

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

GREETERS – Please arrive by 9:15 am	
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
September 6	South: Den & Bev Kamphouse; North: Jon & Michelle Dracht
NURSERY – Please arrive by 9:15 am	
August 16	Diane Nemeth, Barb Dore, Carly McCrimmon
August 23	Megan Pluger, Cindy Vennema, Aubrynn Bazuin
August 30	DaNay Tossey, Bev Taylor, Natalie Veddler
September 6	Jackie Schmid, Megan Pluger, Tucker Bonnes
CHILDREN’S CHURCH – (September – May; Sundays Only)	
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SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT	
August 16	Kyle Meyering, Dan Ouwinga, Jodi DeHate
August 23	Cary Sikkema, Kaylie Benthem, Deborah Ouwinga
August 30	Matt Thompson, Jon Ouwinga, Micah Chrispell
September 6	Cary Sikkema, Deb Eisenga, Tami Eisenga
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	September: 6 th : Booster Club 13 th : Project Christmas 20 th : George & Sarah De Vuyst 27 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 16, 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 16, 2026

The People of God Gather:

Prelude
Welcome & God’s Greeting
Greet One Another

To Praise God in Song:
That’s Why We Praise Him (vs 1-2)
John 8:12
Shine, Jesus Shine (vs 1-3)
You Are My All In All (vs 1-2)
Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God
Announcements
Congregational Prayer

To Proclaim God’s Word
Children’s Message: Devon Dracht
Song of Preparation: *Speak Oh Lord (vs 1 & 3)*
Scripture: Nahum 1

Sermon Title: *No More, Nineveh!*
Song of Response/Offertory: *Yet Not I, But Through Christ In Me (vs 1-4)*
Today’s Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: Benevolence

To Go in God’s Name
God’s Blessing
Closing Song: *We Receive Your 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, September 14, 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 Dykhous
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.

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.

COMMUNITY EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Refocus & Refuel Youth Event: TONIGHT, 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. This event will be held at Lake City CRC at 1657 S. Morey Rd, Lake City, MI 49651

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 at 1657 S. Morey Rd, Lake City, MI 49651

****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.

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.

THANK YOU

Dear Highland Church, thank you all so much for the outpouring of love, prayers, cards and visits following the loss of baby Jensen. His parents and our entire family greatly appreciate your continued prayers. ~Pearl, Aaron & Nicole Koetje and family

PRAYER CONNECTIONS:

Mark Eisenga underwent neck surgery this past Friday, August 14. Please pray for healing and relief from pain.

Back to School Prayer Gathering: Our whole community is welcome to join us to prayer over a new school year--for our kids, teachers, and staff--as they lead and educate the next generation. Bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit us on and join us on the front lawn of the McBain school at 4 pm on Sunday, August 23.

Chris Sheats Update: Continued prayers are appreciated as Chris and family as they await surgery to stabilize the lower portion of Chris’ spine since multiple vertebrae were significantly damaged by the Myeloma. Recovery after is expected to take 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. They are currently awaiting coordination of schedules between various departments. Please pray for patience during that wait and for healing afterward.

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).

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 call the 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.**

COUNCIL CORNER • AUGUST 10, 2026

- **Nominations for Elder/Deacon:** It is that time of year that council is considering names for elder/deacon. If you wish to nominate someone please contact a current council member or put your nominations in the collection plate. Those who are able to serve, we ask that you spend some time over the next month or so praying if God has called you to serve in this capacity.
- **Ministry Needs:** We are currently looking for volunteers to serve as Education Team Leader, MS Youth leaders, HS catechism teacher. Please prayerfully consider if these are places God is calling you to serve.

TREASURER’S REPORT: JULY 2026

July General Fund		2nd Offerings	
5th	4,521.00	Booster Club	997.00
12th	4,051.00	Marion Food Pantry	914.00
19th	6,813.00	REV Moms	826.00
26th	5,786.64	Capital Improvement	1,149.00
Total July Offerings	21,171.64		
Budget needed weekly	6,627.06	Parking Lot Fund	52,512.50
Times 30 weeks	198,811.85		
Received to date	<u>203,882.76</u>		
Balance	5,070.91		

OUR CHURCH WEEK: AUGUST 16-22

SUN 8/16	9:15 AM 9:30 AM	Prayer Worship Service
MON 8/17	5:30 PM	Wellness Warriors (YB)
SAT 8/22	10:00-11:30 AM 12:30-2:00 PM	SHP Bed Build – Shift 1 SHP Bed Build – Shift 2

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Congratulations to **Nathan and Alaina (Rozeveld) Eisenga**, who were united in marriage this past Saturday, August 15 here at Highland Church.

Sleep in Heavenly Peace: Our Bed Build is happening this Saturday, August 22 right here at Highland by the Youth Building. We need to have volunteers register ahead of time. There are two time slots you can register for, 10:00-11:30 and 12:30-2:00. There will be a lunch from 11:30-12:30. We really need volunteers in the afternoon. If you would like to sign up and haven't, please see us by the bunk bed in the Fellowship Hall after church. If you would like to help with the lunch, please talk to Jackie Schmid. Thank you!!!

Starting Next week: **Ministry Sign-up Sundays** will be August 23 & 30 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! Be sure to check out these specific areas we need filled before the fall programs can resume:

- Education Team Coordinator (contact Pastor Mark or Jodi DeHate)
- HS Catechism Teacher (contact Pastor Mark or Pastor Ashley)
- MS Youth Leaders (contact Cindy Vennema)
- Male Praise Team Singers (contact Hilda Cruz)

SAVE THE DATE: Highland’s Annual Church Picnic will be August 31. The night will begin with dinner at 5:00 pm. Pulled pork, drinks and dinnerware 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 (make sure you sign-up before dinner!)

Children at the Table: Our next opportunity to celebrate **Communion** will be on September 13. Parents, if you know your child is ready to receive communion, we encourage but do not require you to inform an elder. The elders would also like to encourage families who have not discussed communion with their children to make time to do so before September 13. We have made resources available on the information table to help with those discussions.