

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

GREETERS – Please arrive by 9:15 am	
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
August 30	South: Dale & Bev Taylor; North: Paul & Carole Shaarda
NURSERY – Please arrive by 9:15 am	
August 9	Cam Mulder, Sue Meeuwenberg, Lilly Schoch
August 16	Diane Nemeth, Barb Dore, Carly McCrimmon
August 23	Megan Pluger, Cindy Vennema, Aubrynn Bazuin
August 30	DaNay Tossey, Bev Taylor, Natalie Veddler
CHILDREN’S CHURCH – (September – May; Sundays Only)	
-----	**Summer Break** Children’s Church will resume September 13
SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT	
August 9	Matt Thompson, Dan Ouwinga, Tami Eisenga
August 16	Kyle Meyering, Deb Eisenga, Jodi DeHate
August 23	Cary Sikkema, Kaylie Benthem, Deborah Ouwinga
August 30	Matt Thompson, Jon Ouwinga, Micah Chrispell
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 9, 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
Sunday School & Catechism:
10:40 am - 11:30 am (Sept-May)

9034 23 Mile Rd; Marion, MI
(231) 825-2171
www.highlandcrc.org



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

This morning we welcome **Pastor David McBride** as he leads our time in worship.

The People of God Gather:

Prelude: *Across the Lands*
Welcome & God’s Greeting
Greet One Another

To Praise God in Song:
Come, Now is the Time to Worship
Be Unto Your Name
Psalm 104:1-2 & 24
Across the Lands (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: *Firm Foundation*

Scripture: Matthew 25:31-46
Sermon Title: Have You Seen Jesus?
Song of Response/Offertory: *Turn Your Eyes*
Today’s Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: Friends Ministry

To Go in God’s Name
God’s Blessing
Closing Song: *The Blessing*
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 9: Rev. David McBride
Next Council Meetings: Monday, August 10, 2026	August 16: Rev. Mark Bonnes
6:30 pm Elders	August 23: Rev. Mark Bonnes
7:00 pm Deacons	August 30 : Rev. Mark Bonnes
7:30 pm Full Council	September 6 : Rev. Mark Bonnes
	September 13 : Rev. Mark Bonnes

HIGHLAND COUNCIL:

Council Officers for 2026:

President	Steve Meeuwenberg	Pastor Mark Bonnes Pastor Ashley Bonnes Please contact our church office for directory assistance (231) 825-2171
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.

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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>
 - The Shaarda family arrived safely back in Hudsonville where they will stay until mid-January.
 - They will be at Highland CRC on September 20.
- **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).

WE WANT TO PRAY FOR YOU:

At Highland, we strive to lift each other, in the good times and bad, up in prayer and we have a few ways of doing that:

- **The Prayer Chain** is a phone call sent out by the church office to the congregation to request prayer for a specific urgent matter that is approved by the individual or immediate family for public knowledge. **To request a prayer chain be started, please contact an Elder, Pastor, or the church office. If you are not already a part of the Prayer Chain but wish to be added, please contact the church office at (231) 825-2171.
- **Prayer Warriors:** These individuals are dedicated to confidential and consistent prayer over specific needs and concerns that might not yet be public knowledge. **If you have a prayer request for one of our Prayer Warriors, or if you would like to become a Prayer Warrior, please contact Sandy Rice directly.

OUR CHURCH WEEK: AUGUST 9-15

SUN 8/9	9:15 AM 9:30 AM	Prayer Worship Service
MON 8/10	5:30 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM 7:30 PM	Wellness Warriors (YB) Elders Meeting Deacons Meeting Council Meeting
TUES 8/11	12:30 PM	J.O.Y. Group at Rozeveld's Lodge
WED 8/12	1-6:30 PM	Versiti Blood Drive (FH)
FRI 8/14	All Day	Church Use
SAT 8/15	8-9 AM All Day	Freedom in Christ Bible Study (alternate location) Church Use - Wedding

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Council Meetings are scheduled for this Monday, August 10. See times noted above.

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.

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.

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.

Thank you to everyone that donated watermelons, cut them up, or participated in the kids' games, or watermelon eating contest! We had a great turnout for the day even with the rainy weather, and had a great time just showing some love to our community. Special thanks to Bill and Vicki Mosher for once again hauling the coolers of watermelon with their side by side around town for us to hand out the leftovers. ~ Highland Outreach

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.

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

****New Date** Project Canefire Picnic:** a non-denominational hands-on ministry to the Dominican Republic is hosting an informational picnic for all former volunteers and new interested volunteers and their families along with staff on Tues. August 25 at 5:30 pm (meal at 6) at the Keith Dick Barn at 2431 E. Workman Rd., Falmouth, MI. The meal is free. Please join us to hear about being a part of a well crew to provide fresh water, being a part of a construction crew to build new homes and churches, or to join the sewing team bringing sewing machines to groups of ladies and teaching classes. The date for the 2027 trip will be Jan. 26 - Feb. 9. Hope to see you along with your families. Any questions, contact Paul Benthem (231) 667-7200 or Betsy Diemer (231) 878-9880.