

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

GREETERS – Please arrive by 9:15 am	
September 20	South: Kevin & Jodi DeHate; North: Paul & Jan Rivera
September 27	South: Kyle & Abby Meyering; North: Al & Anne Thomas
October 4	South: Terry & Dawn Veddler; North: Hilda Cruz
October 11	South: Greg & DaNay Tossey; North: Dave & Linda Wing
NURSERY – Please arrive by 9:15 am	
September 20	Pattie Koop, Anne Thomas, Carly McCrimmon
September 27	Brooke Benthem, Lizelle Bazuin, Aubrynn Bazuin
October 4	Julie Dorman, Bev Kamphouse, Claire Thompson
October 11	Kasey McQuestion, Shari Benthem, Madelyn Oeverman
CHILDREN’S CHURCH – (September – May; Sundays Only)	
September 20	Teacher: Jodi DeHate; Helper: Khloe McQuestion
September 27	Teacher: Miranda Dykhous; Helper: Alan Thomas
October 4	Teacher: Sara Bruno; Helper: Bentley Dracht
October 11	Teacher: Amanda Lutke; Helper: Emma Lee
SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT	
September 20	Matt Thompson/Charlotte Thomas, Jon Ouwinga, Micah Chrispell
September 27	Kyle Meyering/Isaac Baas; Kaylie Benthem, Deborah Ouwinga
October 4	Cary Sikkema/David McBride; Deb Ouwinga, Tami Eisenga
October 11	Matt Thompson; Dan Ouwinga, Jodi DeHate
USHERS – Please arrive by 9:15 am	
September:	Mike Southwick, Todd Schmid, Don Ellens, Greg Hesselink
October:	Al Thomas, Ben Thompson, Lars Fredin, Ken VanPolen, Jr.
2ND OFFERINGS	
September: 6 th : Booster Club 13 th : Project Christmas 20 th : George & Sarah De Vuyst 27 th : Capital Improvement Fund	October: 4: Booster Club 11 th : Right to Life 18 th : American Bible League 25 th : Capital Improvement Fund
Parking Lot Pledges can be turned in at the offering plate at any time using the pledge envelopes available on the information table	

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

We are incredibly grateful to God for you, our volunteers and for your loving service to the Church and the community. God bless you for your service & generosity!



September 20, 2026

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

Sunday Worship: 9:30 am

9034 23 Mile Rd; Marion, MI

Sunday School & Catechism:

(231) 825-2171

10:40 am - 11:30 am (Sept-May)

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Welcome to
HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
Morning Worship Service – 9:30 am
September 20, 2026

*Please welcome **Josh Shaarda** as he leads our time in worship this morning.
Josh and Mandy Shaarda and their children serve with Freedom in Christ Ministries in
Obule, Uganda, partnering with Resonate Global Mission*

The People of God Gather:

Prelude:
Welcome & God’s Greeting
Greet One Another
To Praise God in Song:
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty (vs 1, 3 & 4)
I’d Rather Have Jesus (vs 1 & 2)
Be Still & Know (vs 1, 2 & 5)
Prayer of Praise
To Pray and Serve God
Sacrament of Baptism - Teagan Pluger
Announcements
Congregational Prayer
To Proclaim God’s Word
Children’s Message: Josh Shaarda
Song of Preparation: *Cleanse Me (vs 2, 3 & 4)*
Ministry Update - Video
Scripture: Philippians 4:4-9
Sermon: "What's Worth Celebrating in Your Marriage?"
Prayer of Response
Song of Response/Offertory: *Sing to the Lord (vs 1-4)*
Today’s Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: George & Sarah De Vuyst
To Go in God’s Name
God’s Blessing
Closing Song: *Revive Us Again (vs 1-4)*
Postlude

Nursery is available downstairs each Sunday, year-round for children ages 0 - 3 years old.
Children’s Bulletins are available on the information table in the fellowship hall.
Children’s Church is available for children age 3-Kindergarten. They will be dismissed to their classroom downstairs following the Children’s message of this morning’s service. **Parents must pick up their child from the classroom directly after the worship service.

COMING UP:

Next Communion: Sunday, November 1, 2026	Preaching Schedule: September 20: Josh Shaarda September 27: Rev. Mak Bonnes October 4: Rev. Ashley Bonnes October 11: Rev. Mark Bonnes October 18 : Rev. Mark Bonnes October 25 : Rev. Mark Bonnes
Next Council Meetings: Monday, October 12, 2026 6:30 pm Elders 7:00 pm Deacons 7:30 pm Full Council	

HIGHLAND COUNCIL:

Council Officers for 2026:

President	Steve Meeuwenberg	Pastor Mark Bonnes Pastor Ashley Bonnes Please contact our church office for directory assistance.
Vice President	Ken Meyering	
Clerk	Greg Tossey	
Sec. of Deacons	Jon Ouwinga	
Vice Treasurer	James Bazuin	

Districts for 2026:

Elders	District	Deacons
Greg Tossey*	#1, A-C	Kevin DeHate
Jason Benthem	#2, D-E	Jon Ouwinga*
Steve Meeuwenberg*	#3, F-L	Miranda Dykhouse
Paul Shaarda	#4, M-O	Kyle Veltema
Doug Mitchell	#5, P-T	Ryan McQuestion
Ken Meyering*	#6, U-Z	James Bazuin*

CHURCH OFFICE INFO:

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

OFFICE HOURS:

Pastor Ashley: Mon & Tues 9am-3pm
**Both pastors are off on Wednesdays
Main Office: Mon-Thurs, 8:30am-2pm
Bulletin announcements due before noon on Thursdays.

