

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

GREETERS – Please arrive by 9:15 am

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
Sept 22 South: Kevin & Tami Eisenga; North: Steph & Sam VanHouten

NURSERY – Please arrive by 9:15 am

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
Sept 22 Barb Dore, Jodi Meyering, Mikayla Powers, Ben Thompson

CHILDREN’S CHURCH

Sept 8 Teacher: Sara Bruno; Helpers: Sam VanHouten, Alan Thomas
Sept 15 Teacher: Kasey McQuestion; Helpers: Nicole Schultz, Harper Tossey
Sept 22 Teacher: Jodi DeHate; Helpers: Lindsay Beerens, Emma Lee

SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT

Sept 1 Kyle Meyering, Jon Ouwinga, Jodi DeHate
Sept 8 Cary Sikkema, Dan Ouwinga, Deborah Ouwinga
Sept 15 Matt Thompson, Deb Eisenga, Tami Eisenga
Sept 22 Cary Sikkema, Kaylie Benthem, Kendra Jenema

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:

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.**



September 1, 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
September 1, 2024**

The People of God Gather:

Prelude: *Your Love Compels Me (special music)*

Welcome & God's Greeting

Greet One Another

To Praise God in Song:

Come Thou Almighty King (vs 1,2,4)

Glorify Thy Name (vs 1,2)

Holy, Holy (vs 1,2)

Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God

Announcements

The Lord's Prayer/Congregational Prayer

To Proclaim God's Word

Children's Message: Pastor Mark

Song of Preparation: *Thanks to God Whose Word Was Spoken (vs 1,3)*

Scripture: Matthew 6:9, Isaiah 6:1-8

Message: "Our Father In Heaven..."

Prayer of Response

Offertory: *Thank You (special music)*

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

To Go in God's Name

God's blessing

Closing Song: *To God Be The Glory (vs 1,3)*

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, 2024

6:30 pm Elders

7:00 pm Deacons

7:30 pm Full Council

Preaching Schedule:

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:

Monday, September 2: CLOSED

Tuesday - 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 – Bonnie McBride

TONIGHT - 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.

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 in November. During **September/October** we will be collecting CLOTHING: sandals, hats/mittens, T-shirts, socks, slippers, small bags, sunglasses 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. A tote is 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

NMCS' Annual Fish Fry: The annual NMCS Fish Fry is coming up! The dinner will take place on Sept. 13 and 20 in the NMCS cafeteria and gym. Join us for an all you can eat buffet style meal including chicken, fish, and shrimp. The dinner runs from 5pm to 8pm each night and is \$18 per adult and \$8 for kids ages 4 to 9. Other food items include, French fries, mac and cheese, roasted potatoes, salad, ice cream and more! Proceeds benefit NMCS Athletics.

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.

- ✚ **Mark Eisenga** is scheduled for right knee replacement surgery this coming Friday in Traverse City. Please pray that the surgery and recovery go well.
- ✚ **Marian Ouwinga** was hospitalized this past week for IV fluids and a blood transfusion. She came home Thursday. Please pray for comfort & strength each day for Marian and Don as they navigate Marian's recent diagnosis of acute leukemia.
- ✚ **Dale Fredin** has been receiving chemo treatments. We continue to pray for healing and strength each day and that side-effects will be minimal.
- ✚ **Pastor John Kostelyk** from Rudyard CRC, recently received a diagnosis of multiple myeloma which seems to be quite aggressive. He began chemo treatments this past Monday. These will be twice a week. 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.

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** (Serving in Central Asia).

OUR ACTIVE MILITARY:

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

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)

15. **For Wisdom** – Loving God, may your Spirit be so present in the lives of my children that their thoughts are your thoughts and their ideas are your ideas.
16. **To repent and seek forgiveness** – Gracious God, give my children the willingness to see and admit their sins. When they err and do wrong, may they turn and seek your forgiveness. Let them take comfort in the assurance of the apostle John: “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:9)
17. **For humility in victory and dignity in defeat** – Dear God, life is made up of valleys and peaks, wins and losses. There will be times when my children will make important gains and other times when they will feel the sting of losing. Help them to learn from both types of experiences.
18. **For appreciation of God’s creation** - Creator God, show children how to love all animals, birds, fish, and other living things. Make them concerned about the quality of our air, soil and water. Help them to cherish and protect your wonderful creation.
19. **For the courage of convictions** - Gracious God, our convictions mean nothing if we do not stand up for them. May my children be strong and courageous to follow you when others hesitate.
20. **For emotional and spiritual strength** - Eternal God, whenever my children feel the pain of rejection by friends or feel they are the object of ridicule by others, infuse them with emotional and spiritual strength. May they always remember that you are the strength of the weak, the refreshment of the weary, and the comforter of the sad.
21. **To be joyful Christians** - Loving God, bless my children with the spirit of joy. May they smile naturally, laugh easily, and rejoice in things large and small. Let the words of the psalmist resound in their lives: “This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it” (Psalm 118:24)

OUR CHURCH WEEK: SEPTEMBER 1-7

SUN 9/1	9:15 AM 9:30 AM 6:00 PM	Prayer Worship Service Barney & Nancy Miesse concert @ Stahl’s Event Barn
MON 9/2	-----	Offices Closed for Labor Day
TUE 9/3	9:30 am 7:00 pm	Ladies Bible Study begins in the Fellowship Hall. Worship Team Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

THIS WEEK:

Modified Office Hours: The Highland Church Offices will be CLOSED this Monday, September 2 for Labor Day.

The Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study will begin their next study “Christian Beliefs” this coming Tuesday, September 3, at 9:30 am.

Worship Team will be meeting this Tuesday, September 3 at 7:00 pm.

NEXT SUNDAY:

Communion: Lord willing, we will be celebrating the Lord’s Supper on September 8. If you or a loved one of Highland Church are homebound and would like Communion brought to them, please contact one of our Elders so this can be arranged.

Children’s Church will resume next Sunday during the worship hour following the children’s message. Children’s church is for kids ages 3-Kindergarten.

Sunday School & Catechism will resume on Sunday, September 8 from 10:40 am – 11:30 am. Schedules were placed in mailboxes last Sunday along with a letter from the Education Team re: our Education Expectations and Behavior Standards.

MS & HS Youth Group: Our High School and Middle School Youth Group kick off will be next Sunday, Sept 8th from 6-8 pm. We will be joining Rehoboth again this year for a Slip & Slide kickball party at Gary & Kathy Vana’s house. The address is 8351 W. Meyering Rd, McBain, MI 49657. Bring your bathing suits and a towel. Food and drinks will be provided.

Minors in Media Policy: As we prepare to begin our school year programs, please review the policy handout in this week’s bulletin regarding the use of images of children on our website, social media platforms & printed publications. If you have any questions regarding this policy, please contact a member of council or the church office.

Profession of Faith & New Members Classes: If you are interested in becoming a professing member of Highland church, please contact either Pastor Ashley or Pastor Mark as soon as possible.