

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

GREETERS – Please arrive by 9:15 am

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
August 31	South: Dave & Linda Wing; North: Todd & Jackie Schmid

NURSERY – Please arrive by 9:15 am

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
August 31	Brooke Benthem, Lizelle Bazuin, Julie Dorman, Amara Beerens

CHILDREN’S CHURCH – (September – May)

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

SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT

August 10	Matt Thompson, Deb Eisenga, Jodi DeHate
August 17	Kyle Meyering, Dan Ouwinga, Deborah Ouwinga
August 24	Cary Sikkema, Kaylie Benthem, Deborah Ouwinga
August 31	Matt Thompson, Jon Ouwinga, Tami Eisenga

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 10, 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 10, 2025

The People of God Gather:

Prelude
Welcome & God’s Greeting
Greet One Another

To Praise God in Song:

He Will Hold Me Fast
Psalm 73: 25-26
All I Need Is You
Find Us Faithful
Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God

Announcements
Congregational Prayer

To Proclaim God’s Word

Children’s Message: Pastor Mark Bonnes
Song of Preparation: *All For Jesus (vs 1-2)*
Scripture: Colossians 3:18-21
Sermon: *The Real Picture-Perfect Family*
Prayer of Response
Song of Response/Offertory: *A Christian Home (vs 1-3)*
Today’s Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: Friends Ministry

To Go in God’s Name

God’s Blessing
Closing Song: *Revive Us Again (vs 3-4)*
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 *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:

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:

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.

Position Available: Northern Michigan Christian School is seeking a custodian to begin September 1, 2025. This can be one full-time position or can be divided into two part-time positions. The hours are from 3:00-11:00 PM. If you are interested, or wish to apply please contact Mr. Curell via email at scurell@nmcs.us or call Mr. Curell at the school (231)825-2492. Thank you!

The Blank Canvas Tour with Jason David: Sunday, September 7 at 5pm: Lake City CRC is excited to bring Jason David, cancer survivor and recording artist to our area! You are invited to join him at 5 pm at the Lake City High School gym for an amazing live theatrical experience combining a motivational message, stand-up comedy, visual effects, music and much more! All are welcome!

Notes:

THANK YOU

Great Big **Thank you** to everyone that helped with the Old Fashioned Days event on August 2. We had a blast with the kids’ games and the watermelon contest. We appreciate everyone that donated watermelon, their time, and effort. Special thanks to Bill and Vickie Mosher for driving their side by side up and down main street helping us distribute left over watermelon.

PRAYER CONNECTIONS:

- Please continue to wrap **Bob and Lori Hesselink** and their family in prayers for comfort and strength each day for Bob through his cancer journey and for healing for Lori who had surgery this past Tuesday to remove a kidney stone.
- **Dick Bruno’s** back surgery this past Tuesday to address a herniated disc went well. Please pray for healing and comfort in the coming weeks.
- Our condolences to **Larry & Marilyn Visser** and their family in the passing of Marilyn’s brother, Robert Heyboer on Thursday, July 31, 2025. He was 80. His obituary is available at <https://www.vanderlaanfuneralhome.net/obituaries/Robert-Jay-Heyboer>
- Our Condolences to **BJ & Sue Cook** and their family in the passing of BJ’s mom, Marilyn “Mitzi” Cook this past Monday, August 4, 2025. She was 93. A celebration of Mitzi’s life will be held at the United Methodist Church of Petoskey on August 16 at 3:00 pm. The family is being served by LJ Griffin Funeral Home of Northville, MI. The full online obituary is available at <https://www.griffinfuneralhome.com/obits>.
- Your continued prayers for **Colter Bailey** are greatly appreciated. Colter has been battling neuroblastoma since the spring. Please pray for strength, healing and relief from the side effects of the chemo treatments.
- **Peggy Booher** has been undergoing additional testing and consults for a fracture in her spine. Please pray for solutions to become available soon and for relief for Peggy.

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).

OUR CHURCH WEEK: AUGUST 10-16

SUN 8/10	9:15 AM 9:30 AM	Prayer Worship Service
MON 8/11	6:30 PM 7:00 PM 7:30 PM	Elders Meeting Deacons Meeting Council Meeting
WED 8/13	1-6:30 PM	Versiti Blood Drive
FRI 8/15	All Day	Fellowship Hall & Nursery Closed for Carpet Cleaning

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Congratulations to Nick & Sarah Brinks on the arrival of their son, **Beckett Jay Brinks** born on July 27, 2025 in Traverse City. He weighed 7 pounds and 14 ounces. We give praise to God that everyone is home & doing well.

Council Meetings will be held Monday, August 11.

Versiti Blood of Michigan will be here this Wednesday, August 13 from 1-6:30 pm for a Community Blood Drive in the fellowship. 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.

Save the NEW Date: Highland’s Annual Church Picnic has been moved up to **August 24** in order to avoid conflicts with the Labor Day weekend. The night will begin with dinner at 5:00 pm. BBQ, drinks, dinnerware and ice-cream will be provided. Please bring a dish or 2 to pass. The evening will also include a slip ‘n slide for the kids and a corn-hole tournament—sign-up before dinner!

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!

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.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE AT HIGHLAND:

****Ministry Sign-up Sundays**** will begin next Sunday, August 17 & August 24 in the fellowship hall following the morning 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!

The Education Team is looking for help in the following areas: If you are interested in any of these available opportunities, please contact Megan Pluger:

- **Sunday School Superintendent(s)** for the upcoming school year.
- **Centershot Leader** needed for the upcoming Family night season starting in October; The Education team would like to welcome Nicole Koetje as the new GEMS Leader in the upcoming season.

AREA EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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 Conference: Men and women, you're invited to the Bible League Conference *LISTEN, LOVE, REPEAT* on September 5 at Friendship CRC in Byron Center. Our keynote speaker, Alicia Bruxvoort —Proverbs 31 Ministries speaker, and devotional and Bible study author—will talk about how keeping company with Jesus equips us to walk together and embrace the *wonder of with*. 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!