

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

GREETERS – Please arrive by 9:15 am

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
Sept 28	South: Devon & Hillary Dracht; North: Bob & Cindy Vennema

NURSERY – Please arrive by 9:15 am

Sept 7	Bev Kamphouse, Shari Benthem, Elijah Rees
Sept 14	Kasey McQuestion, Jan Rivera, Aubrynn Bazuin
Sept 21	Karen Oeverman, Dana Baas, Khloe McQuestion
Sept 28	Shari Benthem, Jan Rivera, Claire Thompson

CHILDREN’S CHURCH – (September – May)

Sept 7	Teacher: Megan Pluger; Helper: Emma Lee
Sept 14	Teacher: Jordyn Richardson; Helper: Briggs Tossey
Sept 21	Teacher: Jodi DeHate; Helper: Sam VanHouten
Sept 28	Teacher: Sara Bruno; Helper: Bentley Dracht

SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT

Sept 7	Cary Sikkema, Deb Eisenga, Jodi DeHate
Sept 14	Kyle Meyering, Dan Ouwinga, Deborah Ouwinga
Sept 21	Matt Thompson, Kaylie Benthem, Tami Eisenga
Sept 28	Cary Sikkema, Jon Ouwinga, Sue Cook

USHERS – Please arrive by 9:15 am

September	Jonathan Ouwinga, Jon Dracht, Bryan Eisenga, Paul Shaarda
October:	Mike Southwick, Isaac Baas, Adam Southwick, Kevin Eisenga

2ND OFFERINGS:

SEPTEMBER

7th: Booster Club
14th: Project Christmas
21st: REV Moms
28th: Capital Improvement Fund

****Parking Lot Pledge Envelopes
can be turned in at any time****



September 7, 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 (231) 825-2171
10:40 am – 11:30 am (Sept-May)

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

Welcome to
HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
Morning Worship Service – 9:30 am
September 7, 2025

The People of God Gather:

Prelude: *Magnify Him*
Welcome & God’s Greeting
Greet One Another

To Praise God in Song:
We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer (vs 1 & 3)
Romans 6:6
Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone (vs 1-5)
Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God
Announcements
Congregational Prayer

To Proclaim God’s Word
Children’s Message: Greg Tossey
Song of Preparation: *Every Promise (vs 1 &4)*
Scripture: 2 Kings 4:38-41
Sermon: Life from Death

To Partake in the Lord’s Supper
Heidelberg Catechism Q & A #75
Communion *please remain seated as the elements are passed
Bread- Song: *How Deep the Father’s Love For Use (vs 1-3)*
Juice- Song: *Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me (vs 1, 3 & 4)*
Prayer of Response
Song of Response/Offertory: *Written in Red*
Today’s Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: Booster Club

To Go in God’s Name
God’s Blessing
Closing Song: *Redeemed (vs 1 & 3)*
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 available (Sept-May) following the Children’s message downstairs. Children must be picked up at the classroom immediately following the service.

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:
September 7: Rev. Mark Bonnes
September 14: Rev. Doug Smith
September 21: Rev. Mark Bonnes
September 28: Rev. Mark Bonnes
October 5: Rev. Mark Bonnes
October

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</p> <p>*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>

AREA EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Position Available: Northern Michigan Christian School has the following opening: Full or part-time custodian (can be broken up into multiple part-time positions). This person would be responsible for general cleaning (vacuuming, mopping, etc.) and cleaning up after athletic events. Please send resumes to Scott Curell at scurell@nmcs.us.

Facility Director Open Position: The Facility Director for Lake City CRC is retiring, and we are seeking a person who has a passion to oversee and provide for the maintenance and custodial operations of our church facility. The Facility Director is a part-time, salaried, non-exempt employee normally working 16 hours per week. The position description is available at www.lakecitycrc.org and is also available in the church office. Resumes/applications will be received through September 30, 2025, and may be emailed to Jan Mason at jlrmason@gmail.com or office@lakecitycrc.org or mailed to Lake City CRC, P.O. Box 659, Lake City MI 49651.

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!

Special Music: Vogel Center CRC's evening worship service on September 14 will feature special music from Jim Visser, starting at 6:00pm. Please join us for an uplifting evening of worship and fellowship.

Fish Fry - September 12 and 19: NMCS is hosting our famous fish fry on two dates this month, September 12 and 19. It will run from 5pm to 7:30pm both days in the school cafeteria/gym. The cost per plate is \$22 (\$8 per kid ages 4-9) and it is an "all you can eat" buffet style setup. Along with fish, there will also be shrimp and chicken options. All money raised benefits our Christ-centered athletic programs.

