

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

GREETERS – Please arrive by 9:15 am	
August 2	South: Bob & Cindy Vennema; North: Lindsay Beerens
August 9	South: Jean Venema; North: Kevin & Tami Eisenga
August 16	South: Steph & Sam VanHouten; North: Jim & Bev Ouwinga
August 23	South: Steve & Sue Meeuwenberg; North: Jason & Shari Benthem
NURSERY – Please arrive by 9:15 am	
August 2	Donna Veddler, Esther Bode, Natalie Veddler
August 9	Cam Mulder, Sue Meeuwenberg, Lilly Schoch
August 16	Diane Nemeth, Barb Dore, Carly McCrimmon
August 23	Megan Pluger, Cindy Vennema, Aubrynn Bazuin
CHILDREN’S CHURCH – (September – May; Sundays Only)	
-----	**Summer Break** Children’s Church will resume September 13
SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT	
August 2	Kyle Meyering, Jon Ouwinga, Micah Chrispell
August 9	Matt Thompson, Dan Ouwinga, Tami Eisenga
August 16	Kyle Meyering, Deb Eisenga, Jodi DeHate
August 23	Cary Sikkema, Kaylie Benthem, Deborah Ouwinga
USHERS – Please arrive by 9:15 am	
August:	Aaron Pluger, Jon Dracht, Dale Taylor, Kevin Eisenga
September:	Mike Southwick, Todd Schmid, Don Ellens, Greg Hesselink
2ND OFFERINGS:	
August: 2 nd : Booster Club 9 th : Friends Ministry 16 th : Benevolence 23 rd : Parking Lot 30 th : Capital Improvement Fund	**Parking Lot Pledges can be turned in at the offering plate at any time using the pledge envelopes available on the information table**

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS: We are incredibly grateful to God for you, our volunteers and for your loving service to the Church and the community. God bless you for your generosity, and thank you for being a blessing to others.



August 2, 2026
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

Sunday Worship: 9:30 am	9034 23 Mile Rd; Marion, MI
Sunday School & Catechism:	(231) 825-2171
10:40 am - 11:30 am (Sept-May)	www.highlandcrc.org



Welcome to
HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
Morning Worship Service – 9:30 am
August 2, 2026

The People of God Gather:

Prelude
Welcome & God’s Greeting
Greet One Another

To Praise God in Song:
I Worship You Almighty God (2x)
The Longer I serve Him (vs 1-2)
Psalm 95:6
We Bow Down (vs 1-2)
Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God
Announcements
Congregational Prayer

To Proclaim God’s Word
Children’s Message: Pastor Mark
Song of Preparation: *Thy Word (vs 1-2)*
Passage: Micah 1:2-5a & 7:18-20
Title: God Shows His People Justice and Mercy
Song of Response/Offertory: *Wonderful, Merciful Savior (vs 1-3)*
Today’s Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: Booster Club

To Go in God’s Name
God’s Blessing
Closing Song: *I Will Serve Thee*
Postlude

Nursery is available year-round downstairs for children ages 0 - 3 years old.
Children’s Bulletins are available on the information table in the fellowship hall.
Children’s Church is currently on break but will resume September 13, 2026.

COMING UP:

Next Communion: Sunday, September 13 2026	Preaching Schedule: August 2: Rev. Ashley Bonnes August 9: Rev. David McBride August 16: Rev. Mark Bonnes August 23: Rev. Mark Bonnes August 30 : Rev. Mark Bonnes
Next Council Meetings: Monday, August 10, 2026 6:30 pm Elders 7:00 pm Deacons 7:30 pm Full Council	

HIGHLAND COUNCIL:

Council Officers for 2026:

President	Steve Meeuwenberg	Pastor Mark Bonnes Pastor Ashley Bonnes Please contact the church office at (231) 825-2171 for directory assistance.
Vice President	Ken Meyering	
Clerk	Greg Tossey	
Sec. of Deacons	Jon Ouwinga	
Vice Treasurer	James Bazuin	

Districts for 2026:

Elders	District	Deacons
Greg Tossey*	#1, A-C	Kevin DeHate
Jason Benthem	#2, D-E	Jon Ouwinga*
Steve Meeuwenberg*	#3, F-L	Miranda Dykhouse
Paul Shaarda	#4, M-O	Kyle Veltema
Doug Mitchell	#5, P-T	Ryan McQuestion
Ken Meyering*	#6, U-Z	James Bazuin*

CHURCH OFFICE INFO:

Phone: (231) 825-2171
Email: office@highlandcrc.org

OFFICE HOURS:

Pastor Ashley: Mon & Tues 9am-3pm
**Both pastors are off on Wednesdays
Main Office: Mon-Thurs, 8:30am-2pm
Bulletin announcements due before noon on Thursdays.

