

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

NURSERY

- Aug 18** Kasey McQuestion, Shari Benthem, Jan Rivera, Jayden Benthem
Aug 25 Karen Oeverman, Dana Baas, Beck Wemple, Charlotte Thomas
Sept 1 Diane Eisenga, Steph VanHouten, Ruth Kulhawick, Madelyn Oeverman
Sept 8 Nicole Schultz, Maggie Southwick, Donna Veddler, Emerson Tossey

CHILDREN’S CHURCH

Children’s Church will resume September 8

SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT

- Aug 18** Matt Thomson, Deb Eisenga, Tami Eisenga
Aug 25 Cary Sikkema, Kaylie Benthem, Kendra Jenema
Sept 1 Kyle Meyering, Jon Ouwinga, Jodi DeHate
Sept 8 Cary Sikkema, Dan Ouwinga, Deborah Ouwinga

USHERS

- Aug.** Dan Ouwinga, Kyle Veltema, Kevin DeHate, Ken Roede
Sept. Jonathan Ouwinga, James Bazuin, Scott Oeverman, Steve Meeuwenberg

GREETERS – PLEASE ARRIVE BY 9:15 AM

- Aug 18** South: Jerry & Diane Nemeth; North: Scott & Karen Oeverman
Aug 25 South: Larry & Marilyn Visser; North: Lindsay & Amana Beerens
Sept 1 South: Matt & Carrie Thompson; North: Devon & Hillary Dracht
Sept 8 South: Bob & Cindy Vennema; North: C.J. & Sara Bruno

2ND OFFERINGS:

- | August: | September: |
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| 4 th : Booster Club | 1 st : Booster Club |
| 11 th : Friends Ministry | 8 th : Matt & Emily Slack |
| 18 th : Benevolence | 15 th : Love INC |
| 25 th : Existing Building Fund | 22 nd : Project Christmas |
| | 29 th : Existing Building Fund |

If you are unavailable to serve on your scheduled day, please find a replacement.
If you need directory assistance, please call the church office at (231) 825-2171.



August 18, 2024

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

**Welcome to
HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
Morning Worship Service – 9:30 am
August 18, 2024**

The People of God Gather:

Prelude
Welcome & God's Greeting
Greet One Another

To Praise God in Song:

All Hail, King Jesus
O Worship the King (vs 1,2,5)
I Love You, Lord
Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God

Announcements
Congregational Prayer

To Proclaim God's Word

Children's Message: Al Thomas
Song of Preparation: *Speak O Lord (vs 1,2)*
Scripture: Song of Songs 8:5b-7
Message: *The Best Kind of Duet*
Prayer of Response
Offertory: *In Christ Alone (vs 1,2,4)*

Today's Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: Benevolence

To Go in God's Name

God's blessing
Closing Song: *People of God (vs*
Postlude

- **Nursery** is available year-round downstairs for children ages 0 - 3 years old.
- **Children's Church** (for children ages 3-Kindergarten will resume September 8.
- **Children's Bulletins** are available on the information table in the Fellowship Hall.

COUNCIL CORNER:

Next Council Meetings:

Monday, September 9
6:30 pm Elders
7:00 pm Deacons
7:30 pm Full Council

Preaching Schedule:

Aug 4 – Josh & Mandy Shaarda
Aug 11 – Rev. Mark Bonnes
Aug 18 – Rev. Mark Bonnes
Aug 25 – Rev. Ashley Bonnes

Officers for 2024:

President	Don Eisenga	Pastor Mark Bonnes Pastor Ashley Bonnes *personal contact info is not posted online. Please call the church office.
Vice President	Bob Vennema	
Clerk	Alan Baas	
Sec. of Deacons	Kyle Meyering	
Vice Treas.	Curt Wemple	

Districts for 2024:

Elders	District	Deacons
Jerry Nemeth	#1, A-C	Carrie Thompson
Alan Baas	#2, D-E	Kyle Meyering
Bob Vennema	#3, F-L	Curt Wemple
Mark Eisenga	#4, M-O	Gary Hesselink
Don Eisenga	#5, P-T	Scott Oeverman
Don Ellens	#6, U-Z	Anne Thomas

OFFICE CONTACT INFO:

Phone: (231) 825-2171
Email: office@highlandcrc.org

Office Hours 8/19-8/22:

Mon. 8/19: Closed
Tues. – Thurs: 8:30 am - 2:00 pm
Fri. – Sun: Closed

**All bulletin announcements must be submitted to the church office by noon on Thursdays.

MINISTRY LEADERS:

Care & Fellowship Team - Cindy Vennema
Education Team - Megan Pluger
Facilities Team - Greg Hesselink
Outreach Team - Jodi DeHate
Prayer Team - Sandy Rice
Service Team - Carrie Thompson
Worship Team - DaNay Tossey

