

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

GREETERS – Please arrive by 9:15 am

August 3	South: Jon & Michelle Dracht; North: Kevin & Jodi DeHate
August 10	South: Paul & Jan Rivera; North: Curt & Becky Wemple
August 17	South: Kyle & Abby Meyering; North: Al & Anne Thomas
August 24	South: Hilda Cruz; North: Greg & DaNay Tossey

NURSERY – Please arrive by 9:15 am

August 3	Barb Dore, Addean Oeverman, Jodi Meyering, Harper Tossey
August 10	Tami Eisenga, Mikayla Powers, Mary Rees, Gracyn Swiler
August 17	DaNay Tossey, Jackie Schmid, Bev Taylor, Emma Lee
August 24	Megan Plugger, Cindy Vennema, Patti Koop, Penny Bruno

CHILDREN'S CHURCH – (September – May)

****SUMMER BREAK – No Children's Church****

SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT

August 3	Kyle Meyering, Dan Ouwinga, Tami Eisenga
August 10	Matt Thompson, Deb Eisenga, Jodi DeHate
August 17	Kyle Meyering, Dan Ouwinga, Deborah Ouwinga
August 24	Cary Sikkema, Kaylie Benthem, Deborah Ouwinga

USHERS – Please arrive by 9:15 am

August	Steve Meeuwenberg, Jim Ouwinga, Devon Dracht, Aaron Plugger
September	Jonathan Ouwinga, Jon Dracht, Bryan Eisenga, Paul Shaarda

2ND OFFERINGS:

AUGUST: 3rd: Booster Club
10th: Friends Ministry
17th: Benevolence
24th: Capital Improvement Fund
31st: Marion Food Pantry

Thank you to all of our dedicated volunteers!

If you are interested in serving in any of these areas, please contact Sara in the church office at (231) 825-2171 or office@highlandcrc.org



August 3, 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 10:40 am – 11:30 am (Sept-May)	(231) 825-2171

Welcome to
HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
Morning Worship Service – 9:30 am
August 3, 2025

The People of God Gather:

Prelude: *Out of His Great Love*
Welcome & God’s Greeting
Greet One Another

To Praise God in Song:

Praise Him! Praise Him! (vs 1-3)
Psalm 34:1-8
The Solid Rock (vs 1-3)
Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God

Announcements
Congregational Prayer

To Proclaim God’s Word

Children’s Message: Pastor David McBride
Song of Preparation: Nothing but the Blood (vs 1, 3 & 4)
Scripture: Matthew 5:38-42, 1 Corinthians 4:10-17
Sermon: *Telling the Crazy Story of God’s Love*
Prayer of Response
Song of Response/Offertory: *Do You Know Jesus? (Medley)*
Today’s Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: Booster Club

To Go in God’s Name

God’s Blessing
Closing Song: *The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power*
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 **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:
August 3: Rev. David McBride
August 10: Rev. Mark Bonnes
August 17: Rev. Ashley Bonnes
August 24: Rev. Mark Bonnes
August 31: Rev. Mark Bonnes

HIGHLAND COUNCIL

Council Officers for 2025:

President	Mark Eisenga	Pastor Mark Bonnes Pastor Ashley Bonnes <i>*Please contact the church office for contact information (231) 825-2171</i>
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:

Phone: (231) 825-2171
Email: office@highlandcrc.org
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Normal Office Hours:
Mon-Thurs 8:30 am – 2 pm
*bulletin announcements will still due by NOON on Thursday.

MINISTRY LEADERS:

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

AREA EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED:

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.

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!

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 at 5:30 pm for an informational picnic at the Keith Dick's barn (2431 E. Workman Rd., Falmouth, MI). 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.

PRAYER CONNECTIONS:

- Please continue to wrap **Bob and Lori Hesselink** and their family in prayers for comfort and strength each day.
- Please continue to lift up fervent prayers for **Colter Bailey**, youngest son of Justin and Kait (Eisenga) Bailey. Colter was diagnosed with neuroblastoma earlier this spring. The chemo treatments have been extremely hard on his little body resulting in extreme nausea & vomiting. He had a feeding tube placed this past Thursday to help provide nourishment.
- **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.

OUR MISSIONARIES:

- **Josh & Mandy Shaarda Family** (Serving in Uganda)
Email: jshaarda@crnapartners.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).

OUR CHURCH WEEK: AUGUST 3-9		
SUN 08/03	9:15 AM	Prayer
	9:30 AM	Worship Service
FRI 08/08	All Day	Carpet Cleaning (Fellowship Hall & Nursery)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

We welcome **Pastor David McBride** as he leads our time of worship this morning.

Church Offices Closed:

- 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.

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 will be 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!

Our next **Versiti Blood Community Blood Drive** will be held in the fellowship hall on August 13 from 1-6:30 pm. Every donation can save up to 3 lives. Please consider taking just a moment of your time to make a life-saving donation. To schedule, please call 866-642-5663 or visit Versiti.org/mi. Helpful tip: eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating.

Raspberry Jam for Highland is still available in the church kitchen freezer by donation only. 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. Please place all donations in the red jar in the church office.

Save the Date: Highland’s Annual Church Picnic is scheduled for August 31 beginning with dinner at 5:00 pm. BBQ, drinks, dinnerware and ice-cream will be provided. Please bring a dish or 2 to pass. Also, please remember to sign up for the Corn-hole tournament before you eat!

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE AT HIGHLAND:

Ministry Sign-up Sundays will be held in the fellowship hall on August 17 & 24 following the worship services. Each Ministry team will have a table set up to provide you with information on the various ways we can serve Highland Church and our community. Don’t let this opportunity pass you by!

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.

GEMS/Centershot: The Education team would like to welcome Nicole Koetje as the new GEMS director in the upcoming Family Night season. We are still looking for a new Centershot director for the boys. If you are interested in this role or would like more information, please contact Megan Pluger as soon as possible before our Family Night season begins in October.

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.

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 this Saturday, 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!