

NURSERY:

July 17	Kasey McQuestion, Shari Benthem, Karen Oeverman, Charlotte Thomas
July 24	Dana Baas, Becky Wemple, Diane Eisenga, Emerson Tossey
July 31	Megan Benthem, Ruth Kulhawick, Linda Ellens, Franklin Baas
Aug 7	Maggie Southwick, Karianne Smith, Donna Veddler, Kendyn Meyering

Thank you
to all of our faithful volunteers for their service each week in helping to promote the kingdom of God!

LITTLE LAMBS / CHILDREN IN WORSHIP:

June/July/Aug	***Summer Break*** If you are interested in helping with Children’s Church this fall, please contact Megan Pluger.
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SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT:

July 17	Kyle Meyering, Jonathan Ouwinga, Kendra Jenema
July 24	Cary Sikkema, Dan Ouwinga, Deb Eisenga
July 31	Matt Thompson, Roger Hagerman, Sue Cook
Aug 7	Kyle Meyering, Jonathan Ouwinga, Tami Eisenga

OFFERINGS:

July:

- 3rd –Booster Club
- 10th –New Building
- 17th –World Renew
- 24th –Existing Building Fund
- 31st –Feeding America

August:

- 7th –Booster Club
- 14th –New Building
- 21st –Josh & Mandy Shaarda
- 28th –George & Sarah de Vuyst

USHERS

July: Jim Ouwinga, Kevin Huttenga, Butch Karsten, Aaron Koetje

August: Joey Kulhawick, Bob Lee, Ryan McQuestion, Mike Pluger

****If you are unable to serve on your scheduled date, please find your own replacement. Please call the church office (231) 825-2171 if you have any questions. Thank you!**



July 17, 2022

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.*

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Rev. Neil Jasperse
Sunday Worship 9:30 AM
Sunday School 10:50 AM (Sept-May)

9034 23 Mile Rd; Marion
(231) 825-2171

HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
Morning Worship Service – 9:30 am
July 17, 2022

Please welcome Rev. Steve Boven and he leads our worship this morning.

The People of God Gather:

Prelude
 Call to Worship
 Welcome
 God's Greeting
 Greeting one another

To Praise God

You Are My All In All (vs 1-2)
Without Him (vs 1-2)
Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine (vs 1-2)
 Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God:

Announcements
 Congregational prayer

To Proclaim God's Word:

Children's Message: Pastor Steve Boven
 Song of Preparation: *Lord Speak to Me*
 Text: **2 Kings 19:14-20 (NASB)**

Title: **God is Always Hearing**

Prayer of response
 Song of Response & Offertory: *In Christ Alone*
 1st Offering: General Fund; 2nd Offering: World Renew

To Go in God's Name:

God's blessing
 Closing Song: *Take the Name of Jesus With You*
 Postlude

Our nursery is available downstairs for children ages infant-3 years old

COUNCIL CORNER:

Officers for 2022:

Pastor	Neil Jasperse
President	Jon Dracht
Vice President	Jerry Koop, Jr.
Clerk	Ken Meyering
Secretary of Deacons	Greg Tossey
Vice Treasurer	Kasey Rees

Districts for 2022:

Elders	District	Deacons
Den Kamphouse	#1, A-C	David Wing
Dale Fredin: Adjunct Elder	#2, D-E	Greg Tossey
Ken Meyering	#3, F-L	Devon Dracht
Paul Shaarda	#4, M-O	Kasey Rees
Jerry Koop, Jr.	#5, P-T	Doug Mitchell
Bryan Eisenga	#6, U-Z	Adam Swiler
Ken Roede: Adjunct Elder		Church Office

PASTORAL VISITS: If you would appreciate a pastoral visit for whatever reason, please contact Pastor Neil via Sara Bruno in the church office by calling (231) 825-2171 or by email at npjasperse@gmail.com or in person.

CHURCH OFFICE

(231) 825-2171
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Office Hours:

Mon -Thurs: 8:30 am – 2:00 pm
 Fri-Sun: Closed

****All bulletin content is due by noon on Thursdays****

MINISTRY TEAM LEADERS

Care & Fellowship Team (Cindy Vennema)

Education Team (Megan Pluger)

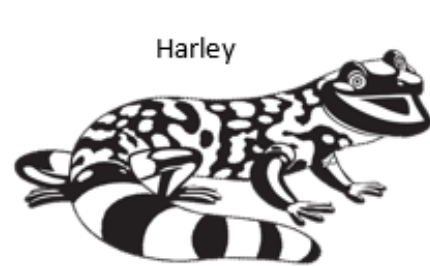
Facilities Team (Greg Hesselink)

Outreach Team (Jodi DeHate)

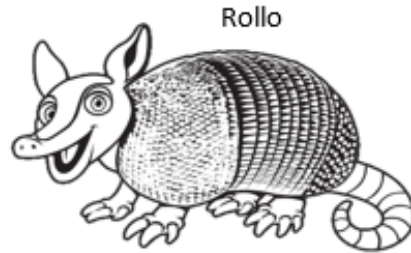
Prayer Team (Sandy Rice)

Service Team (Carrie Thompson)

Worship Team (DaNay Tossey)



Harley



Rollo



Jett

Meet the Crew!