Registration is now open for Community Hope's "A Beautiful & Abundant Life" Women's Retreat, being held at Timber Wolf Lake Camp on Sept. 20-22. Women will enjoy beautiful surroundings, inspirational learning and worship sessions, and time for conversation and friendship with others. Keynote Speaker Kelsey Jenney and Worship Leader Amy Swanson will lead general sessions. Women can choose 2 break-out sessions to participate in of 11 offered. For more information and to register, please visit communityhopemc.org/womens-retreat

Tour: Paul's Missionary Journeys in Greece (March 28 - April 8, 2025): Travel by motor coach (7 days) and cruise ship (3 days) to sites connected with Paul's second and third missionary journeys, as well as visit other major sites of biblical, archaeological, and cultural interest. Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading Pauline scholar, hosts this inspirational tour. For more information, contact Dr. Weima at [616-328-3110](tel:616-328-3110) or weimje@calvinseminary.edu.

PRAYER CONNECTIONS:

We continue to lift up in prayer, those that need healing: Marian Ouwinga, Bonnie Veddler, Dale Fredin, Greg Hesselink & Dick Bruno:

Updates:

- ✚ **Don and Marian Ouwinga** received notification this past week that Marian's Polycythemia has now progressed to Acute Leukemia. Please pray for comfort and peace as they process this disheartening diagnosis.
- ✚ **Laurie Witt** was diagnosed with breast cancer this past spring and has since been receiving chemotherapy treatments. Please pray that her lab-work remains stable and for wisdom as they consider surgical options as the next step.
- ✚ **MaryLou Karsten** has been on oxygen for the past month. She would appreciate prayers as they work with Doctors to determine the cause of her symptoms and treatment options.
- ✚ **Dale Fredin** has been receiving chemo treatments. We continue to pray for healing and strength each day and that side-effects will be minimal.
- ✚ **Greg Hesselink** appreciates the continued prayers for healing and reports that each day shows improvement since his recent back surgery.

OUR MISSIONARIES:

*Prayer Letters and Updates are available on our Missions bulletin board:

- ✚ **Josh & Mandy Shaarda & Family** (Serving in Uganda)
Email: jshaarda@crcnapartners.org; Blog: <http://shaarda.blogspot.com>
- ✚ **George & Sarah de Vuyst & Family** (Serving in Ukraine & the U.S.)
Email: gdevuyst@crcna.org; Website: <http://www.devuysts.com>
- ✚ **Matthew & Emily Slack & Family** (Ser

OUR ACTIVE MILITARY:

- ✚ **SSgt, Tyler Bode** (US Airforce; currently stationed in Italy).

PRAYER RESOURCE TABLE

(in the east wing)

Our Prayer Team has collected an assortment of tools to help you establish daily prayer habits. There are materials available for men, women & kids! All we ask is that once you are finished with them, please return them to the prayer table so others can use them too.

PRAYING FOR OUR KIDS

[Parachin, Victor M; Christian Home School; March/April 2002; pgs. 21-23]:

One of the most important things that we can do as parents is to pray for our children. Here is a collection of prayers, one for each day of the month. (see future bulletins for complete collection)

Day 1: For the knowledge of God - Dear God, you command us to be still, and know that you are God (Psalm 46:10). In their busyness may my children have quiet moments in which they think and reflect about you.

Day 2: For salvation - Loving God, the apostle Paul reminds us that the gospel "is the power of God for salvation of everyone who believes" (Romans 1:16). May my children learn to trust in you early in their lives and remain faithfully committed to your ways.

Day 3: For yourself as a parent - Gracious God, fill me with sensitivity and insight into your Word so that I may understand the best ways to guide my children.

Day 4: For Patience - Loving God, although family life is often hectic and busy, help me to listen with patience to the worries, troubles, and problems my children may have.

Day 5: For kindness of speech - Gracious God, many children have been deeply wounded because they have been the brunt of criticism, teasing, and taunting. May my children exhibit kindness of speech. Let the words of Psalm 19:14 be true for my children: "May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight"

Day 6: To recognize faults - Dear God, help my children to recognize when they are wrong. Give them a deep and sincere desire to put things right as quickly as possible.

Day 7: For Love - Gracious God, let my children follow the command of Jesus to "love one another" (John 13:34). Help them love others just as you love them.

Christmas Shoebox: Throughout the year we are collecting items on a monthly basis to help fill our Christmas Shoeboxes this November. For **July/August- SCHOOL SUPPLIES:** Crayons, pencils, pencil sharpeners, glue sticks, markers, rulers, erasers, colored pencils, compasses or protractors, small solar calculators, etc. A tote labeled for the donations each month is in the Fellowship Hall. Please feel free to purchase any of these items at any time as we greatly appreciate all the support.

Marion School Supply Drive: We will be collecting school supplies for Marion Schools and the surrounding area through September 17th. Please keep your eyes open for the following items when out shopping over the next few weeks. A tote will be provided in the fellowship hall.