MINISTRY LEADERS:

Care & Fellowship: Cindy Vennema
Education:
Facilities: Greg Hesselink & Devon Dracht
Outreach:
Prayer: Sandy Rice
Service: Carrie Thompson
Worship: Bonnie McBride

The **LIVE Stream of our Sunday Worship Service is now on our **YouTube** channel, **Highland CRC LIVE** (make sure it says **LIVE**).
Visit <http://www.youtube.com/@HighlandCRCLIVE> or follow the link on our Facebook page.

5th Annual Highland Woman’s Retreat is coming up quick! Come spend the weekend with us at the beautiful Grace Adventures in Mears, MI. The 1st session is already sold out for on-site housing and the 2nd session is almost full. If you’d like to join us this year, we are attending October 2-4, 2026. Please see Linda and Anita at the table in the fellowship hall for more information and to sign up. Cost this year is \$184/person.

COMMUNITY EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

2026-2027 Enrollment at NMCS is OPEN! Admissions and enrollment for next year is now open! Visit www.nmcs.us and select Fall 2026-Spring 2027 school year to apply for a new student or re-enroll. Applications for financial aid are also available. Please contact Jordyn Richardson at jrichardson@nmcs.us or call (231) 825-2492 if you have questions on admissions/enrollment. Contact Cari Gommesen at cgommesen@nmcs.us or (231) 825-2492 x3903 with any questions on financial aid and tuition assistance.

Froggie Fun Fest- Get ready for a hopping good time on Wednesday, August 5, from 6-8:30 pm —Lake City CRC invites you to an evening packed with fun, laughter, and all things frog! Kids, age 5 - 6th grade will dive into exciting activities as we explore the amazing world of frogs while discovering what it means to Fully Rely On God. From games to learning and everything in between, this is one summer event you won’t want to miss! Bring your friends and come ready to jump into the fun! To register, visit www.lakecitycrc.org. This is a free event hosted at Lake City Christian Reformed Church, 1657 S. Morey Rd., Lake City, MI.

Refocus & Refuel Youth Event: Sunday, August 16, 4-7pm: Youth grades 6-12 will want to come out for this community youth event hosted at Lake City CRC! Free, fun activities like corn hole, 9 square, cam jam, spikeball, basketball and more plus food, student led worship and a message. Bring a friend or two with you or your whole youth group! Contact Wes at wes@lakecitycrc.org. (see address noted above)

Abide: Tuesday, August 18 at 6:30pm: A multi-church gathering for a time of worship, prayer, testimony, and resting in the presence of God. This event will be held at Lake City CRC (see address noted above)

GO & TELL Workshop: GO & TELL is an easy and practical way to equip believers to become “fishers of men” (Matthew 4:19). This seminar provides the tools to be “active in sharing your faith” (Philemon 1:6). Founded in 2013 by Pastor Jim Halstead, this ministry brings together his 35+ years of evangelism experience and the best evangelism materials to create a step-by-step, easy-to-follow approach for sharing the gospel. For more information, visit www.goandtellministries.org.

Workshop Details:

- Date/Time: Saturday, August 22 from 9 am – Noon
- Location: Ellsworth CRC, 9232 Main Street, Ellsworth, MI 49729
- Cost: \$20 per participant (Lunch included)
- RSVP by: August 12 to (231) 588-7805 or (616) 607-4934

PRAYER CONNECTIONS:

Chris Sheats Update: Chris recently met with his Surgeon to consider possibilities for his back. The L5 vertebra is completely gone, L4 and S1 are partially gone. His doctors have a plan but are just waiting on alignment between various departments and surgical teams. Once finalized, they plan for Chris to undergo 2 days of surgery. Day 1 they will go in from the front (4 to 5-hour surgery) to replace a ruptured disc with a cage. Day 2 they will go in through his back to place a plate, rods and pins along the damaged areas. Recovery after is about a year. Chris may never be without pain, but their goal is to reduce the amount of pain, stabilize the spine and save mobility.