MINISTRY LEADERS:

Care & Fellowship: Cindy Vennema
Education: _____
Facilities: Greg Hesselink & Devon Dracht
Outreach: _____
Prayer: Sandy Rice
Service: Carrie Thompson
Worship: Bonnie McBride

The **LIVE Stream of our Sunday Worship Service is now on our **YouTube** channel, **Highland CRC LIVE** (make sure it says **LIVE**).
Visit <http://www.youtube.com/@HighlandCRCLIVE> or follow the link on our Facebook page.

Ladies Bible Study meets on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am. This week they will be looking at Lesson 3 of their study on the book of *Exodus*.

Family Night will kick off their season on Wednesday, October 7 beginning with supper at 6:30 pm (Meatballs and gravy over noodles, green beans & apple sauce) followed by Centershot & GEMS from 7-8 pm for kids in 1st - 5th grades.

Freedom in Christ Course: You are invited to join another Freedom in Christ course beginning this Thursday, September 24 at 7:00 pm in the fellowship hall. This course helps you remove obstacles in your faith walk and claim your identity in Christ. This course is especially beneficial for those interested in the FIC Marriage Course that we'll be holding later this winter/early spring. Please contact Linda Wing if interested to reserve a study guide.

Highland's Annual ORV Ride will be next Sunday, September 27. 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-ish for fellowship and a potluck meal in the fellowship hall. We will provide the sloppy joes, drinks and tableware. Please bring a side to share. Any questions contact Bev Taylor or Cindy Vennema.

Profession of Faith/New Member's Class will begin in October. Please contact Pastor Ashley for more information.

Christmas Shoebox Collection: Thank you for your continued support of Operation Christmas Child. Throughout the months of **September/October** we will be collecting CLOTHING: Sandals, hats/mittens, t-shirts, socks, slippers, small bags, sunglasses etc. There is a "Christmas Shoebox Tote" labeled for the donations needed each month located in the Fellowship Hall. Monetary contributions are accepted as well. Your continued support and generosity are greatly appreciated. For more information on this ministry, please contact Becky Wemple.

COMMUNITY EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Project Canefire: Important meeting for all new (first time) volunteers who are going on the 2027 Jan./Feb. trip. Please plan on coming to an informational/signing paperwork meeting on Tuesday, September 22 at 7:00 pm at the Centennial Wealth Bldg. at 9475 W. Watergate (M-55), McBain, MI.

Grief Share: Vogel Center CRC is hosting a "Surviving the Holidays" Grief Share session on Saturday, October 24 from 9:00-11:00am. Please contact Pastor Adam Barton, [\(616\) 566-7937](tel:6165667937) with any questions.

Attention MS & HS Students: UNITED Night of Worship is a twice-a-year night of worship for students and youth ministries across northwest Michigan that first began in April 2018. Our next event will be Sunday, November 22, 2026, 6-8 PM at McBain School Auditorium (107 E. Maple St; McBain). This is a FREE event! For more information and event updates, visit www.unitednwmj.com or Instagram: @unitednwmj.

THANK YOU

Thank you Highland Church for all the prayers, cards and kind words following the passing of my mom, Shirley Southwick. ~Mike and Carol Southwick

PRAYER CONNECTIONS:

Our Condolences to the family and friends of **Ruth Bazuin**, who passed away the morning of Sunday, September 13, 2026 at the age of 91. The funeral service was held here at Highland this past Friday. A full obituary is available through Burkholder-Neilson Funeral Home's website: <https://www.burkholderfunerals.com/obituaries/ruth-bazuin>

Larry Visser fell last weekend and broke his ankle. He is scheduled for surgery this coming Tuesday. Please pray that the repair is success and for a full and healthy recovery.

Mary Bruno underwent corrective surgery on her left foot this past Thursday. Please pray for healing and a smooth recovery.

Bob Keen has been transferred to Wexford Senior Care Center for rehabilitative care. Please pray for healing and renewed strength.

