

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

GREETERS – Please arrive by 9:15 am

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
Sept 21	South: Lindsay & Amara Beerens; North: Matt & Carrie Thompson

NURSERY – Please arrive by 9:15 am

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
Sept 21	Karen Oeverman, Dana Baas, Khloe McQuestion

CHILDREN’S CHURCH – (September – May)

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

SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT

Aug 31	Matt Thompson, Jon Ouwinga, Tami Eisenga
Sept 7	Cary Sikkema, Deb Eisenga, Jodi DeHate
Sept 14	Kyle Meyering, Dan Ouwinga, Deborah Ouwinga
Sept 21	Matt Thompson, Kaylie Benthem, Tami Eisenga

USHERS – Please arrive by 9:15 am

August	Steve Meeuwenberg, Jim Ouwinga, Devon Dracht, Aaron Pluger
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 31, 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 31, 2025

The People of God Gather:

Prelude
Welcome & God’s Greeting
Greet One Another

To Praise God in Song:
We Have Come to Join in Worship (vs 1-3)
I Sing the Mighty Power of God (vs 1 & 3)
Great & Mighty
Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God
Announcements
Congregational Prayer

To Proclaim God’s Word
Children’s Message: Al Thomas
Song of Preparation: *Open My Eyes That I May See* (vs 1-3)

Scripture: 2 Kings 2:23-25
Sermon: “Sacred or Sacrilegious”

Prayer of Response
Song of Response/Offertory: *Great is Thy Faithfulness* (vs 1-3)
Today’s Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: Marion Food Pantry

To Go in God’s Name
God’s Blessing
Closing Song: *People of God*
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:	MINISTRY LEADERS:
<p>Phone: (231) 825-2171 Email: office@highlandcrc.org * * * * *</p> <p>Normal Office Hours: Mon-Thurs 8:30 am – 2 pm *bulletin announcements are due by NOON on Thursday.</p>	<p>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</p>

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/>

Notes:

THANK YOU:

Thank you to our Highland Church family for all the prayers, cards and words of encouragement surrounding the passing of my mom (Francis Bierens). They were all greatly appreciated. ~ Phyllis & Don Eisenga & Family

We are overwhelmed with gratefulness to our Highland Family! Thank all of you for the cards, messages of hope, visits, food, care, funeral lunch, and most of all your prayers. I thank the Tuesday morning Ladies Bible Study for the beautiful plant also. It was a long journey, but God is faithful. We rejoice with Marlin now in the place he longed for, heaven. God’s timing is perfect.
~Jean Venema and Family

PRAYER CONNECTIONS:

Our condolences to Lori Hesselink and her family as well as Greg & Laura Hesselink in the passing of **Bob Hesselink** on August 21, 2025. A private service will be held September 19, 2025 followed by a public Celebration of Life open house from 3-5 at Highland CRC. A full obituary is available at <https://burkholderfamilyfuneralhome.com/obituaries/robert-dean-hesselink/>

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.

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.

Peggy Booher had surgery to repair 3 fractures in her spine and the doctors said the surgery went well. Since then she has been battling intense muscle spasms in her back. Doctors are currently working to manage this pain with medication. She is scheduled for follow up appointments later this week. Please pray for relief from the pain and for answers moving forward.

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 31 – SEPTEMBER 6

SUN 8/31	9:15 AM 9:30 AM	Prayer Worship Service
MON 9/1	All Day	Labor Day - Offices Closed
TUES 9/2	5:45 PM	REV Moms Bonfire Kick-off

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

COMING UP:

Communion is scheduled for September 7.

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

A Note from the Sunday School Team: Thank you so much to those that have volunteered their time to help with Sunday School this year! We are still in need of a few positions to make the team complete:

- 2nd grade Teacher and Helper
- 3rd Grade Helper

All other positions have been filled! If you are able to serve in either of these areas, please contact Anita Kvasnak. Our kick-off is September 7, just 2 short Sundays away. We're looking forward to a great year and all that the children will learn!

REV Moms invites all moms to this season's kickoff bonfire this coming Tuesday, September 2 at 6:30 pm behind the Highland Church youth building. What is REV Moms? Our goal is that each mom feels Revived, Empowered, and Valued after each meeting. REV Moms is mother-focused and mother-run. It is about fellowship, fun and friendship. Meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month (Sept-May) from 5:45 pm - 8:00 pm in the Middle School youth room of the Highland Church basement. Childcare is provided.

New Playset Has Arrived!!! **Some Assembly Required:** Our new playset is finally here and we are looking for a few hands to help put it together. If interested, please show up at the playground area on Saturday, Sept 6 at 9 am. Any questions, contact Greg Hesselink or Mark Eisenga.

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.

Fellowship Bible Study (on Sunday Evenings) will resume September 14 at 4:30 pm in the fellowship hall. We will be looking at "Discipleship: The Study" by Ray Vander Laan. More details to follow next week.

Ladies Tuesday Morning Bible Study will begin Tuesday, September 16 at 9:30 am for an in-depth Life Guide Bible study on the book of Genesis. This will be broken down into 3 sections of 7-12 lessons each:

- Part 1: Creation & Primeval History (Genesis 1-11)
- Part 2: Abraham, Isaac & Jacob—The Emergence of Israel (Genesis 12-26)
- Part 3: Joseph—The Migration to Egypt (Genesis 37-50)

***Please contact Hilda Cruz by September 7 to reserve a book.

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 **September/October**, we will be collecting clothing items: Sandals, Hats/Mittens, T-shirts, Socks, Slippers, Small bags, sunglasses, 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!

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!

Volunteers Needed for NMC's Annual Fish Fry: It is that time of year again for our annual Fish Fry (Sept 12 & 19)! This is a great community event that supports the student athletes at NMCS. We are looking for your support in order to make this fundraiser happen. We need workers and donations in order to cut down on our expenses. If you are willing and able, please visit www.nmcs.us and scroll down to "Fish Fry Volunteers" to sign-up to serve food or to donate items for the dinner. Don't hesitate to call (231) 825-2492 if you have questions. Thank you for all you do for our COMETS!