

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

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

**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  
**Oct 6** South: Paul & Carole Shaarda; North: Dale & Bev Taylor

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

**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  
**Oct 6** Pattie Koop; Brooke Benthem, Lizelle Bazuin, Evan Wemple

**CHILDREN’S CHURCH**

**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  
**Oct 6** Teacher: Miranda Dykhouse; Helpers: Hillary Dracht; Gracyn Swiler

**SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT**

**Sept 15** Matt Thompson, Deb Eisenga, Tami Eisenga  
**Sept 22** Cary Sikkema, Kaylie Benthem, Kendra Jenema  
**Sept 29** Kyle Meyering, Jon Ouwinga, Jodi DeHate  
**Oct 6** Matt Thompson, Dan Ouwinga, Deborah Ouwinga

**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:**

<b>September:</b>	<b>October:</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> : Booster Club	6 <sup>th</sup> : Booster Club
8 <sup>th</sup> : Matt & Emily Slack	13 <sup>th</sup> : George and Sarah Devuyt
15 <sup>th</sup> : Love INC	20 <sup>th</sup> : Marion Food Pantry
22 <sup>nd</sup> : Project Christmas	27 <sup>th</sup> : Existing Building Fund
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 15, 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 15, 2024**

**The People of God Gather:**

Prelude: *We Will Feast in the House of Zion*

Welcome & God's Greeting

Greet One Another

To Praise God in Song:

Cornerstone

Goodness of God

Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God

Announcements

Congregational Prayer

To Proclaim God's Word

Children's Message: Sara Bruno

Song of Preparation: Lord, I Need You

**Scripture: Matthew 6:9-13; Matthew 21: 15-22**

**Title: Your Kingdom Come...Maybe?**

Prayer of Response

Offertory: *We Will Feast in the House of Zion*

Today's Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: Love INC

To Go in God's Name

God's blessing

Closing Song: *Trust and Obey*

Postlude

*Nursery is available year-round downstairs for children ages 0 - 3 years old.*

*Children's Church (for children age 3 – Kindergarten) is takes place downstairs following the Children's Message. \*\*Children must be picked up at their classroom following the worship service.*

*Children's Bulletins are available on the information table in the Fellowship Hall.*

**COUNCIL CORNER:**

**Next Council Meetings:**

Monday, October 14, 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 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:**

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**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

**Highland's Annual ORV Ride** will be September 29. 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. We will provide the sloppy joes, drinks and tableware. Any questions contact Bev Taylor or Cindy Vennema

**Save the Date & Sign-up: J.O.Y. Group** will be visiting Dick's Family Farm & Pumpkin Patch in Falmouth on Tuesday, October 8 at 1:00 pm. If you would like to carpool or caravan please meet at Highland church at 12:30 otherwise free to meet us at the pumpkin patch at 1:00. There will be a small tour and a chance to wander around on your own. If you're feeling adventurous, try the corn maze! And of course we'll enjoy some cider or coffee and their homemade donuts. Any questions, contact Cindy Vennema. Please sign-up on the information table in the fellowship hall if you plan to attend.

**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.

#### COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS:

**NMCS' Annual Fish Fry:** You still have one more chance to enjoy the annual NMCS Fish Fry! This Friday, Sept. 20 from 5-8 pm in the NMCS cafeteria and gym. Join us for an all you can eat buffet style meal including chicken, fish, and shrimp. The dinner 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.

**Freedom In Christ Discipleship Resources:** Come and hear about the unique tools Freedom in Christ has to offer your church. Josh & Mandy Shaarda, along with Dan Studt, President of Freedom in Christ USA, will be hosting special event on Wednesday, September 25, 2024 at 7pm. at Keith & Becky Dick's Event Barn (2431 E. Workman Rd. Falmouth, MI 49632) Purpose: Learn how discipleship resources from Freedom in Christ can benefit your church: discipleship tools for adults, youth, and children. Discover powerful tools for building up leaders in the kingdom of God, whether they serve at church, school, business, home, or elsewhere. Hear about how to partner financially with Freedom in Christ to make disciples around the world.

#### PRAYER CONNECTIONS:

- ✚ **Mark Eisenga** continues to recover from knee replacement surgery.
- ✚ **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.
- ✚ **Mary 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).

**HIGHLAND COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS: SEPTEMBER 9, 2024**

- New Members:** Elders approved the transfer of membership of Bob & Betty Keen to Highland CRC from Rehoboth Reformed Church.
- Nominees:** We continue to gather names for elder and deacon nominees. Continue to be in prayer for those receiving letters.
- Budget:** A draft budget was received. Thank you to the team leaders, HR committee, and especially our treasurer for your work. There seems to be no major changes in the budget from last year.
- Project Update:** Greg Hesselink (Facilities Team Leader) updated the council on some upcoming needs.
- Safe Church Policy:** Council discussed and approved an updated Safe Church Policy. Thank you to the Safe Church team who worked to updated our policies. We want Highland to be a safe community for all - especially our children and those most vulnerable among us.

**TREASURER'S REPORT FOR AUGUST**

August General Fund		2nd Offerings	
4th	8,132.00	Booster Club	981.00
11th	5,819.00	Friends Ministry	865.00
18th	4,535.00	Benevolence	990.00
25th	6,939.47	Church Building Fund	810.00
Total August Offerings	25,425.47		
Budget needed weekly	6,471.23		
Times 34 weeks	220,021.96		
Received to date	<u>220,865.95</u>		
Balance	843.99		

**OUR CHURCH WEEK: SEPTEMBER 15-21**

<b>SUN 9/15</b>	9:15 AM	Prayer
	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	10:30 AM	Safe Church Meeting
	10:40-11:30 AM	Sunday School & Catechism begin
<b>TUE 9/17</b>	9:30 AM	Ladies Bible Study: Lesson 3
<b>WED 9/18</b>	7:30 PM	JUMP Practice

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Welcome new members, **Bob & Betty Keen!** Council gladly received the Keen's membership through transfer from Rehoboth Reformed Church to Highland CRC.

**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 for more details!

**Children's Church** has resumed! All kids age 3 – Kindergarten are invited to a time of worship including a Bible lesson and crafts designed just for them downstairs following the children's message.

**Safe Church Meeting:** This morning, following the worship service, there will be a quick Safe Church annual training in the sanctuary. 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 School & Catechism** will resume TODAY from 10:45 am – 11:30 am. Sunday School Kids will start in the sanctuary when the bell rings for some singing before breaking off into classes downstairs. Reminder for parents PreK/Kindergarten kids that these kids need to be picked up at their classroom. Middle school will meet in the MS youth room downstairs. High school will meet in the youth building. All classes are dismissed at 11:30 am. \*\*\*THANK YOU to everyone that signed up to teach/help with this year's Sunday School/Catechism classes!

**The Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study** will be looking at Lesson 3 of their new study titled "Christian Beliefs" this coming Tuesday at 9:30 am.

**JUMP Practice** this Wednesday, September 18 at 7:30 pm.

**Sunday Evening Fellowship Bible Study:** Lord willing, we will begin meeting next Sunday, 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.