Chris Sheats Update: Chris and Christle met with the neurosurgeon at the end of August and they now have a definitive plan for surgery. Chris will undergo a major, highly complex surgery that will take place over two consecutive days (7-8 hours each day) October 7 and October 8 to completely reconstruct his lower spine. The damaged vertebrae will be removed and replaced with various forms of surgical hardware. Approximately a week after surgery, they hope to move him to Mary Free Bed for inpatient rehabilitation to start his recovery safely. Please pray that God will surround Chris and the entire Sheats family through each step and provide strength, healing and patience as they navigate the difficult path ahead of them.

OUR MISSIONARIES:

- **Josh & Mandy Shaarda (Serving in Uganda) **visiting Highland Sept 20****
Email: jshaarda@crcnapartners.org; Blog: <http://shaarda.blogspot.com>
- **George & Sarah de Vuyst (Serving in Europe)**
Email: gdevuyst@crcna.org; Website: <http://www.devuysts.com>
- **Matthew & Emily Slack (Serving in the England)**
Email: mslack@crcna.org

OUR ACTIVE MILITARY:

- **TSgt, Tyler Bode** (US Airforce; currently stationed in Italy).
- **CMSgt, Michael Stahl** (US Airforce; currently serving in the Middle East).

COUNCIL CORNER • SEPTEMBER 14, 2026

- **Nomination letters** for elders and deacons went out this week. Those who receive a nomination have until October 4. An elder will contact you before that date. The council invites the whole congregation to pray for discernment and wisdom for those who receive a nomination.
- The proposed **2027 budget** was reviewed for the first time. Several adjustments were made and it will be reviewed again in October. The deacons would also like to express their thankfulness to the congregation for their generosity. We are currently meeting our budget obligations for 2026.
- **Riley Brinks** has moved his membership from Prosper CRC to Highland CRC. We welcome Riley to Highland officially!
- **Updated Lighting:** Council noted that much of the lighting upstairs and downstairs were updated. We would like to thank Ampwire/Pluger Mechanical for their work!
- **Classis Northern Michigan** has scheduled their fall meeting for September 29 at Ellsworth Christian Reformed Church. Delegates from Highland CRC will be Pastor Mark Bonnes and Elder Ken Meyering.

TREASURER’S REPORT • AUGUST, 2026

August General Fund		2nd Offerings	
2nd	7,499.00	Booster Club	1,023.00
9th	5,203.00	Friends Ministry	745.00
16th	4,331.00	Benevolence	777.00
23rd	5,278.00	Parking Lot	8,995.00
30th	9,237.55	Capital Improvement	851.00
Total August Offerings	31,548.55		
Budget needed weekly	6,627.06	Parking Lot Fund	52,562.50
Times 35 weeks	231,947.15	Offering	<u>8,995.00</u>
Received to date	<u>235,431.31</u>	Parking Lot Fund	61,557.50
Balance	3,484.16		

SERMON OUTLINE:

Scripture: Philippians 4:4-9
Sermon: What’s Worth Celebrating In Your Marriage?

- Vs. 8: What is true about your marriage in the spiritual realm?
 - What is going right in your marriage?
 - What is lovely about your wife?
 - What is admirable about your husband?
- Vs. 6: Three steps to grounding yourself in truth.
 1. Prayer
 2. Petition
 3. Thanksgiving
- Vs. 7: The benefit of prayer, petition, and thanksgiving is peace that guards you from...
 - Hostile forces trying to attack your marriage.
 - Pulling away from your spouse.

OUR CHURCH WEEK: SEPTEMBER 20-26

SUN 9/20	9:15 AM 9:30 AM 10:40 AM 4:30 PM 6-8 PM	Prayer Worship Service & Baptism Sunday School (PreK-5 th Grade); MS & HS Catechism Fellowship Bible Study – Starting Season 3 of RVL MS & HS Youth Groups Kick-off
MON 9/21	5:30 PM 4:00 PM	Wellness Warriors (YB) JUMP Practice
TUES 9/22	9:30 AM	Ladies Bible Study (w/ Hilda)
THURS 9/24	7:00 PM	FIC Bible Study – Fellowship Hall (w/ Linda)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

This morning, we will be celebrating God’s faithfulness through the sacrament of baptism for Teagan Mae Pluger, daughter of Aaron & Megan Pluger.

MS Youth Group will have their kick-off meeting tonight, Sunday, September 20 from 6-8 pm in the Middle School youth room. There will be pizza!

High School Youth Group Kickoff! Calling all high school students! Join us for our Youth Group Kickoff on Sunday, September 20th from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at City Park in McBain. Come enjoy a fun-filled evening with: a pickle ball tournament, corn hole, other fun yard games plus pizza and snacks. This is a great opportunity to hang out with friends and kick off an awesome year together. We can't wait to see you there! Feel free to bring a friend!

When: Sunday, September 20th, 6-8:00 pm; **Where:** City Park, McBain.

Fellowship Bible Study will meet this evening at 4:30 pm in the fellowship hall for Season 3 of Ray Vander Laan’s video-led series, “Discipleship: The Study”. If you plan to attend and have not already done so, please contact Sandy Rice to reserve your study guide. Each meeting is followed by a light potluck supper.