

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

GREETERS – Please arrive by 9:15 am

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| Aug 17 | South: Kyle & Abby Meyering; North: Al & Anne Thomas |
| Aug 24 | South: Hilda Cruz; North: Greg & DaNay Tossey |
| Aug 31 | South: Dave & Linda Wing; North: Todd & Jackie Schmid |
| Sept 7 | South: Jerry & Diane Nemeth; North: Scott & Karen Oeverman |

NURSERY – Please arrive by 9:15 am

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| Aug 17 | DaNay Tossey, Jackie Schmid, Bev Taylor, Emma Lee |
| Aug 24 | Megan Pluger, Cindy Vennema, Patti Koop, Penny Bruno |
| Aug 31 | Brooke Benthem, Lizelle Bazuin, Julie Dorman, Amara Beerens |
| Sept 7 | Bev Kamphouse, Kasey McQuestion, Shari Benthem, Elijah Rees |

CHILDREN’S CHURCH – (September – May)

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

SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT

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| August 17 | Kyle Meyering, Dan Ouwinga, Micah Chrispell & Tami Eisenga |
| August 24 | Cary Sikkema, Kaylie Benthem, Deborah Ouwinga |
| August 31 | Matt Thompson, Jon Ouwinga, Tami Eisenga |
| Sept 7 | Cary Sikkema, Deb Eisenga, Jodi DeHate |

USHERS – Please arrive by 9:15 am

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

2ND OFFERINGS:

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| AUGUST: | 3 rd : Booster Club | SEPTEMBER | 7 th : Booster Club |
| | 10 th : Friends Ministry | | 14 th : Project Christmas |
| | 17 th : Benevolence | | 21 st : REV Moms |
| | 24 th : Capital Improvement Fund | | 28 th : Capital Improvement Fund |
| | 31 st : Marion Food Pantry | | |
| **Parking Lot Pledge Envelopes can be turned in at any time** | | | |

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 17, 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

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| 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 17, 2025

The People of God Gather:

Prelude
Welcome & God’s Greeting
Greet One Another

To Praise God in Song:
How Great Thou Art (vs 1-3)
Ephesians 2:4-9
Grace Alone (vs 1-2)
Change My Heart O God
Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God
Announcements
Congregational Prayer

To Proclaim God’s Word
Children’s Message: Erin McPherson
Song of Preparation: Speak O Lord (vs 2-3)

Scripture: Colossians 4:2-6
Sermon: “Prayin’ and Snappin’ up Opportunities”

Prayer of Response
Song of Response/Offertory: *What A Friend We Have In Jesus (vs 1-3)*
Today’s Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: Benevolence

To Go in God’s Name
God’s Blessing
Closing Song: *Be Thou My Vision (vs 1-2)*
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, September 8, 2025
6:30 pm Elders
7:00 pm Deacons
7:30 pm Full Council

Preaching Schedule:
August 17: Rev. Ashley Bonnes
August 24: Rev. Mark Bonnes
August 31: Rev. Mark Bonnes
September 7: Rev. Mark Bonnes
September 14: Rev. Doug Smith

HIGHLAND COUNCIL

Council Officers for 2025:

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

J.O.Y. Group Event: As summer winds down, we look forward to gathering at Rozeveld’s Pond & Lodge on Tuesday, September 9 at 12:30 pm. Join us for pizza, root beer floats and wonderful fellowship! Bring along your 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. Hope to see you there! Please sign-up at the information table if you plan to attend to help us plan for food and activities.

Highland’s Annual ORV ride will be September 28 this year. Details to follow in the coming weeks.

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!

AREA EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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 & 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!

DIRECTORY UPDATE/NEW ADDRESS:

Bonnie Veddler has moved to Green Acres in Cadillac. *(Personal contact information is not posted online, please contact our church office for directory assistance)*

PRAYER CONNECTIONS:

Please continue to wrap **Bob and Lori Hesselink** and their family in prayers for comfort and strength each day.

Dick Bruno was able to come home this past Monday. Please pray for healing and comfort in the coming weeks.

Your continued prayers for **Colter Bailey** are greatly appreciated. Colter has been battling neuroblastoma since the spring. He went in for round 4 of treatments this past week. Please pray for strength, healing and relief from any side effects.

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 from pain.

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).

HIGHLAND COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

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AUGUST 11, 2025

New Members: Nick and Rose Ouwinga met with the elders for Profession of Faith. We look forward to them making Public Profession of Faith on **August 24**.

Parking Lot: As of August 10, We have currently collected \$26,424 towards the \$106,000 needed. We thank everyone for their generosity. We will continue to collect the money needed through pledge envelopes, collections, and also any checks earmarked toward the project.

Names for Council: Council is beginning the process of collecting names for nominations for council. If you would like to nominate someone to be an elder or deacon, you may either tell a current council member or write the name and position on a piece of paper and place it in the collection plate.

Updated Wedding Policy: Council has updated the wedding policy for Highland. The only major change is that we will no longer allow wedding receptions on church grounds. We welcome couples to hold their wedding rehearsal dinners and ceremonies at church, but will no longer give them the option to host their wedding reception at the church. This is due to increased liability, additional staffing needed and the additional logistics involved with today’s typical wedding reception.

TREASURER’S REPORT - JULY, 2025

| July General Fund | | 2nd Offerings: | |
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| 6th | 4,474.00 | Booster Club | 1,015.00 |
| 13th | 8,794.00 | George & Sarah DeVuyst | 1,333.00 |
| 20th | 4,482.00 | Parking Lot | 25,874.00 |
| 27th | 9,771.07 | Capital Improvement | 1,262.00 |
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| Total July Offerings | 27,521.07 | | |
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| Budget needed weekly | 6,341.59 | | |
| Times 30 weeks | 190,247.62 | | |
| Received to date | <u>192,626.87</u> | | |
| Balance | 2,379.25 | | |

OUR CHURCH WEEK: AUGUST 17-23

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| SUN 8/17 | 9:15 AM | Prayer |
| | 9:30 AM | Worship Service |
| | 10:40-11:15 AM | Sign-up Sundays – Week 1 |
| | 4:00 PM | Community Prayer for our Schools on the front lawn of McBain Public School |
| WED 8/20 | 3-5:00 PM | CIC Meeting (Youth Building) |
| | 7:00 PM | JUMP Practice |

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

****Ministry Sign-up Sundays**** August 17 & 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. This can be 1-2 individuals or a couple from any age group. This could include parent(s) of current students or people whose kids are grown but have a heart for guiding future generations toward Christ.
- **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.

Community Prayer for the School Year - Everyone is invited to join together on the front lawn of McBain Public school on Sunday, August 17 at 4:00 pm for a time of prayer over the students, faculty and staff of our local schools. Please bring a lawn chair or blanket.

Professions of Faith: We look forward to celebrating the public profession of faith of Nick & Rose Ouwinga next Sunday, August 24.

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!

Communion is scheduled for September 7.

Sunday School, Catechism and Children’s Church will resume September 7.