

NURSERY:

Sept 18	Leah Thompson, Shari Benthem, Karen Oeverman, Harper Tossey
Sept 25	Becky Wemple, Ruth Kulhawick, Stephanie VanHouten, Owen Wemple
Oct 2	Sue Cook, Nicole Schultz, Linda Ellens, Emma Oeverman
Oct 9	Maggie Southwick, Karianne Smith, Donna Veddler, Leah Thompson

Thank you
to all of our
faithful volunteers
for their service
each week in
helping to
promote the
kingdom of God!

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Sept 18	Teacher: Kasey McQuestion; Helpers: Lindsay Beerens, Kendyn Meyering
Sept 25	Teacher: Jodi DeHate; Helpers: Jordyn Richardson, Gracy Swiler
Oct 2	Teacher: Megan Pluger; Helpers: Nicole Schultz, Alan Thomas
Oct 9	Teacher: Cindy Vennema; Helpers: Nicole Koetje, Addean Oeverman

SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT:

Sept 18	Kyle Meyering, Dan Ouwinga, Kendra Jenema
Sept 25	Cary Sikkema, Jonathan Ouwinga, Sue Cook
Oct 2	Matt Thompson; Dan Ouwinga, Tami Eisenga
Oct 9	Kyle Meyering, Roger Hagerman, Deb Eisenga

OFFERINGS:**September:**

4th – Booster Club
11th – (To be determined)
18th – Benevolence
25th – Marion Food Pantry

October:

2nd – Booster Club
9th – Life Resources
16th – Love INC
23rd – American Bible Society
30th – Friends Ministry

USHERS

September: Ken Roede, Todd Schmid, Adam Swiler, Dale Taylor

October: Phil VanAssche, Kevin DeHate, Kyle Veltema, Steve Meeuwenberg

****If you are unable to serve on your scheduled date, please find a replacement.**

Please call the church office (231) 825-2171 if you have any questions. Thank you!



September 18, 2022

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.*

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Sunday Worship 9:30 AM
Sunday School 10:50 AM (Sept-May)

9034 23 Mile Rd; Marion
(231) 825-2171

HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
Morning Worship Service – 9:30 am
September 18, 2022

Please welcome Rev. Rod Kamrath as he leads our worship this morning.

The People of God Gather:

Prelude
 Call to Worship Song: *Lord of Mercy, Lord of Grace* –Praise 9
 Welcome
 Greet One Another

To Praise God

Psalm 145:3
How Great Thou Art (vs 1-3)
 I Chronicles 29:11
God You Reign (vs 1-2)
 Prayer of Praise

Pray and Serve God:

Announcements
 Congregational prayer

To Proclaim God's Word:

Children's Message- Greg Tossey
***Children ages 3-Kindergarten are excused to Children's Church*

Song of Preparation: *Ancient Words*

Sermon Text: John 13:21-38

Sermon Title: The Unity of the Church

Prayer of response
 Song of Response: *They'll Know We Are Christians (vs 1-2)*
 Offertory: *What a Friend (Medley)* –Praise 9
 1st Offering: General Fund; 2nd Offering: Benevolence

To Go in God's Name:

God's blessing
 Closing Song: *Oh For a Thousand Tongues*
 Postlude

COUNCIL CORNER:

Officers for 2022:

Pastor	Neil Jasperse
President	Jon Dracht
Vice President	Jerry Koop, Jr.
Clerk	Ken Meyering
Secretary of Deacons	Greg Tossey
Vice Treasurer	Kasey Rees

Districts for 2022:

Elders	District	Deacons
Den Kamphouse	#1, A-C	David Wing
Dale Fredin: Adjunct Elder	#2, D-E	Greg Tossey
Ken Meyering	#3, F-L	Devon Dracht
Paul Shaarda	#4, M-O	Kasey Rees
Jerry Koop, Jr.	#5, P-T	Doug Mitchell
Bryan Eisenga	#6, U-Z	Adam Swiler
Ken Roede: Adjunct Elder		Church Office

PASTORAL VISITS: If you would appreciate a pastoral visit for whatever reason, please contact Pastor Neil via Sara Bruno in the church office by calling (231) 825-2171 or by email at npjasperse@gmail.com or in person.

