

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

GREETERS – Please arrive by 9:15 am	
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
September 13	South: Gin Dodde; North: Curt & Becky Wemple
NURSERY – Please arrive by 9:15 am	
August 23	Megan Pluger, Cindy Vennema, Aubrynn Bazuin
August 30	DaNay Tossey, Bev Taylor, Natalie Veddler
September 6	Jackie Schmid, Megan Pluger, Tucker Bonnes
September 13	Sue Meeuwenberg, Lauren Smith, Lilly Schoch
CHILDREN’S CHURCH – (September – May; Sundays Only)	
September 13	Teacher/Helper: TBA
SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT	
August 23	Cary Sikkema, Kaylie Benthem, Deborah Ouwinga
August 30	Matt Thompson, Jon Ouwinga, Micah Chrispell
September 6	Cary Sikkema, Deb Eisenga, Tami Eisenga
September 13	Kyle Meyering, Dan Ouwinga, Jodi DeHate
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 23, 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

9034 23 Mile Rd; Marion, MI

Sunday School & Catechism:

(231) 825-2171

10:40 am - 11:30 am (Sept-May)

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Welcome to
HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
Morning Worship Service – 9:30 am
August 23, 2026

The People of God Gather:

Welcome & God’s Greeting
Greet One Another

To Praise God in Song:
The Lord’s Prayer
Stand In Your Love
Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God
Announcements
Congregational Prayer

To Proclaim God’s Word
Children’s Message: Anne Thomas
Song of Preparation: Jesus Messiah
Passage: Habakkuk 2:18-20
Sermon: Trust Is A Little Hard Sometimes
Song of Response/Offertory: Made for More
Today’s Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: Benevolence

To Go in God’s Name
God’s Blessing
Closing Song: You Never Let Go
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
Next Council Meetings: Monday, September 14, 2026
6:30 pm Elders
7:00 pm Deacons
7:30 pm Full Council
Preaching Schedule:
August 23: Rev. Mark Bonnes
August 30: Rev. Mark Bonnes
September 6: Rev. Mark Bonnes
September 13: Rev. Mark Bonnes
September 20: Josh Shaarda
September 27: Rev. Mak 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.

NOTES

THANK YOU

- PRAYER CONNECTIONS:**

OUR MISSIONARIES:

- OUR ACTIVE MILITARY:**

- WE WANT TO PRAY FOR YOU:**

- **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 for an extended period of time 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 23-29

SUN 8/23	9:15 AM	Prayer
	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	10:40-11:30 AM	Ministry Sign-up Sundays – week 1
MON 8/24	5:30 PM	Wellness Warriors (YB)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Starting TODAY: **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 our fall programs can resume:

- Education Team Coordinator (contact Pastor Mark or Jodi DeHate)
- Sunday School Teachers/Helpers (see sign-ups or contact Anita Kvasnak)
- MS Youth Leaders (contact Cindy Vennema)

Back to School Prayer Gathering: Our whole community is invited 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 on and join us on the front lawn of the McBain school at 4 pm this Sunday, August 23.

Highland's Annual Church Picnic will be next Sunday, August 30. 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!)

Christmas Shoebox Collection: Thank you for your continued support of Operation Christmas Child. Throughout **July & August**, we are 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.

Soundboard, Video and PowerPoint Training for those interested in any of these rolls will be held Saturday, September 12 at 3:00 pm. Applicants must be age 14+.

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.

Sunday School and MS/HS Catechism are scheduled to start on September 13, from 10:40-11:30 am. Please take a moment this morning to stop by the education table to see what teacher/helper opportunities are waiting for you!

COMMUNITY EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

****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.

VCCRC Youth Director Position: The Vogel Center Church Council is accepting applications for the position of Youth Director. The position is going to be filled as quickly as possible to attempt to coincide with the beginning of the school year. Please submit any applications by September 6. Please contact Al Westmaas (council president, 231-429-0912) or Jerry Quist (vision team, 231-920-1233) for a job description or application.

Men's Retreat at Center Lake Bible Camp: This is the perfect chance to reset, recharge, and refocus. Join us September 25-27 as we explore how God equips ordinary men for meaningful impact. You can expect solid teaching, powerful worship, time outdoors, great food, and a special session with the Guard Strong team. Cost is \$144 per person. You won't regret setting aside this time. For more information and to register, visit www.centerlake.org/mens-retreat.

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