

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

GREETERS – Please arrive by 9:15 am	
July 20	South: Paul & Carole Shaarda; North: Dale & Bev Taylor
July 27	South: Den & Bev Kamphouse; North: Ken & Jodi Meyering
August 3	South: Jon & Michelle Dracht; North: Kevin & Jodi DeHate
August 10	South: Paul & Jan Rivera; Kurt & Becky Wemple

NURSERY – Please arrive by 9:15 am	
July 20	Nicole Schultz, Maggie Southwick, Donna Veddler, Kendyn Meyering
July 27	Esther Bode, Cam Mulder, Diane Nemeth, Evan Wemple
August 3	Barb Dore, Addean Oeverman, Jodi Meyering, Harper Tossey
August 10	Tami Eisenga, Mikayla Powers, Mary Rees, Owen Wemple

CHILDREN’S CHURCH – (September – May)	
SUMMER BREAK – No Children’s Church	

SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT	
July 20	Matt Thompson, Dan Ouwinga, Deborah Ouwinga
July 27	Cary Sikkema, Kaylie Benthem, Sue Cook
August 3	Kyle Meyering, Dan Ouwinga, Tami Eisenga
August 10	Matt Thompson, Deb Eisenga, Jodi DeHate

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 th : Booster Club	AUGUST:	3 rd : Booster Club
	13 th : George & Sarah DeVuyst		10 th : Friends Ministry
	20 th : Parking Lot Project		17 th : Benevolence
	27 th : Capital Improvement Fund		24 th : Capital Improvement Fund
			31 st : Marion Food Pantry

Thank you to all of our dedicated volunteers!



July 20, 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 20, 2025

The People of God Gather:
Prelude: *Born to Serve the Lord*
Welcome & God’s Greeting
Greet One Another

To Praise God in Song:
In Christ Alone
It Is Well With My Soul (vs 1,3,4)
Matthew 6:24
Jesus Is Lord of All (vs 1,3)
Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God
Sacrament of Infant Baptism – Walton Allen Pluger
Announcements
Congregational Prayer

To Proclaim God’s Word
Children’s Message: Pastor Ashley Bonnes
Song of Preparation: *He Touched Me (vs 1,2)*
Scripture: Colossians 3.1-11
Sermon: Not a Dirty Image
Prayer of Response
Song of Response/Offertory: *Take Time to be Holy (vs 1-4)*
Today’s Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: Parking Lot Pledge Envelopes

To Go in God’s Name
God’s Blessing
Closing Song: *The Longer I Serve Him*
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, August 11, 2025
6:30 pm Elders
7:00 pm Deacons
7:30 pm Full Council

Preaching Schedule:
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:		
President	Mark Eisenga	Pastor Mark Bonnes Pastor Ashley Bonnes *Please contact the church office for contact information (231) 825-2171
Vice President	Ken Meyering	
Clerk	Bob Vennema	
Sec. of Deacons	Carrie Thompson	
Vice Treasurer	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>Phone: (231) 825-2171 Email: office@highlandcrc.org * * * * *</p> <p>Normal Office Hours: Mon. –Thurs: 8:30 am – 2 pm Fri.-Sun: CLOSED</p> <p>**The Church Office will be CLOSED 7/27 - 8/2**</p> <p>*bulletin announcements are due by NOON on Thursdays.</p>	<p>Care & Fellowship Team – Cindy Vennema Education Team – Megan Pluger Facilities Team – Greg Hesselink & Devon Dracht Outreach Team – Interim Committee Led Prayer Team – Sandy Rice Service Team – Carrie Thompson Worship Team – Bonnie McBride</p>

AREA EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED:

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—seating for lunch is limited!

Paul’s Missionary Journeys in Greece (April 3 - 13, 2026): Travel by motor coach (6 days) and cruise ship (3 days) to sites connected with Paul’s second and third missionary journeys, as well as visit other major sites of biblical, archaeological, and cultural interest. Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading Pauline scholar, hosts this inspirational tour. For more information, contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or weimje@calvinseminary.edu.

Notes:

PRAYER CONNECTIONS:

- Please continue to wrap **Bob and Lori Hesselink** and their family in prayers for comfort and strength each day.
- **Colter Bailey**, youngest son of Justin and Kait (Eisenga) Bailey was diagnosed with neuroblastoma earlier this spring. He underwent a stem cell collection this past Monday and started round 3 of chemo this past Thursday which involved 2 new kids of chemo at a more concentrated dose. Please pray for strength and healing for Colter and that the side effects from the treatments will be minimal. We pray too for his family and the medical team by his side through this whole journey. #colterscrew
- **A Prayer Letter from Josh & Mandy Shaarda** is in your mailboxes and by the Missions bulletin board. They are requesting prayers over their family and the FIC Marriage Course that Josh has been writing and will go into filming in Tennessee in August. They have felt the hand of the enemy trying to prevent this project from happening and ask for your heartfelt prayers for God’s protection and guidance in seeing this project through.
- **Lydia Shaarda** and **Grace Shaarda** are serving in Ethiopia for the remainder of July. While there, these ladies will be serving alongside their Freedom in Christ (ficm.org) coworkers to 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.
- Please pray for a smooth transition for **George & Sarah De Vuyst** as they prepare to return to Europe in September.
- **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.
- **Victims of Flash-Flooding in Texas:** Please pray for those who lost loved ones due to the devastating flash flooding in Texas. Ask God to comfort those who are grieving.