- Backpacks
- Folders with pockets
- 1-sub. wide-ruled notebooks
- Colored pencils
- Washable Markers
- Head-phones / ear-buds
- #2 Pencils
- Disinfectant wipes
- Hand sanitizer

Attention: Project Canefire staff, former volunteers and new potential volunteers: Project Canefire is having a reunion picnic on Tuesday, August 27 at 5:30 (meal at 6:00) at Keith Dick's barn at 2431 Workman Rd. A picnic meal will be provided so come and fellowship with the board and other volunteers and get information about the upcoming Project Canefire mission trip for 2025. Hope to see you there! Please contact Betsy Diemer at betsydiemer@gmail.com for more information and to rsvp.

Volunteers Needed for DALMAC & Annual Fish Fry: It is that time of year again when we host the DALMAC Riders (Aug 29-30) and have our annual Fish Fry (Sept 13 & 20)! These are great community events that support the student athletes at NMCS. We are looking for your support in order to make these fundraisers happen. We will need workers and donations in order to cut down on our expenses. If you are willing and able please sign up to serve and/or bring in an item donation or two. Please don't hesitate to call and ask any questions. Thank you for all you do for our COMETS! I can't wait to see you all soon!

- Donate Supplies:
https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/P6LHUCJAO6RX/ref=hz_ls_biz_ex?
- DALMAC & Fish Fry Volunteer Sign-up:
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1VemCnX7LUZ7zvakLAB9LA1Zr8wAHQVfZOUxYzBzCsd0/edit?gid=0#gid=0>

Concert: Barney & Nancy Miesse will be at Stahl's Event Barn on September 1 at 6:00 pm to provide a unique musical message. This dynamic couple has been sharing their music with audiences for the past thirteen years all around the country. Barney (guitar and keyboard) and Nancy (autoharp), play and sing traditional hymns and classic country music along with original songs Barney has written. Cookies and fellowship to follow.

OUR CHURCH WEEK: AUGUST 18-24

SUN 8/18	9:15 AM	Prayer
	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	10:30 AM	Ministry Sign-up Sunday
MON 8/19	8:30 -11:30 AM	Office closing at 11:30 am
TUES 8/20	9:30 AM	Ladies Bible Study Brunch
WED 8/21	7:00 PM	JUMP Practice

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Congratulations to Riley & Madelyn (Bentham) Brinks who were united in marriage this past Saturday, August 17 at Highland Church.

Starting TODAY: Ministry Sign-up Sundays will be held in the fellowship hall on August 18 and August 25 following the worship service. Each Ministry team will have a table set up to provide you with information on the various ways we can use our spiritual & physical gifts to serve Highland Church and our community! Don't let this opportunity pass you by!

Modified Office Hours: The church office will be closing at 11:30 am on Monday, August 19.

The Tuesday Morning Bible Study Ladies will be holding their summer brunch on Tuesday, August 20 at 9:30 am in the fellowship hall. **Bible Study lessons will resume in September. Any ladies interested in joining the Bible study group this fall are invited to attend the brunch as well!

Marion Schools Mentoring Program: The Marion Elementary School is looking for mentoring volunteers for the 2024-2025 school year! This program would be similar to Kid's Hope, in that it will ask for a one hour (approximate) time commitment from all mentors. All mentors will be paired with students through a school/teacher referral process. It will be somewhat different in that the school will also be reaching out to community members, retired teachers, etc. to help fill the mentoring roles as well and it will be monitored by the counselor and/or superintendent at the school, as opposed to a director through Highland. If you are interested in a mentorship role, please sign up on the sheet on the information table. Please reach out to Carrie Thompson or the church office if you have any additional questions!

Next Sunday: The Annual Highland Church Picnic will be Sunday, August 25 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!

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

August 12, 2024

- Update on Finances:** Thank you for everyone's generosity. We are on track to meet the budget this year.
- Facilities Projects:** Grass continues to grow, thank you to all the landscapers and people who are watering. The first week(s) of September we are scheduled to have the roof replaced. Gutters will go up after that. Thank you for all the volunteers who have worked so far this year. Thank you for staying off the growing grass.
- New Council Members:** Letters have been sent out for nominees for council. Please pray for those considering letting their name stand. Please also pray a prayer of thanksgiving for God who has provided good leadership in the past and will continue to do so in the future.
- Classis Northern Michigan:** On Tuesday, September 24, Pastor Mark and Don Eisenga will be delegates to the semi-annual classis meeting held at Friendship CRC in Gaylord.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

July General Fund:		2nd Offerings:	
7th	5,739.00	Booster Club	638.00
14th	7,716.00	Oasis	911.00
21st	5,211.00	Life Resources	671.00
28th	6,926.54	Church Building Fund	1,097.00
Total July Offerings	29,955.75		
Budget needed weekly	6,471.23		
Times 30 weeks	194,137.03		
Received to date	<u>195,440.48</u>		
Balance	1,303.45		