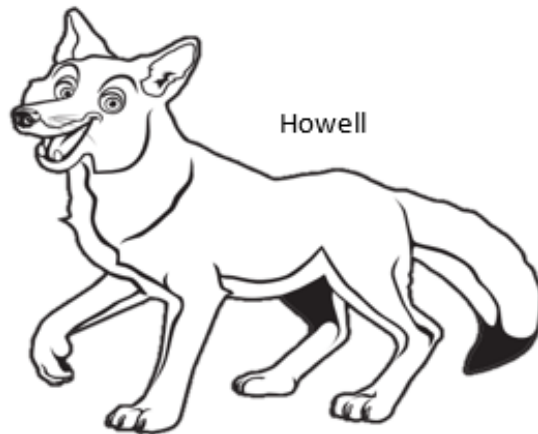
July 25-28 • 6-8 pm

VBS 2022

It'll be MONUMENTAL!!!



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Howell

- ✚ **Prayers for Healing:** We lift up in prayer, Dick Bruno, Carol Niver, Bruce Vennema Cindy Vennema, and Peggy Booher. We pray that they receive the healing, patience and daily strength that they need.
- ✚ Please pray for **Kerwin Huttenga** as he is currently battling anxiety and that medication adjustments will soon begin to help.
- ✚ **Shaarda Update:** The Josh and Mandy Shaarda and family arrived back in Obule, Uganda on Friday, July 8. They were overwhelmed by the large crowd gathered to welcome them back home! Some of the children are struggling with the adjustment back along with a few issues - Makai has a very runny nose and sore ears. The work that needs to be done in the house to make it feel like home again seems never-ending. Hopefully the refrigerator will soon begin to cool and their internet access will be restored. Thank you for your prayers over their family and travels. Please continue to pray for this family through this adjustment period and for the ministry work that God has laid before them.

DAILY PRAYER FOCUS

*Jesus answered, "I am the way and the **truth** and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. –John 14:6*

Our God is THE GOD of TRUTH. As you pray daily this week, pray for truth. "Oh God, our world seems to indiscriminately redefine truth. You, however, are the plumb line that never changes. You are the author of truth, and your son, Jesus, embodies Your truth. You are the very definition of truth. You alone are completely trustworthy. In my search for truth help me to anchor myself in you."

*Content for the Daily Prayer Focus is contributed by the Highland Prayer Team

OUR MISSIONARIES

Josh & Mandy Shaarda & Family
Serving in Uganda
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George & Sarah de Vuyst & Family
Serving in Ukraine & the U.S.
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Website: <http://www.devuysts.com>

OUR ACIVE MILITARY

Tyler Bode
(Staff Sargent, U.S. Air Force)
Davis Monthan Airforce Base,
Tucson, AZ

OUR CHURCH WEEK: JULY 17-23

SUN 07/17	9:15 AM 9:30 AM	A time of prayer in the prayer room Morning Worship Service
WED 07/20	7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting
THURS 07/21	7:00 PM 7:30 PM	JUMP Practice Education Team Meeting (fellowship hall)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

VBS 2022 is scheduled for **July 25-28 from 6-8 pm**. Our theme this year is "Monumental". This event is for all kids, age 4 through 8th grade. Bring your friends! (**Hey kids! Look for a VBS coloring page further in this week's bulletin!)

VBS Help Needed: Please don't hesitate to sign up as soon as possible! If you have any questions, please contact Anne Thomas. There is a sign-up on the red bulletin board in the fellowship hall for the following areas:

- Crew leaders for all grades (no prep required)
- An Individual or duo to run the Bible Story Station. (some prep)
- Nursery workers (no prep required)

The Sunday school programs at Highland have some specific needs to be filled for this coming school year! We know these roles require significant time and commitment, but they are very important for Highland's youth. If you are willing to fill any of the following positions, please contact Megan Pluger.