OUR MISSIONARIES:

- **Josh & Mandy Shaarda (Serving in Uganda)**
Email: jshaarda@crcnapartners.org; Blog: <http://shaarda.blogspot.com>
- **George & Sarah de Vuyst (Serving in Europe)**
Email: gdevuyst@crcna.org; Website: <http://www.devuysts.com>
- **Matthew & Emily Slack (Serving in the England)**
Email: mslack@crcna.org

OUR ACTIVE MILITARY:

- **TSgt, Tyler Bode** (US Airforce; currently stationed in Italy).
- **CMSgt, Michael Stahl** (US Airforce; currently serving in the Middle East).

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS • JULY 20, 2026

- The Elevator has been fixed! We are hoping that all the problems are solved.
- Several projects that were delayed by the elevator repairs, including new lights downstairs and a new nursery ceiling, were approved to take place yet this fall.
- Highland’s Annual Church Picnic has been scheduled for August 30. Please put it on your calendars and be ready for some fun!

TREASURER’S REPORT – JUNE 2026

June General Fund		2nd Offerings	
7th	7,363.00	Booster Club	1,081.00
14th	3,816.00	Josh & Mandy Shaarda	1,592.00
21st	10,244.00	World Renew	1,612.00
28th	6,672.59	Capital Improvement	11,145.00
Total June Offerings	28,095.59		
Budget needed weekly	6,627.06	Parking Lot Fund	52,512.50
Times 26 weeks	172,303.60	Offering	<u>50.00</u>
Received to date	<u>182,711.12</u>	Parking Lot Fund	52,562.50
Balance	10,407.52		

Offices Closed August 2-8: Highland’s Church offices will be closed August 2-8. Please contact your district elder for any pastoral care or prayer chain needs during that time. Phone #'s for Elders can be found inside the back cover of our printed bulletins and on the backside of the August Calendars in mailboxes this week. Please email any announcements for the August 9 bulletin to office@highlandcrc.org by August 5.

OUR CHURCH WEEK: AUGUST 2-8

SUN 8/2	9:15 AM 9:30 AM	Prayer Worship Service
MON 8/3	5:30 PM 7:00 PM	Wellness Warriors (YB) Praise 9 Practice
SAT 8/8	8-9 AM	Freedom in Christ Bible Study (YB)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Christmas Shoebox Collection: Thank you for your continued support of Operation Christmas Child. Throughout **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. There is a “Christmas Shoebox Tote” labeled for the donations needed each month located in the Fellowship Hall. Please feel free to purchase any of these items at any time as we greatly appreciate all the support. Monetary contributions are accepted as well.

J.O.Y. Group Event (for ages 60+): We look forward to gathering at Rozeveld’s Pond & Lodge on Tuesday, August 11 at 12:30 pm. Join us for pizza, root beer floats and wonderful fellowship! Bring your own lawn chairs. Everyone is welcome to wade, swim or fish in the pond (just bring your own equipment). We will also set up corn-hole boards for an extra activity. The address is 3140 W. Falmouth Road; McBain, MI 49657. Please sign-up at the information table if you plan to attend to help us plan for food and activities.

Versiti Blood of MI will be here Wednesday, August 12 from 1-6:30 pm for our community blood drive. To scheduled your next blood donation, call (866) 642-5663 or visit Versiti.org/MI.

Sleep in Heavenly Peace UPDATE: It's official! Our first Highland CRC Sleep in Heavenly Peace Bed Build will be Saturday, August 22 from 10 AM-2 PM. There will be two shifts to sign up for and sign up will be available beginning next week. We will have a QR code to scan. If you'd like help signing up, we will be in the Fellowship Hall every Sunday in August. You'll need your phone to sign up, but it's quick and easy! There will be a lunch provided so if you'd like to help with that, please reach out to Jackie Schmid. Thank you for all your support! Any questions, contact Al Thomas or Todd Schmid.

****Sign-up Sundays**** will be held August 23 and August 30 in the fellowship hall. Each Ministry Team will have a table set up with information about the different opportunities they have for volunteers. A few specific needs we have this year are an Education Team Leader, High School Catechism Teacher, Children and Worship Coordinator and more male praise team singers. Please consider these roles over the next few weeks.