

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

**GREETERS – Please arrive by 9:15 am**

- 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  
**Sept 29** South: Jim & Bev Ouwinga; North: Steve & Sue Meeuwenberg

**NURSERY – Please arrive by 9:15 am**

- 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  
**Sept 29** Jackie Schmid, Cindy Vennema, Addean Oeverman, Kendyn Meyering

**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  
**Sept 29** Teacher: Megan Plugger; Helpers: Steph VanHouten, Charlotte Thomas

**SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT**

- Sept 8** Cary Sikkema, Dan Ouwinga, Deborah Ouwinga  
**Sept 15** Matt Thompson, Deb Eisenga, Tami Eisenga  
**Sept 22** Cary Sikkema, Kaylie Benthem, Kendra Jenema  
**Sept 29** Kyle Meyering, Jon Ouwinga, Jodi DeHate

**USHERS – Please arrive by 9:15 am**

- Sept.** Jonathan Ouwinga, James Bazuin, Scott Oeverman, Steve Meeuwenberg  
**Oct.** Brandon Veddler, Jun Brinks, Devon Dracht, Bryan Eisenga,

**2ND OFFERINGS:**

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

**The People of God Gather:**

Prelude  
Welcome & God's Greeting  
Greet One Another

To Praise God in Song:

Psalm 46:10  
*Here I Am To Worship (vs 1,2)*  
*How Majestic Is Your Name*  
*He Is Here*  
Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God

Announcements  
Congregational Prayer

To Proclaim God's Word

Children's Message: Marilyn Visser  
Song of Preparation: *Speak, O Lord (vs 1,3)*  
**Scripture: Matthew 6:9-13; Ezekiel 36: 22-23**

**Message: "Hallowed Be Your Name": Asking for Myself**

To Partake in the Lord's Supper

The Apostles' Creed  
**Communion** \*please remain seated as the elements are passed  
Bread: *In Remembrance of Me (vs 1-3)*  
Juice: *How Deep The Father's Love for Us (vs 1-3)*

Prayer of Response

Offertory: *Special Music*

Today's Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: Matt & Emily Slack

To Go in God's Name

God's blessing  
Closing Song: *We Receive Your Blessing*  
Postlude

*Nursery is available year-round downstairs for children ages 0 - 3 years old.  
Children's Church (for children age 3 – Kindergarten) is available after the Children's Message.  
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:**

<b>President</b>	Don Eisenga	<b>Pastor Mark Bonnes</b> <b>Pastor Ashley Bonnes</b> *personal contact info is not posted online. Please call the church office.
<b>Vice President</b>	Bob Vennema	
<b>Clerk</b>	Alan Baas	
<b>Sec. of Deacons</b>	Kyle Meyering	
<b>Vice Treas.</b>	Curt Wemple	

**Districts for 2024:**

<b>Elders</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Deacons</b>
Jerry Nemeth	<b>#1, A-C</b>	Carrie Thompson
Alan Baas	<b>#2, D-E</b>	Kyle Meyering
Bob Vennema	<b>#3, F-L</b>	Curt Wemple
Mark Eisenga	<b>#4, M-O</b>	Gary Hesselink
Don Eisenga	<b>#5, P-T</b>	Scott Oeverman
Don Ellens	<b>#6, U-Z</b>	Anne Thomas

**OFFICE CONTACT INFO:**

Phone: (231) 825-2171  
Email: [office@highlandcrc.org](mailto:office@highlandcrc.org)

**Office Hours:**

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.

**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

**Safe Church Meeting:** Next Sunday, Sept 15, 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 high school and middle school youth groups, Gems, Centershot, Children's in Worship, Nursery and Bible school. Please contact Linda Wing with any questions. Thank you!

**Sunday Evening Fellowship Bible Study:** Lord willing, we will begin meeting again on September 22. We hope you'll join us for our new study "Heaven: Finding Our True Home", at 4:30 pm in the Fellowship hall followed by pot luck supper at 5:30 pm. Please contact Sandy Rice for a book.

**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.

**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 the 11 offered. For more information and to register, please visit [communityhopemc.org/womens-retreat](http://communityhopemc.org/womens-retreat)

## THANK YOU

Thank you to Highland Church for all the cards and prayers following Greg's back surgery. We are grateful for the signs of healing and progress made each day ~Greg & Laura Hesselink

## PRAYER CONNECTIONS:

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

- ✚ **Mark Eisenga** had right knee replacement surgery this past Friday in Traverse City. Please pray for healing and a smooth recovery.
- ✚ **Marian Ouwinga** was called home to Jesus early Thursday morning. Our heartfelt condolences to Don and the Ouwinga family as they process this deep loss. Memorial Service will take place Monday, September 9, 2024 at 1:00 pm with visitation prior from 11 am – 1 pm. A luncheon will follow the service.
- ✚ **Dale & Faye Fredin** appreciate your continued prayers for healing and strength each day and that Dale's symptoms will be kept to a minimum. Please pray too for strength as they enjoy some time traveling.
- ✚ **Pastor John Kostelyk** from Rudyard CRC, recently received a diagnosis of multiple myeloma which seems to be quite aggressive. He will be receiving chemo 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 couple months. She would appreciate prayers for healing & patience as they await additional testing.

