

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

GREETERS – Please arrive by 9:15 am

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
Oct 5	South: C.J. & Sara Bruno; North: Jean Venema

NURSERY – Please arrive by 9:15 am

Sept 14	Kasey McQuestion, Karen Oeverman, Aubrynn Bazuin
Sept 21	Jan Rivera, Dana Baas, Khloe McQuestion
Sept 28	Shari Benthem, Jennifer Peterson, Claire Thompson
Oct 5	Becky Wemple, Stephanie VanHouten, Jayden Benthem

CHILDREN’S CHURCH – (September – May)

Sept 14	Teacher: Jordyn Richardson; Helper: Briggs Tossey
Sept 21	Teacher: Jodi DeHate; Helper: Sam VanHouten
Sept 28	Teacher: Sara Bruno; Helper: Bentley Dracht
Oct 5	Teacher: Makayla Powers; Helper: Charlotte Thomas

SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT

Sept 14	Kyle Meyering, Dan Ouwinga, Deborah Ouwinga
Sept 21	Matt Thompson, Kaylie Benthem, Tami Eisenga
Sept 28	Cary Sikkema, Jon Ouwinga, Sue Cook
Oct 5	Kyle Meyering, Deb Eisenga, Jodi DeHate

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:	OCTOBER:
7 th : Booster Club	5 th : Booster Club
14 th : Project Christmas	12 th : Parking Lot Project
21 st : REV Moms	19 th : American Bible League
28 th : Capital Improvement Fund	26 th : Capital Improvement Fund

****Parking Lot Pledges** can be turned in at any time using the pledge envelopes available on the information table**



September 14, 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)

Welcome to
HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
Morning Worship Service – 9:30 am
September 14, 2025

Today, we welcome **Pastor Doug Smith** who will lead us in a time of worship.
Pastor Doug is the Executive Director of Center Lake Bible Camp in Tustin.

The People of God Gather:

Prelude: *I Am Not My Own*
Welcome & God’s Greeting
Greet One Another

To Praise God in Song:
Goodness of God
Turn Your Eyes
He is Here
Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God
Announcements
Congregational Prayer

To Proclaim God’s Word
Children’s Message: Pastor Doug Smith
Song of Preparation: *He Will Hold Me Fast*
Scripture: Matthew 7:7-11
Sermon: Wish List

Prayer of Response
Song of Response/Offertory: *Saving Hope*
Today’s Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: Project Christmas

To Go in God’s Name
God’s Blessing
Closing Song: *O for a Thousand Tongues*
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, November 2, 2025
Next Council Meetings:
Monday, October 13, 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

HIGHLAND COUNCIL

Council Officers for 2025:

President	Mark Eisenga	Pastor Mark Bonnes Pastor Ashley Bonnes <i>*Please contact the church office for contact information (231) 825-2171</i>
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:
Phone: (231) 825-2171 Email: office@highlandcrc.org ***** Main Office Hours: Mon-Thurs 8:30 am – 2 pm Fri-Sun: Closed *Bulletin announcements are due by NOON on Thursday.	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

NOTES:

PRAYER CONNECTIONS:

Our condolences to **Greg & Laura Hesselink and Family** in the passing of Greg's sister, **Sue Peterson**, this past Tuesday. She was 79. Funeral service is scheduled for this Sunday, September 14 at 2:00 with visitation one hour prior to the service at Cadillac Christian Reformed Church. A full obituary is available at <https://www.petersonfh.com/obituaries/sue-peterson-6/#!/Obituary>

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@crcnapartners.org; Blog: <http://shaarda.blogspot.com>
- **George & Sarah de Vuyst Family** (Serving in Europe)
Email: gdevuyst@crcna.org; Website: <http://www.devuysts.com>
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HIGHLAND COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS • SEPTEMBER 8, 2025

- Daniel “JR” Hostetler made Profession of Faith before the Elders and will do so publicly in the near future.
- Jonathan and Kendra Jenema will present Jordan for baptism on October 5.
- Council selected nominees for Elders/Deacons. The letters went out this past week. Thank you for those who submitted nominations. Please continue to pray for those who will receive nomination letters and continue to pray for the leadership of Highland.
- Incident response team: Council is still putting together an Incident Response Team. We are looking for people who have some training as first responders. If you are interested, please contact a council member or Pastor.
- Playground: The new playground is up and ready. Council would like to thank the Josie Memorial Fund for this gift.
- Classis Meeting: Classis Northern Michigan has scheduled their fall meeting for September 30 at Aetna CRC.