CHURCH OFFICE

(231) 825-2171
 office@highlandcrc.org

Office Hours:

Mon, Tues, Thurs: 8:30 am-2 pm
 Wed (9/21): Closed
 Fri-Sun: Closed

****All bulletin content is due by noon on Thursdays****

MINISTRY TEAM 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 (DaNay Tossey)

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED:

Come be our “Plus 1” ~ The Cadillac Community Chorus presents their “20 + 1” season concert on Sept. 24 at 7:30 p.m. and Sept. 25 at 3:00 p.m. Concert will be held at Northland Community Church (5855 S Morey Rd/M-66). A freewill offering will be taken with a portion going to the Revival Center. Guest Performance: Joyful Spirit Dancers. **The Cadillac Community Chorus includes members from Cadillac, Lake City, McBain, Reed City, Tustin and more. We sing Broadway tunes, gospels, classic and contemporary music.

Save the Date: Highland’s Annual ORV Ride has been scheduled for Sunday, **September 25**. We will depart from the church at 4:00 pm and finish back at the church for a potluck supper.

Save the Dave: Life Resources of Northern Michigan’s Fundraising Banquet, on Tuesday, **September 27** at the Timberwolf Camp Lake in Lake City. If you are interested in attending the banquet, being a table host or would like more information on this event, please contact their Cadillac office.

Save the Date: Everyone is invited to the Annual Highland Reunion Potluck, here on Saturday October 8, 2022 at 12:00 pm. Please bring a dish to pass & your table service. Coffee is furnished.

Lake City CRC is Hiring- The Facility Director at 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/hourly employee who will normally work 25 hours per week. The position description is available on the church website, www.lakecitycrc.org, or in the church office. Resumes/applications will be received through Friday, September 30, 2022, and may be emailed to Rick DeShano at rgdeshano@gmail.com, the church office at office@lakecitycrc.org, or sent through the regular mail to Lake City CRC, P.O. Box 659, Lake City, MI 49651.

PRAYER CORNER

- ✚ We lift up in prayer, Bonnie Veddler, Dick Bruno, & Carol Niver. We pray that they receive the healing, patience and daily strength that they need.
- ✚ **Bonnie Veddler** had surgery this past Friday at Blodgett Hospital in Grand Rapids to remove the cancer from her colon. Please pray for complete healing and renewed strength.
- ✚ Please continue to pray for our missionaries, **George & Sarah de Vuyst** and **Josh & Mandy Shaarda** in their work both stateside and abroad.
 - * Copies of Josh and Mandy’s September newsletter is now available by the Missions bulletin board. (East wing)
- ✚ Please pray for **Tyler Bode** and all those currently serving in the military.

Dear Friends at Highland:

Ruth and I headed out first thing on Tuesday morning. We are grateful to God for modest traffic and a safe trip to Palos Heights, in the southwest Chicago suburbs. We had a dozen people from the church come to help us unload.

In the Genesis 1 creation account, the world was initially formless and void. Then God brought order out of chaos. That's a bit how we feel: arriving to a home where initially the inside is formless and void. But just 24 hours after arriving, order is gradually emerging out of the chaos: our stuff made it inside; we dropped off the U-Haul truck; my computer at church is connected to the internet, and gradually stuff from our boxes is finding its proper place.

Thank you again for your warm send-off! It was so heart-warming to receive words of appreciation, cards, and various gifts to send us off- including that Lions t-shirt. By the way, I wore it to my final elders and council meetings on Monday.

Big thanks to everyone who came Monday afternoon to help us load the truck. Sean Sikkema and Doug Mitchell were impressive in getting our king mattress on board.

Please pray for us as we settle into this community, meet church folk, get up to speed on how things function, and learn more of the needs of the church. We will look forward to Highland email updates. We will be praying for God's continued good work among you. We miss our place in Highland already! Praise God that nothing can separate us from his love in Jesus.