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/>

THANK YOU:

Thank you to our Highland Church family for all the prayers, cards and kind words surrounding the passing of our mother, Brenda Dorman. They were all much appreciated. ~ Rick and Julie Dorman and family & Doug and Lori Mitchell and family

PRAYER CONNECTIONS:

Our condolences to **Jerry & Patti Koop** and their family in the unexpected passing of Jerry's brother, **Jim Koop** of Falmouth. He was 59. The Funeral will be held at Peterson Funeral Home in Cadillac on Saturday, September 13th at 11:00 am with visitation prior from 9am-11am. <https://www.petersonfh.com/obituaries/>

Freda Eisenga has moved to Whispering Pines between Cadillac and Lake City. Please pray for a smooth transition for Freda & Bruce and their family.

Chris Sheats (husband of Christle Sheats) has been struggling with back pain. Doctors recently found 2 tumors—one in his back and one in his hip—both are likely cancer. He has already undergone 5 radiation treatments. Please pray for ongoing pain management and for strength and wisdom as they navigate the next steps.

The family of **Colter Bailey** are so thankful that Colter's recent scans showed that the left over small tumor and the lesions on his lower spine are GONE. "No Evidence of Disease"! There is still a tough road ahead and some treatments yet to prevent any hidden cells from growing back. We continue to pray that the side-effects of the remaining treatments will be minimal and that the family will be reminded that God is in control and watching over them every step of the way.

Since surgery, **Peggy Booher** has continued to battle severe muscle spasms in her back. She is scheduled to see a couple doctors in the near future to help determine the next steps. Please pray for relief from her pain and for wisdom for all involved moving forward.

OUR MISSIONARIES:

- **Josh & Mandy Shaarda Family** (Serving in Uganda)
Email: jshaarda@crnapartners.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: SEPTEMBER 7-13

SUN 9/7	9:15 AM	Prayer
	9:30 AM	Worship Service & Communion
	10:40-11:30 AM	Sunday School & Catechism
MON 9/8	6:30 PM	Elders Meeting
	7:00 PM	Deacons Meeting
	7:30 PM	Council Meeting
THURS 9/11	7:30 PM	Praise 9 Practice

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

This morning we have the opportunity to celebrate the **Communion** together.

Sunday School, Catechism and Children's Church will resume this morning beginning at 10:40 a.m. Sunday School will start when the bell rings and end in the sanctuary at 11:30 a.m. **Attention Parents of Preschool & Kindergarten kids: please come to the sanctuary at 11:30 to claim your child(ren). Thank you so much to those that have volunteered their time to help with Sunday School this year!

High School Youth Group: We are excited to start the year off this Sunday! We plan on being at the Youth Building at 4:25 for the Lions opening game! If you'd like to join us, come on over. We'll have snacks during the game and then pizza will be served at our normal 6:00 dinner time. After the game is over we will be having Highland Yard Olympics, with prizes for the winning team. We're excited for the year to come and hope to see you there!

Middle School Youth Group We are excited to start the year off this Sunday!!! We'll be meeting at Adam & Maggie's Barn for the 4:25 kick-off of the Lions' opening game! If you'd like to join us, come on over we encourage everyone to dress in your Lions or Packers gear (but not required). We'll have snacks during the game and then pizza will be served at our normal 6:00 dinner time. After the football game, we will be having games, bonfire, and s'mores! We're excited for the year ahead and hope to see you there! Meeting ending around 8:00pm!

Suggestions for Council Nominees: Highland's Council will be meeting this coming Monday. They are requesting that all suggestions for potential nominees be turned in to a current Elder or Deacon before their meeting. Suggestions can also be placed in the offering plate yet this morning.

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.

New Office Hours for Pastors: Pastor Mark and Pastor Ashley will now be off on Wednesdays and working on Mondays. Wednesday will be treated as their day of Sabbath rest and we ask that it be respected as such.

Fellowship Bible Study (on Sunday Evenings) God gave humanity a clear map for how to follow Him: The Bible. What if, instead of following the map, people simply learned about it. What if we never took a single step on the journey? On Sunday, September 14, the Sunday Evening Fellowship Bible Study will begin by using Ray Vander Laan's Discipleship series "The Study". We will examine what it means to be a follower of Christ through the cultural, historical and contextual lens of scripture. The Study is a 4-season video-led Bible study to consider the question: What did it mean to be one of the original disciples of Jesus, and what does it mean for us today? Bible Study begins at 4:30 pm followed by fellowship and potluck at 5:30 pm. Please reach out to Sandy Rice if you have not already signed up or if you have additional questions.

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.

Safe Church Meeting: Sunday, September 21, following the morning service there will be a Safe Church annual training. Please plan to attend if you volunteer with our youth in any capacity. This includes Sunday School, Catechism, High School and Middle School youth groups, Gems, Centershot, Children's Church, Nursery and Bible school. Please contact Linda Wing at (231) 388-5063 with any questions. Thank you!

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!