

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

NURSERY

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
Aug 6 Julie Dorman, Bev Kamphouse, Shari Benthem, Emerson Tossey

CHILDREN’S CHURCH

June-Aug ***Summer Break***

SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT

July 16 Matt Thompson, Deb Eisenga, Deborah Ouwinga
July 23 Cary Sikkema, Kaylie Benthem, Kendra Jenema
July 30 Kyle Meyering, Roger Hagerman, Jodi DeHate
Aug 6 Matt Thompson, Jonathan Ouwinga, Tami Eisenga

USHERS

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

2ND OFFERINGS

July:	August:
2nd – Booster Club	6th –Booster Club
9th – Friendship Family Home	13th –Existing Building Fund
16th – REV Moms	20th –American Bible League
23rd – Existing Building Fund	27th –Josh Shaarda Family
30th – 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 16, 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

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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 16, 2023

This morning, we welcome Calvin Seminarian, Kelsey Bruinwood as she leads our time of worship together!

The People of God Gather:

Prelude: *O How I Love Jesus*

Welcome

God's Greeting

Greet One Another

To Praise God

10,000 Reasons

How Great Is Our God

Goodness of God

Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God

Announcements

Congregational Prayer

To Proclaim God's Word

Children's Message: Kelsey Bruinwood

Song of Preparation: *Amazing Grace / My Chains Are Gone*

Scripture: Matthew 14:22-32

Sermon Theme: Walking on Water

Prayer of Response

Song of Response/Offertory: Living Hope

Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: REV Moms

To Go in God's Name

God's blessing

Closing Song: *My Friends May You Grow In Grace*

Postlude

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**

HIGHLAND COUNCIL

Officers for 2023:

(All have a 231 area code unless otherwise noted)

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

Pastor Mark Bonnes Pastor Ashley Bonnes *personal contact info is not posted online. Please call the church office.

Districts for 2023:

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

<u>Church Office</u> (231) 825-2171 office@highlandcrc.org <u>Normal Office Hours:</u> Mon-Thurs 8:30 am – 2:00 pm Fri-Sun: Closed All bulletin announcements must be turned in no later than noon on Thursdays.	<u>Ministry Team Leaders</u> 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)
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ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED:

Life Resources of Northern Michigan is hosting a **Golf Marathon!!!** Monday, July 17th 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.

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.

VBS 2023

JULY 17–20; 6–8 PM



PRAYER CONNECTION:

- ✚ We extend our heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of former Highland CRC Pastor, **Rev. John Rop**. Pastor John Rop, Jr., age 72, went to be with his Lord and Savior, following a 23-year battle with his genetic liver disease. Pastor John served as the pastor of Highland church from 1995-1998. Visitation with the family will be at 3:00 pm Sunday, July 16, 2023 at Calvin Church, 973 W. Norton Ave, Norton Shores, MI 49441 with a Celebration of Life held at 4:00 pm Sunday with the Rev. David Boomsma, officiating. A full printout of the obituary is available on the information table of the fellowship hall or online at <https://www.sytsemafh.com/obituaries/John-Rop/#!/Obituary>.
- ✚ **BJ Cook:** Continues to make progress. Yours prayers, cards, and notes of encouragement are greatly appreciated. Please continue to pray for patience, renewed appetite and strength.
- ✚ **Dick Bruno** appreciates your 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 wisdom and strength for those wanting to know how to help and support their loved ones struggling with mental health.
- **In the week ahead & next Sunday**, we lift up fervent prayers for those affected by suicide.

MISSIONARIES:

- **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>

MILITARY:

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

OUR CHURCH WEEK: JULY 16-22

SUN 7/16	9:15 AM 9:30 AM	Prayer Worship Service
MON 7/17	5:30 PM 5:45-8 PM	Dinner (VBS Volunteer families) VBS
TUES 7/18	5:30 PM 6-8:00 PM	Dinner (VBS Volunteer families) VBS
WED 7/19	5:30 PM 6-8:00 PM 7:00 PM	Dinner (VBS Volunteer families) VBS Prayer Meeting
THURS 7/20	5:30 PM 6-8:00 PM	Dinner (VBS Volunteer families) VBS (Finale Program @ 7:45 PM)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

This morning we welcome Calvin Seminarian, Kelsey Bruinwood as she leads our time of worship together.

VBS 2023 is scheduled for launch **THIS WEEK, July 17-20 from 6-8 pm**. Our theme this year is “*Stellar: Shine Jesus’ Light*”. All kids entering Kindergarten through 8th 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.

Next Sunday, Lord willing, we will have the privilege of celebrating the baptism of Bram William Benthem, son of Kyle and Brooke Benthem.

Modified Office Hours: All Church offices will be closed July 24-29. For any Pastoral Care needs or Prayer Chain messages during that time, please contact an Elder.

**Please note all bulletin announcements for July 30 must still be submitted to the office by July 27. These can be left on the office desk or sent via email to office@highlandcrc.org.

GEMS & Centershot Update: We are happy to announcement that Devon Dracht and Kasey Rees have stepped up to lead our Centershot Program this fall. We are still in need of a new GEMS leader. If you are interested or would like more information, 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. **Registration** will be held in the fellowship hall on August 27, September 3 and September 10.

Custodian Position: As of August 31, 2023, we will be in need of a new person to vacuum, sweep, mop, 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 call or text or a member of the HR committee: Jon Dracht Mark Eisenga, Nicole Koetje, Doug Mitchell or Marilyn Visser. (*Personal #'s not posted in online bulletin; please call (231) 825-2171 for directory assistance*).

Save the Date: Ladies Bible Study (w/ Hilda) will be moving to Tuesday mornings at 9:30 starting September 5. If you would like to join this group of ladies, please contact Hilda Cruz to reserve your book.

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/ear-buds
- 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. Please spread the word outside of your church as well!