- Sunday School Superintendents (Two person team or couple)
- Children in Worship leader
- Catechism teachers
- Sunday school teachers
- Children in Worship teachers

The J.O.Y. Group will be having a summer cookout on July 26 at 12:00 pm at Bob and Cindy Vennema's house. Bring a dish to pass if you are able. Burgers, buns, drinks and dinnerware will be provided. We look forward to great fellowship and good food! A sign-up sheet has been provided on the table in the fellowship hall. Please sign-up if you plan to attend.

Missionary Newsletters and Prayer Cards are available for those who would like one in the racks by the Missions bulletin Board in the East Wing.

Many thanks for your gracious offering to aid the displaced people of Ukraine. Thank you for your support and prayers. ~Eric & Stacey Hoeksema and International Christian Community and Development

Job Opening: NMCS Food Service Director- Northern Michigan Christian School is hiring a Food Service Director for our cafeteria. Responsibilities include menu planning and ordering food, scheduling kitchen staff, and overseeing and operating within the Food Service budget. The required ServSafe Manager certification can be completed after being hired. Hours for this part-time position are generally 8 am-1 pm, during the academic year. If you are interested in this essential and rewarding position, please send your resume and cover letter to Mr. Scott Curell at scurell@nmcs.us or mail to NMCS 128 S Martin Street, McBain, MI 49657. Call 825-2492 for more information. Applications are being accepted immediately.



FINAL WAVE 

As of July 10, our remaining debt is down to approximately \$35,000

Please prayerfully consider keeping the "waves" coming each week using the green envelopes, so we can celebrate at our August 28 picnic!

KID'S HOPE USA UPDATE:

For over 25 years Kid's Hope USA has provided mentoring relationships with at-risk school children. The motto is "One Mentor. One Hour. One Church. One School.

About fifteen years ago Highland Church developed a Kid's Hope program with the Marion Elementary School. Over the years various people have overseen the program- most recently, Kasey McQuestion.

Over these years many Highland members have served as mentors. Many students at Marion Elementary have been blessed by an adult who has taken an interest in them and shown them God's love. We celebrate this ministry in the name of Jesus!

In recent years the program began to wane- for various reasons. First, more standardized tests have been incorporated into the school year. Covering the material for each test to prepare students to do well has put more pressure on the school schedule and the teachers. So teachers have been reluctant for a student to miss an hour of classroom learning to spend time with a Kid's Hope mentor.

Second, the number of students at Marion Elementary has declined. So the number of kids a teacher might refer to Kid's Hope and the time slots they are available has become harder to match with Highland volunteers. Third, finding mentors from Highland Church has also been challenging.

Fourth, the most successful Kid's Hope programs usually have someone from the church on the inside of the school- a principal, teacher, or secretary. They have often been an advocate to speak up for the program. However, today we have no Highland member in the Marion Elementary system.

Then the pandemic hit in March of 2020. For a long stretch, schools took the precaution of allowing no-one in the school building. As a result, for over two years the Kid's Hope program came to an abrupt halt. Now, with schools returning to a familiar rhythm, there has been no appeal from Marion Elementary for Kid's Hope to resume.

Recently the Marion schools have begun an after-school program. Now this program can cover some of the needs that Kid's Hope met. In light of all these factors, the council approved the recommendation to discontinue our Kid's Hope program.

HIGHLAND COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS:

1. Heard a treasurer's report that we had another generous offering to pay off our building debt; the outstanding amount is down to about \$35,000. However, general budget giving has lagged \$27,000 behind budget.
2. Approved a recommendation to offer the youth director role to Lindsay Zuiderveen. Lindsay is a mother of four boys and a member at Lucas CRC.
3. Approved a recommendation to discontinue the Kid's Hope program at Marion Elementary School, with thanks to God for all who served as mentors to students there. Underlying factors for this decision are explained on the backside of this insert.
4. Discussed the results of a survey filled out earlier by elders and deacons about how Highland Church rates on twelve classic keys to a healthy life and ministry together.
5. Approved adding gravel and leveling our back gravel parking area.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JUNE:

June Offerings		2nd Offerings	
5th	6,152.00	Booster Club	1,135.00
12th	4,698.00	New Building Fund	7,388.00
19th	4,812.00	Friends Ministry	874.00
26th	<u>4,268.93</u>	Eric Hoeksema	1,922.00
Total June Offerings	19,930.93		
Budget needed weekly	6,208.44	CRC Loan Fund – Begin. Balance	77,739.09
Times 26 weeks	161,419.50	Principal Paid to Date	<u>33,098.49</u>
Received to date	<u>134,231.94</u>	CRC Loan Fund – Ending Balance	44,640.60
Balance	(27,187.56)		
		Interest paid to date	1,551.75