

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

GREETERS – Please arrive by 9:15 am	
Sept 28	South: Devon & Hillary Dracht; North: Bob & Cindy Vennema
Oct 5	South: C.J. & Sara Bruno; North: Jean Venema
Oct 12	South: Kevin & Tami Eisenga; North: Steph & Sam VanHouten
Oct 19	South: Jim & Bev Ouwinga; North: Steve & Sue Meeuwenberg
NURSERY – Please arrive by 9:15 am	
Sept 28	Shari Benthem, Jennifer Peterson, Claire Thompson
Oct 5	Becky Wemple, Stephanie VanHouten, Jayden Benthem
Oct 12	Ruth Kulhawick, Maggie Southwick, Charlotte Thomas
Oct 19	Donna Veddler, Esther Bode, Madelyn Oeverman
CHILDREN’S CHURCH – (September – May)	
Sept 28	Teacher: Jordyn Richardson; Helper: Bentley Dracht
Oct 5	Teacher: Makayla Powers; Helper: Charlotte Thomas
Oct 12	Teacher: Amanda Lutke; Helper: Gracyn Swiler
Oct 19	Teacher: Miranda Dykhouse; Helper: Briggs Tossey
SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT	
Sept 28	Cary Sikkema, Jon Ouwinga, Sue Cook
Oct 5	Kyle Meyering, Deb Eisenga, Jodi DeHate
Oct 12	Matt Thompson, Dan Ouwinga, Deborah Ouwinga
Oct 19	Kyle Meyering, Kaylie Benthem, Tami Eisenga
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 28 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 28, 2025

The People of God Gather:

Welcome & God’s Greeting
Greet One Another

To Praise God in Song:
The Father’s House
Jesus Messiah
Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God
Announcements
Congregational Prayer

To Proclaim God’s Word
Children’s Message: Al Thomas
Song of Preparation: *No Longer Slaves*

Scripture: Acts 2.44-47/Ecclesiastes 4.7-12
Sermon: The Right Kind of Togetherness

Prayer of Response
Song of Response/Offertory: *Trust in God*

Today’s Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: Capital Improvement Fund

To Go in God’s Name
God’s Blessing
Closing Song: *The Blessing*
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 21: Rev. Mark Bonnes
September 28: Rev. Mark Bonnes
October 5: Rev. Mark Bonnes
October 12: Rev. Mark Bonnes
October 19: Rev. Mark Bonnes
October 26: Rev. Mark Bonnes

HIGHLAND COUNCIL

Council Officers for 2025:

President	Mark Eisenga	Pastor Mark Bonnes Pastor Ashley Bonnes *Please contact the church office for contact information (231) 825-2171
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:
<p>Phone: (231) 825-2171 Email: office@highlandcrc.org * * * * *</p> <p>Sept 21-27: The Main office will be CLOSED.</p> <p>*Bulletin announcements will still be due by NOON on Thursday.</p>	<p>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</p>

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. This retreat is for married couples interested in getting away, resting, and enjoying the company of their spouse and other couples! We're excited to announce that Josh & Mandy Shaarda will be leading a couple of the sessions on Saturday! You won't want to miss it! Pastor Ashley is also looking for volunteers to help with meal prep and those interested in sponsoring a scholarship for a couple to attend!

AREA EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mark your calendars! **NMCS' Annual *Building the Future* Auction** is scheduled for Saturday, November 8, 2025. This event brings together hundreds of people from our community to enjoy an evening of great food, fellowship, and the excitement of bidding on some incredible items! Our auction team is busy making calls and securing donations, and we would love your help. If you have an item you'd like to donate or would prefer to give a gift of underwriting dollars, we would be so grateful. Please contact Diane Eisenga at deisenga@nmcs.us or by calling (231) 825-2492 for additional information or visit <https://www.nmcs.us/auction>.

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. This position 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 jlmason@gmail.com or office@lakecitycrc.org or mailed to Lake City CRC, P.O. Box 659, Lake City MI 49651.

PRAYER CONNECTIONS:

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 pain management and for strength and wisdom as they navigate the next steps.

Please continue to lift **Colter Bailey** and his family in your prayers as he completes his remaining treatments and that future scans will remain clear!

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.