TREASURER’S REPORT • AUGUST 2025

August General Fund		2nd Offerings	
3rd	5,155.00	Booster Club	877.00
10th	4,283.00	Friends Ministry	609.00
17th	5,672.00	Benevolence	789.00
24th	7,266.00	Capital Improvement	1,087.00
31st	6,674.22	Marion Food Pantry	627.00
Total August Offerings	29,050.22		
Budget needed weekly	6,341.59	Parking Lot Fund	25,924.00
Times 35 weeks	221,955.56	Offering	<u>1,675.00</u>
Received to date	<u>221,677.09</u>	Parking Lot Fund	27,599.00
Balance	(278.47)		

Couples' Retreat: November 7-8 Pastor Mark and Pastor Ashley will be hosting Highland’s first couples' retreat at Center Lake Bible Camp! It will begin on Friday evening and go through Saturday afternoon. It is for any married couple interested in getting away, resting, and enjoying the company of their spouse and other couples! We are still working on the details but would like to know of any couples that are interested. Pastor Ashley is also looking for volunteers to help with meal prep and those interested in sponsoring a scholarship for a couple to attend! Details to follow.

AREA EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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: NMCS is hosting their famous fish fry on September 12 and 19. It will run from 5 - 7:30 pm 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.

Abide: Wednesday, September 17, 6:30pm: A multi-church gathering for a time of worship, prayer, testimony, and resting in the presence of God. Hosted by Lake City CRC, 1657 S. Morey, Lake City.

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.

Position Available: 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 Women's Philharmonic Chorus will begin practices on Saturday, October 4 from 4:30 - 6:00 at Cadillac Christian Reformed Church. This chorus is open to any woman that would like to sing for the special Christmas concerts in the first week of December. Please contact Angela Warner at kirkangelawarner@hotmail.com or 231-330-0894 for further information.

OUR CHURCH WEEK: SEPTEMBER 14-20		
SUN 9/14	9:15 AM	Prayer
	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	10:40-11:30 AM	Sunday School & Catechism
TUES 9/16	9:30 AM	Ladies Bible Study (w/ Hilda)
	5:45 PM	REV Moms
FRI 9/19	3:00 PM	Bob Hesselink's Celebration of Life Open House
SAT 9/20	All Day	Youth Building Use

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Today's 2nd Offering: Project Christmas is a community supported event, committed to serving those who have experienced financial difficulties so they can have a good Christmas. For 30 years, Project Christmas has been working to help qualifying families in Wexford and Missaukee counties. Many of these families and individuals would not be able to celebrate Christmas without our support. We work year round in coordination with several local organizations to prepare for the large community event each December. Our 2nd offering this morning will go to support this local event.

Sunday School, Catechism and Children's Church are in full swing!

- **Children's church** is for kids age 4 – Kindergarten during the service immediately following the children's message. ****Parents of Pre K-Kindergarten kids: please come to the Children's Church classroom downstairs to pick up your child(ren) after the service.**
- **Sunday School** will start at 10:40 (when the bell rings) in the sanctuary and ends in the sanctuary at 11:30 a.m. ****Parents of Pre K-Kindergarten kids: please come to the sanctuary at 11:30 to pick up your child(ren).**
- **MS Catechism** meets in the MS Youth room downstairs (10:40-11:30)
- **HS Catechism** meets in the Youth Building (10:40-11:30).

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? Starting, TONIGHT, September 14, the Sunday Evening Fellowship Bible Study, using Ray Vander Laan's Discipleship series "The Study" 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 contact Sandy Rice if you have not already signed up or if you have additional questions.

Ladies Tuesday Morning Bible Study will begin this 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).

Profession of Faith Class will be held during the month of October during the Sunday School hour. All interested need to notify Pastor Ashley by September 21.

Safe Church Meeting: Next 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!

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!

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

Lost & Found: Please take a moment to check the table in the fellowship hall this morning for any food containers or items that need to be claimed. All unclaimed items will be donated at the end of the month. There is also a large dresser mirror in the MS Youth room—please notify the main office if you have any information on where this item came from.

SAVE THE DATE:

Highland's Annual ORV Ride will be September 28. We will meet at Highland CRC at 4 pm and then leave from there for a scenic ride on roads and trails! Our return to church should be about 6:00-ish for fellowship and a potluck meal in the fellowship hall. We will provide the sloppy joes, drinks and tableware. Any questions contact Bev Taylor or Cindy Vennema.