

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

GREETERS – Please arrive by 9:15 am

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
Sept 14	South: Greg & Laura Hesselink; North: Larry & Marilyn Visser

NURSERY – Please arrive by 9:15 am

Aug 24	Megan Plugger, Cindy Vennema, Patti Koop, Penny Bruno
Aug 31	Brooke Benthem, Lizelle Bazuin, Julie Dorman, Amara Beerens
Sept 7	Bev Kamphouse, Shari Benthem, Elijah Rees
Sept 14	Kasey McQuestion, Jan Rivera, Aubrynn Bazuin

CHILDREN’S CHURCH – (September – May)

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

SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT

August 24	Cary Sikkema, Kaylie Benthem, Deborah Ouwinga
August 31	Matt Thompson, Jon Ouwinga, Tami Eisenga
Sept 7	Cary Sikkema, Deb Eisenga, Jodi DeHate
Sept 14	Kyle Meyering, Dan Ouwinga, Deborah Ouwinga

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:	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 24, 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 24, 2025

The People of God Gather:

Welcome & God’s Greeting
Greet One Another

To Praise God in Song:
Raise a Hallelujah!
Lord, I Need You
Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God
Profession of Faith - Nicholas & Rose Ouwinga
Announcements
Congregational Prayer

To Proclaim God’s Word
Children’s Message: Pastor Ashley Bonnes
Song of Preparation: Holy Water

Scripture: Psalm 121
Sermon: A Prayer for the Year Ahead
Prayer of Response
Song of Response/Offertory: *Gratitude*

Today’s Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: Capital Improvement Fund

To Go in God’s Name
God’s Blessing
Closing Song: *Chain Breaker*
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:

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 are 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

Volunteers Needed for DALMAC & Annual Fish Fry: It is that time of year again when we host the DALMAC Riders (Aug 27, 28 & 29) and have our annual Fish Fry (Sept 12 & 19)! 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! See you all soon!

- **Donate Supplies:**
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1VemCnX7LUZ7zvakLAB9LA1Zr8wAHQVfZOUxYzBzCsd0/edit?gid=1228499207#gid=1228499207>
- **DALMAC & Fish Fry Volunteer Sign-up:**
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1VemCnX7LUZ7zvakLAB9LA1Zr8wAHQVfZOUxYzBzCsd0/edit?gid=902474475#gid=902474475>

Notes:

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THANK YOU:

Thank you to our Highland friends and family for all the encouraging thoughts and prayers following the passing of BJ's mom, Mitzi Cook. ~ BJ & Sue Cook & Family.

Thank you again to all of you who so graciously prepare delicious food for funeral lunches! We receive many compliments on the homemade salads and desserts so please know that your generosity is greatly appreciated!

~Funeral Lunch Committee

Thank for your generous support of the Raspberry Jam Fundraiser this summer. Proceeds are evenly divided in support of Life Resources of Northern Michigan and the Highland Booster Club. Jam is still available in the kitchen freezer and donation information is available on the table outside the church office.

PRAYER CONNECTIONS:

Our condolences to **Rick & Julie Dorman** and **Lori & Doug Mitchell** in the passing of their mom, Brenda Dorman on Monday, August 18, 2025. She was 84. A full obituary can be found at <https://www.holdshipfuneralhomes.com/obituary/Brenda-Dorman>

Joe Medendorp is thankful to be home and healing after a fall down his basement steps on August 11. He suffered 5 broken ribs, a collapsed lung and multiple cuts and bruises. Your prayers for continued healing and renewed strength are greatly appreciated.

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

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 chemo side effects.

Continued prayers for **Peggy Booher** are appreciated. Peggy 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).

OUR CHURCH WEEK: AUGUST 24-30		
SUN 8/24	9:15 AM	Prayer
	9:30 AM	Worship Service & Professions of Faith
	10:40-11:15 AM	Sign-up Sundays – Week 2
	5:00 PM	Highland Church Picnic

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

TODAY:

Professions of Faith: This morning we opportunity to celebrate the public professions of faith of Nick & Rose Ouwinga.

Ministry Sign-up Sundays 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!

Church Picnic: Bring the family back this evening for Highland's Annual Church Picnic beginning 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 (don't forget to sign-up before dinner!)

COMING UP:

- Communion** is scheduled for September 7.
- Sunday School, Catechism and Children's Church** will resume September 7.
- Family Night** begins October 1.

The Education Team is pleased to announce that Anita Kvasnak has offered to serve as our Sunday School Superintendent for the upcoming school year. We also welcome Gary Hesselink as the incoming Centershot Leader. We look forward to another great season!

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.

Save the Date: 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:

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!

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.

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!

- Retreats at Center Lake Bible Camp:** Couples, here's a chance to make space for each other this fall. Plan your own "tag team" getaway at Center Lake Bible Camp:
- Women's Retreat — September 12–14:** Dive deep into the Sermon on the Mount with a weekend of worship, rest, and community. We'll wrap it up with a live auction of homemade and homegrown goods — bring something to share!
 - Men's Retreat — September 26–28:** Explore "Smooth Stones" and discover how God equips us for life's big battles. Guard Strong will join us for part of the weekend. Take turns recharging, growing in faith, and enjoying time away with friends. To register visit <https://centerlake.campbrainregistration.com/>