

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

GREETERS – Please arrive by 9:15 am

- 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
Sept 15 South: Jean Venema; North: Scott & Karen Oeverman

NURSERY – Please arrive by 9:15 am

- 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
Sept 15 Esther Bode, Diane Nemeth, Jodi DeHate, Franklin Baas

CHILDREN’S CHURCH

- Sept 8** Teacher: Sara Bruno; Helpers: Sam VanHouten, Alan Thomas
Sept 15 Teacher: Kasey McQuestion; Helpers: Nicole Schultz, Harper Tossey

SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT

- Aug 25** Cary Sikkema, Kaylie Benthem, Kendra Jenema
Sept 1 Kyle Meyering, Jon Ouwinga, Jodi DeHate
Sept 8 Cary Sikkema, Dan Ouwinga, Deborah Ouwinga
Sept 15 Matt Thompson, Deb Eisenga, Tami Eisenga

USHERS – Please arrive by 9:15 am

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

2ND OFFERINGS:

- August:**
4th: Booster Club
11th: Friends Ministry
18th: Benevolence
25th: Existing Building Fund

- September:**
1st: Booster Club
8th: Matt & Emily Slack
15th: Love INC
22nd: Project Christmas
29th: 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 25, 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 25, 2024**

The People of God Gather:

Prelude: *Good, Good Father*
Welcome & God's Greeting
Greet One Another

To Praise God in Song:

Rest On Us
Goodness of God
Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God

Announcements
Congregational Prayer

To Proclaim God's Word

Children's Message: Pastor Mark
Song of Preparation: *Who You Say I Am*
Scripture: Matthew 7:7-11
Message: Getting the Right Thing Right
Prayer of Response
Offertory: *Gratitude*

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

To Go in God's Name

God's blessing
Closing Song: *The Blessing*
Postlude

- **Nursery** is available year-round downstairs for children ages 0 - 3 years old.
- **Children's Church** (for children age 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 25 – Rev. Ashley Bonnes
Sept 1 – Rev. Mark Bonnes
Sept 8 – Rev. Mark Bonnes
Sept 15 – Rev. Mark Bonnes
Sept 22 – Rev. Mark Bonnes
Sept 29 – Rev. Mark 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. Thurs: 8:30 am - 2:00 pm
Fri. – Sun: Closed

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

Notice:

Church offices will be CLOSED on Monday, September 2 for Labor Day.

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 – Bonnie McBride

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! 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.

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

PRAYER CONNECTIONS:

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

- ✚ **Pete DeHaan** is thankful that the cataract procedure on his right eye, this past Wednesday, was successful and he is pleased with the results.
- ✚ **Pastor John Kostelyk** from Rudyard CRC, recently received a diagnosis of multiple myeloma which seems to be quite aggressive. He has an appointment with oncology on Monday which should clarify the plan for his chemo treatments. Please keep Pastor John, his wife Arla, their children, and their congregation in your prayers.
- ✚ **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.

OUR MISSIONARIES:

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

- ✚ **Josh & Mandy Shaarda & Family** (Serving in Uganda)
Email: jshaarda@crnapartners.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 bulletins 8/18-9/8 for complete collection)

8. **To have Spiritual stability** – O God, in times of moral uncertainty and temptation, empower my children to maintain their relationship with you. May they heed these words of Joshua: “You are to hold fast to the Lord our God” (Joshua 23:8).
9. **To help bear burdens** – Loving God, encourage my children to reach out and help others who are dealing with pain or sadness. Through my example, may my children understand the importance of fulfilling the call of Scripture to “carry each other’s burdens” (Galatians 6:2)
10. **For spiritual and emotional growth** – Loving God, let my children be like Jesus, who “grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men” (Luke 2:52)
11. **For protection** – Almighty God, as my children go out this day, may your loving protection go ahead of the, follow behind them, hover over them, and stand beside them. This day and every day, protect them from danger, disease and trauma.
12. **For faith in times of difficulty** – Dear God, whenever my children face trouble or temptations, let them turn to you for guidance and strength. Help them to remember your powerful promise: “The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms” (Deuteronomy 33:27)
13. **For contentment** – Loving God, cultivate in my children the kind of contentment described by the apostle Paul, who said, “I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret o being content in any and every situation , whether we fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want” (Philippians 4:12)
14. **To be unselfish** – Gracious God, give my children more love, more self-denial, and more willingness to sacrifice for others. Let them understand deeply that it is more blessed to give than to receive.

OUR CHURCH WEEK: AUGUST 25-31

SUN 8/25	9:15 AM	Prayer
	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	10:30 AM	Ministry Sign-up Sunday
	5:00 PM	Church Picnic

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

TODAY:

- **Ministry Sign-up Sundays** will be held in the fellowship hall following our morning worship service. Each Ministry team has 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!
- **The Annual Highland Church Picnic** will begin with dinner at 5:00 pm. BBQ, drinks, dinnerware and ice-cream will be provided. Please bring a dish or two to pass. Don’t forget to sign up for the Corn-hole tournament before you eat!

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!

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