## OUR MISSIONARIES:

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

- ✚ **Josh & Mandy Shaarda & Family** (Serving in Uganda)  
Email: [jshaarda@crnapartners.org](mailto:jshaarda@crnapartners.org); Blog: <http://shaarda.blogspot.com>
- ✚ **George & Sarah de Vuyst & Family** (Serving in Ukraine & the U.S.)  
Email: [gdevuyst@crcna.org](mailto:gdevuyst@crcna.org); Website: <http://www.devuysts.com>
- ✚ **Matthew & Emily Slack & Family** (Serving in 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)

22. **To be free from materialism** – Gracious God, let my children be free from the love of money. May they enjoy their benefits, privileges, and material blessings without clamoring for more and more; and if they are blessed with wealth in their adult years, cause them to use their abundance to advance your kingdom.
23. **For compassion**- Eternal God, nurture in my children a love for the many unfortunate people who live in poverty and misery. Arouse in their hearts a deep and abiding empathy for persons with severe disabilities.
24. **To be filled with hope**- Loving God, no matter what may befall my children, may they be so filled with hope that it prevents despair from taking hold. With the apostle I pray that “the God of hope” will fill them with all joy and peace (Romans 15:13)
25. **For perseverance**- Dear God, keep my children from becoming impatient and quitting prematurely. Develop within them endurance and perseverance so that when they face major challenges and crises, they don't easily give up or give in. Let my children be “Joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer” (Romans 12:12)
26. **For a passionate love of God**- Gracious God, cultivate in my children a passion to love and serve you. May my children have the same kind of enthusiastic love for you as did David, who wrote, “I will praise you, O Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonders. I will be glad and rejoice in you” (Psalm 9:1-2)
27. **To Forgive**- Eternal God, fill my children with the spirit of forgiveness. Whenever they are hurt, may they naturally forgive and turn from resentment. Help them to take seriously the apostle Paul's instruction, “Forgive as the Lord forgave you” (Colossians 3:13)
28. **To Have a teachable spirit**- Gracious God, enable each of my children to realize that they don't know it all. May they learn better patience, greater love, and more compassion from the example of other people who are your servants.
29. **For the wise use of talents**- Loving God, thank you for filling my children with numerous gifts, talents, and abilities. As they mature, give them wisdom to find ways to use their gifts to help others.
30. **To Practice hospitality**- Eternal God, may my children be open and welcoming to all others. May they be the ones who reach out, embracing those who need a friend.
31. **To be faithful in prayer**- Gracious and loving God, help my children to live lives punctuated by prayer so that they “pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests” (Ephesians 6:18) Give them persistence and power in their praying.

## OUR CHURCH WEEK: SEPTEMBER 8-14

<b>SUN</b> <b>9/8</b>	9:15 AM	Prayer
	9:30 AM	Worship Service & Communion (Children's church starts)
	10:40-11:30 AM	Sunday School & Catechism begin
	6:00-8:00 PM	MS & HS Youth Group –kick off at Vana's (see below)
<b>MON</b> <b>9/9</b>	11:00 AM-1:00 PM	Visitation
	1:00 pm	Funeral Service for Marian Ouwinga
	6:30 PM	Elders Meeting
	7:00 PM	Deacons Meeting
	7:30 PM	Council Meeting
<b>TUE</b> <b>9/10</b>	9:30 AM	Ladies Bible Study : Lesson 2
	5:45-8:00 PM	REV Moms Campfire Kickoff (behind the Youth Building)
	7:00 PM	Praise Team Practice (Sanctuary)

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

This morning, we have the privilege of celebrating **the Lord's Supper**.

**Children's Church** will resume this morning during the worship hour following the children's message. Children's church is for kids ages 3-Kindergarten.

**Sunday School & Catechism** will resume today 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 tonight, Sept 8, from 6-8 pm. We will be joining Rehoboth again this year for a Slip & Slide kickball party at Gary & Kathy Vana's house. (see this weeks printed bulletin or a youth leader for address information). Bring your bathing suits and a towel. Food and drinks will be provided.

**The Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study** will be looking at Lesson 2 of their new study titled “Christian Beliefs” this coming Tuesday at 9:30 am.

**Attention Moms** looking for a group of other moms: **REV Moms** will hold their fall campfire kickoff this Tuesday, September 10 at 6:30 pm behind the Highland Church youth building. We will start at 6:30pm with hobo pies. We will handle any paperwork and childcare details that night. You will also get to meet our new Mentor Mom's! We will end with s'mores. Things to remember for the campfire: Bring a chair. NO childcare provided this meeting. Please leave your kids with a sitter or their Dad! Babies are always welcome to come with you.

**Praise Team Practice** with Linda will begin at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary this Tuesday.

**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.