OUR MISSIONARIES:

- **Josh & Mandy Shaarda Family** (Serving in Uganda)
Email: jshaarda@crcnapartners.org; Blog: <http://shaarda.blogspot.com>
- **George & Sarah de Vuyst Family** (Serving in Europe)
Email: 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).

HIGHLAND COUNTIL HIGHLIGHTS • JULY 14, 2025

- Council got a second bid for the parking lot paving project. It was around the same amount for a better product. Council decided that the second bid was overall better of the two. The bid is good through the fall.
- Council has revived the safety team (now called Incident Response Team). This team is responsible for policies for church safety and taking the lead in case of emergencies during church events (i.e. fire or medical emergencies). We are looking for people with a background in medical and/or first responders. If this interests you, please talk to a council member for more information.

TREASURER’S REPORT – JUNE 2025

June - General Fund:		2nd Offerings:	
1st	8,111.00	Booster Club	1,130.00
8th	6,473.00	World Renew	1,632.00
15th	6,752.00	Josh & Mandy Shaarda	2,288.00
22nd	3,893.00	Capital Improvement	974.00
29th	6,532.00	Prayer Safari	710.00
Total June Offerings	31,761.00		
Budget needed weekly	6,341.59		
Times 26 weeks	164,881.27		
Received to date	165,105.80		
Balance	224.53		

NOTICE OF UPCOMING MODIFIED OFFICE HOURS:

- Pastor Mark and Pastor Ashley will also be out of the office **July 28 – August 9**. Please contact an Elder for any pastoral care needs during that time.
- The Church office will be closed **July 28 - August 2**. Please call (231) 825-2171 for any Prayer Chain requests.

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. This event is hosted by Lake City CRC, 1657 S. Morey Rd., Lake City To register, visit <https://lakecitycrc.breezechms.com/form/766e29364970>.

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 and scroll down to the Comet Open link. Please email Trey Reed (treed@nmcs.us) or Diane Eisenga (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>



Abide: Wednesday, August 13, 6:30pm: A multi-church gathering for a time of worship, prayer, testimony, and resting in the presence of God. Hosted by Lake City Christian Reformed Church, 1657 S. Morey, Lake City.

Project Canefire: Plans are already being made for the 2026, Tues. Jan. 20 – Tues. Feb. 3, mission trip to the Dominican Republic. We are in need of volunteers to be a part of the well crew, construction crew and sewing team. If you are interested in joining us this year, save the date of Tues. Aug. 26 for an informational picnic at the Dicks barn outside of Falmouth. Former volunteers, new volunteers and staff will be available to tell you about this ongoing, hands-on ministry serving the people of the Dominican Republic in very practical ways by providing clean water, new homes, churches, and skills for creating jobs. We, as a board, are also in need of a Spanish speaking board member and an accountant as we go forward with our ministry. If you feel God calling you to this ministry or would like more information you can contact Paul Benthem at 231-667-7200 or Betsy Diemer at 231-878-9880.

OUR CHURCH WEEK: JULY 20-26		
SUN 07/20	9:15 AM 9:30 AM	Prayer Worship Service & Baptism of Walton Pluger
MON 07/21	5:30 PM 6-8:00 PM	Dinner for VBS Volunteer Families VBS 2025 True North
TUE 07/22	5:30 PM 6-8:00 PM	Dinner for VBS Volunteer Families VBS 2025 True North
WED 07/23	5:30 PM 6-8:00 PM	Dinner for VBS Volunteer Families VBS 2025 True North
THUR 07/24	5:30 PM 6-8:00 PM	Dinner for VBS Volunteer Families VBS 2025 True North (Finale program at 7:45)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

This Morning we will be celebrating the Baptism of **Walton Allen Pluger**, son of Aaron & Megan Pluger.

Congratulations to Jonathan and Kendra Jenema on the birth of **Jordan Scott Jenema** was born this past Tuesday, July 15, 2025 at 1:43 am. He weighed 8 pounds and was 21 inches long. Mom and baby are doing well.

Parking Lot Project: This morning's 2nd 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.

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 are 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!

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.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE AT HIGHLAND:

THIS 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. **IT’S NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP!** 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.