: JULY 13-19		
SUN 07/13	9:15 AM	Prayer
	9:30 AM	Worship Service & Communion
MON 07/13	6:30 PM	Elders
	7:00 PM	Deacons
	7:30 PM	Council Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**This Morning**, we welcome Missionary Pastor George De Vuyst as he leads Worship & Communion this morning.

**Next Sunday:** We look forward to celebrating the Baptism of **Walton Allen Pluger**, son of Aaron & Megan Pluger

**Next Sunday**, our 2<sup>nd</sup> offering will be for our **Parking Lot Pledge Envelopes**. If you need another envelope, there are extras available on the information table. This will be our kick-off offering for this project 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:** The window for ordering has closed but if you have not yet, turned in payment, please do so at the church office this week. We hope to have the shirts in by the end of this month.

**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:

**NEXT WEEK: 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 the following areas that need your help:

- Crew Leaders & Helpers – Sign-up in the fellowship hall.
- Nursery helpers – Sign up in the fellowship hall.
- Snacks (crackers & cheese, cookies, watermelon) – Sign-up in the fellowship hall
- Sides (veggies/salads) for VBS dinners – Please contact Bev Taylor to offer and schedule what day you wish to bring something.

**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

**Marion Old Fashion Days** is quickly approaching and is in need of volunteers to help with a dozen kid games and a watermelon eating contest (approximate 1.5 - 2 hr time commitment -more info to come on exact time frames). The Highland Outreach Team encourages individuals and families to consider helping to fill this need. A sign-up sheet is available on the information table. If you are only available to help in the AM or PM, feel free to note that next to your name and phone #.

**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.