

NURSERY

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
Aug 13 Karen Oeverman, Dana Baas, Becky Wemple, Franklin Baas

CHILDREN’S CHURCH

June-Aug ***Summer Break***

SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT

July 23 Cary Sikkema, Kaylie Benthem, Kendra Jenema
July 30 Kyle Meyering, Roger Hagerman, Jodi DeHate
Aug 6 Matt Thompson, Jonathan Ouwinga, Tami Eisenga
Aug 13 Cary Sikkema, Roger Hagerman, Deborah Ouwinga

USHERS

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

2ND OFFERINGS

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

August:
6th – Booster Club
13th – Existing Building Fund
20th – American Bible League
27th – Josh Shaarda Family

***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 23, 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 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)

HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

Morning Worship Service – 9:30 am

July 23, 2023

The People of God Gather:

Welcome

God's Greeting

Greet One Another

To Praise God

Unstoppable God

Found In You

Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God

Baptism of Bram William Benthem

Special Music: *I Am Not My Own*

Announcements

Congregational Prayer

To Proclaim God's Word

Children's Message: DaNay Tossey with VBS Recap

Song of Preparation: *No Longer Slaves*

Scripture: Deuteronomy 6:4-9; 1 Corinthians 12: 12-14

Sermon: "The Least Amongst Us"

Prayer of Response

Song of Response/Offertory: *Find You Waiting*

Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: Existing Building Fund

To Go in God's Name

God's blessing

Closing Song: *The Blessing*

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

PREACHING SCHEDULE: JULY / AUGUST

July:

2nd – Pastor Mark Bonnes

9th – Pastor Mark Bonnes

16th – Seminarian, Kelsey Bruinwood

23rd – Pastor Mark Bonnes

30th – Pastor Steve Elzinga

August:

6th – Pastor Ashley Bonnes

13th – Pastor Mark Bonnes

20th – Pastor Bill VanderHeide

27th – Pastor Mark Bonnes

HIGHLAND COUNCIL:

Officers for 2023:

President	Jon Dracht	Pastor Mark Bonnes Pastor Ashley Bonnes *personal contact info is not posted online. Please call the church office.
Vice President	Don Eisenga	
Clerk	Alan Baas	
Sec. of Deacons	Kyle Meyering	
Vice Treas.	Kasey Rees	

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

<p><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 **Closed 07/24 - 7/29** All bulletin announcements must be turned in by noon on Thursdays.</p>	<p><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)</p>
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ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED:

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).*

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 share this outside of your church as well!

Life Size Candy Land at Lake City CRC: Wednesday, August 2, 6-8:30 pm. All kids ages 5—6th grade are invited to come experience the Path of God's Sweet Love! To register, visit <https://lakecitycrc.breezechms.com/form/766e2936>, or contact their church office at (231) 839-4978 or via email at office@lakecitycrc.org.

THANK YOU:

We would like to say thank you for the thoughts, prayers, cards, texts and visits during my time of surgery and recovery. We are truly grateful for our Highland Church family. ~Jerry and Diane Nemeth

PRAYER CONNECTION:

- **Dan Ouwinga** would appreciate your prayers as he is scheduled for a total replacement of his right knee on July 31.
- **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.
- **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 lift up fervent prayers for those affected by suicide.
- **In the week ahead & next Sunday**, we pray for compassion and a willingness to share struggles.

Missionaries We Support:

- **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>

Active Military:

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

HIGHLAND COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS: July 10, 2023

- **Job Opening:** Mallory VanderMeulen will be leaving the custodian position on August 31. If you or someone you know is interested in being our next custodian, please contact a member of the HR Team (see announcements for additional info).
- **Possible Support for New Missionary:** Council had a discussion with Matt Slack, who is fundraising to be a missionary in Istanbul, Turkey. We will continue discussions with him with a possibility of him coming to introduce himself to the church.
- The **Middle School Youth Room** is very close to being done. It just needs a few finishing touches. Council would like to thank you all for your generous support on this project.
- The **Education Team** gave a report on the amazing work they done in preparing for the upcoming Sunday school year. Council wants to remind us all that our children are important. Please prayerfully consider if you can somehow help in the many ways we reach out and teach them over the course of the year.
- **Church Website:** In the next couple of months our current website will move to a new platform. This is because our current provider got bought out by a new one. During this migration we will also freshen up our website with a new logo, color scheme, etc. We appreciate your patience during that time and look forward to sharing the finished product with you! Special thanks to Dana Baas, Sara Bruno, Jodi DeHate and Pastor Ashley for their work on this!

TREASURER’S REPORT:

June General Fund		2nd Offerings	
4th	9,181.00	Booster Club	1,032.00
11th	5,019.00	Benevolence	902.00
18th	4,951.00	Church Building Fund	942.00
25th	4,434.30	Basement Project	1,082.00
Total June Offerings	23,585.30		
Budget needed weekly	6,184.04		
Times 26 weeks	160,785.08		
Received to date	154,125.84		
Balance	(6,659.24)		

OUR CHURCH WEEK: JULY 23-29

SUN 7/23	9:15 AM	Prayer
	9:30 AM	Worship Service & Baptism of Bram Benthem
WED 7/26	7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

This morning, we will be celebrating the baptism of Bram William Benthem, son of Kyle and Brooke Benthem.

Birthday Cupcakes- In celebration of Shirley Boven’s 90th birthday on July 22, the family has provided cupcakes for our time of fellowship following this morning’s service.

Next Sunday, July 30, we look forward to having former Highland Pastor, Pastor Steve Elzinga, here to lead our time of worship together.

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.

Save the Date: Highland’s Annual Church Picnic has been scheduled for Sunday, August 27. More details yet to come.

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.

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.

GEMS & Centershot Update: We are happy to announce that Maggie Southwick as our new GEMS leader in addition to Devon Dracht and Kasey Rees who will be leading our Centershot program. We look forward to the launch of another great Family Night season beginning in October!