Prayer Safari (Oct 4-14) - Anyone interested in joining for any of the days or part days, please let Lynn Rice or Pastor Ashley know. There are schedules and information packets available on the table in the fellowship hall.

Prayer Requests for Prayer Safari:

- for a bus driver for the 5 days that they are in this area
- for about \$5,000 more to reach their fundraising goal!
- for God to prepare the hearts of people in Michigan for this experience
- for safety in travel - both to Michigan and throughout the 10 days
- for God's presence, power, and glory to be seen and experienced throughout Michigan

OUR MISSIONARIES:

- **Josh & Mandy Shaarda Family** (Serving in Uganda)
Email: jshaarda@crnapartners.org; Blog: <http://shaarda.blogspot.com>
- **George & Sarah de Vuyst Family** (Serving in Europe)
Email: gdevuyst@crcna.org; Website: <http://www.devuysts.com>
- **Matthew & Emily Slack Family** (Serving in London, England)

OUR ACTIVE MILITARY:

- **SSgt, Tyler Bode** (US Airforce; currently stationed in Italy).

OUR CHURCH WEEK: SEPTEMBER 28 – OCTOBER 4		
SUN 9/28	9:15 AM	Prayer
	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	10:40 AM	Sunday School & Catechism (Dismissed at 11:30)
	4:00 PM	Highland ORV Ride; Potluck at 6 pm (Fellowship Hall)
	4:30 PM	Fellowship Bible Study: RVL Series (Youth Building)
TUES 9/30	9:30 AM	Ladies Bible Study (w/ Hilda)
WED 10/01	6:30 PM	Family Night Dinner
	7:00 PM	Centershot & GEMS

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Fellowship Bible Study will be meeting in the youth building tonight starting at 4:30 pm followed by fellowship and potluck at 5:30 pm. We are using Ray Vander Laan’s (video-led) Discipleship series “The Study” to examine what it means to be a follower of Christ through the cultural, historical and contextual lens of scripture.

Join us this afternoon for Highland’s Annual ORV Ride We will meet at Highland CRC at 4:00 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. Any questions contact Bev Taylor or Cindy Vennema.

Ladies Bible Study (w/ Hilda) will meet this Tuesday at 9:30 am for Lesson 2 of the Life-Guide Bible study on the book of Genesis. Contact Hilda if you still need a book.

This Wednesday, October 1: Family Night will kick off their 2025-2026 season beginning with a delicious dinner of meatballs and noodles at 6:30 pm followed by Centershot (boys) and GEMS (girls) clubs from 7-8 pm. These programs are for kids in 1st – 5th grade. Family Night is the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month (Oct–April).

Next Sunday, **October 5** we look forward to celebrating the infant baptism of **Jordan Scott Jenema**, son of Jonathan & Kendra Jenema.

SHP Informational Meeting: If you're interested in helping with Sleep in Heavenly Peace or would like to know more, please come to a meeting in the unfinished part of the church basement on Sunday, October 5 right after church. There will be donuts!!! If you can't make it and are interested, please reach out to Al Thomas.

Attention Middle School Youth Group:

- **Next meeting** is Sunday, Oct. 5th, 2025 and we will be adventuring out to Dick Family Farm. We are meeting at the church and leaving church at 5:15pm, and will be back to church by normal ending time at 8pm.
- **Pumpkin Decorating/Carving Contest!** Congregation, we will be asking for your votes on Sunday, October 5th for our first pumpkin contest (see insert). Kids are allowed to enter one entry; they must use their mind and their creativity to design their pumpkin. Adults are asked to only assist if a danger may arise, from a sharp tool, ect. Kids, please have your pumpkins to church no later than 9 am, next Sunday, October 5th!!!

Booklets Available: A collection of “A View from the County – by Barb Lee” stories from past editions of the Highland Highlighter (1985-2025) are available. Please contact Shari Benthem for a booklet.

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. Throughout the months of **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!

SAVE THE DATE:

You’re Invited to the **Highland Annual Reunion & Potluck**, this Saturday, October 11, 2025 at 12:00 pm in the Highland Church fellowship hall. Please bring a dish to pass & your own table service. Coffee will be provided.

October 12: Adult Baptism & Profession of Faith of **Daniel “JR” Hostetler**.

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.