Warmly yours, Pastor Neil

HIGHLAND COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS - SEPTEMBER 12 MEETING

- Discussion was held on the nominations for incoming Elders and Deacon.
- Our Fall Congregational Meeting has been scheduled for November 20 following the morning worship service.
- Confirmed that Paul Shaarda and Dale Fredin will be attending the Fall Classis meeting on September 27 at Lake City, CRC.
- Council reviewed the timeline for the Bonnes family's arrival.
 - October 20-25: Moving to Highland
 - October 26-31: Settle in
 - November 1: Ministry at Highland begins
 - November 6: Installation of Pastor Mark and Pastor Ashley
- Reviewed plans for parsonage projects to be done prior to Bonnes' arrival:
 - Finishing off some rooms in the parsonage basement
 - Enhancing storage space in the upstairs bathroom.

TREASURER'S REPORT

August Offerings		2nd Offerings	
7th	9,575.50	Booster Club	1,197.00
14th	5,516.00	New Building Fund	37,761.00
21st	4,661.00	Josh & Mandy Shaarda	1,171.00
28th	7,637.02	George & Sarah DeVuyst	1,157.00
Deposit from Wedding fund	<u>200.00</u>	Feeding America	
Deposit from New Building	9,025.39		
Total August Offerings	36,614.91		
		CRC Loan Fund - Beginning Bal.	77,739.09
Budget needed weekly	6,208.44	Principal Paid to Date	<u>77,739.09</u>
Times 35 weeks	<u>217,295.48</u>	CRC Loan Fund - Ending Bal.	-
Received to date	194,862.76		
Balance	-22432.72	Interest paid to date	1,860.52

OUR CHURCH WEEK: SEPTEMBER 18-24

SUN 09/18	9:15 AM	A time of prayer in the prayer room
	9:30 AM	Morning Worship Service
	10:50 AM	Sunday School Begins! (start in the sanctuary)
	6-8:00 PM	Youth Group Kickoff (MS & HS) –in the YB
TUES 09/20	7:00 PM	REV Moms Steering Team Mtg. –Fellowship Hall
WED 09/21	-----	Office Closed
	7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting
THURS 09/22	7:00 PM	JUMP Practice
SAT 09/24	10-5:00 PM	YB Use

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

TONIGHT- Middle School and High School Youth Group Kickoff from 6-8 PM in the Youth Building. Come ready for a night of fun, food, and fellowship! You won't want to miss this! We'll have games and activities including life-size battleship! You'll want to bring a towel and a change of clothes in case your ship gets sunk! Prizes for the winning teams. Remember to check our Facebook page for updates. I'm very excited to finally meet all of you. See you then! ~Lindsay Zuiderveen

Congratulations to Jacob and Hannah (Moore) Brandal who were united in marriage on September 10. We would like to bless this couple with a grocery shower. A basket has been provided for them in the fellowship hall.

Thank you for all your cards, prayers and words of comfort following the passing of Roger's mom, Donna Hagerman. Your kindness is a blessing to us ~Roger and Denise Hagerman

Thank you for your calls, cards, food and especially for all the prayers after my broken ankle mishap! It was very much appreciated and a blessing. ~Cindy and Bob Vennema

Safe Church Meeting- There will be a brief Safe Church meeting, next Sunday, September 25 following the worship service, just prior to the Sunday school hour in the Sanctuary. If you have any involvement with our youth programs (nursery, children's church, Sunday school, catechism, youth group, family night, VBS) you will need to be there for that meeting. If you are unable to attend, please contact Linda Wing before next Sunday.

SERMON OUTLINE

Title: The Unity of the Church

Rev. Rod Kamrath

Text: John 13: 21-38

Background information for this Message:

1. John 13 occurred on the _____ of Jesus' life on earth.
2. John 13: 34-35 is our text for today.

A New Command I Give You

1. What does _____ mean?
2. What does _____ mean?

Love One Another

1. Consider Jesus' disciples and how different they were from one another.
2. Love as Jesus loves _____!
3. How has Jesus loved _____???

How Do We Love One Another?

1. By caring for one another _____; Surgeries, deaths, illnesses, relationship failures, wayward children, etc.
2. By _____ to others when we hold a different opinion.
3. By _____ when someone goes astray.
4. By not placing politics or covid or money or anything above our relationship with Christ; seeing each other as _____ and _____ in Christ.
5. By celebrating others _____ and _____.
6. Be careful not to _____.

*“By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”
(John 13:35)*

Have you shown the love of Jesus to those around you?