

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

GREETERS – Please arrive by 9:15 am

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
Oct 26	South: Jason & Shari Benthem; North: Paul & Carole Shaarda

NURSERY – Please arrive by 9:15 am

Oct 5	Becky Wemple, Stephanie VanHouten, Jayden Benthem
Oct 12	Ruth Kulhawick, Maggie Southwick, Charlotte Thomas
Oct 19	Donna Veddler, Esther Bode, Madelyn Oeverman
Oct 26	Cam Mulder, Diane Nemeth, Franklin Baas

CHILDREN’S CHURCH – (September – May)

Oct 5	Teacher: Makayla Powers; Helper: Charlotte Thomas
Oct 12	Teacher: Amanda Lutke; Helper: Gracyn Swiler
Oct 19	Teacher: Miranda Dykhouse; Helper: Briggs Tossey
Oct 26	Teacher: Megan Pluger; Helper: Alan Thomas

SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT

Oct 5	Kyle Meyering, Dan Ouwinga, Jodi DeHate
Oct 12	Matt Thompson, Deb Eisenga, Deborah Ouwinga
Oct 19	Kyle Meyering, Kaylie Benthem, Tami Eisenga
Oct 26	Carry Sikkema, Jon Ouwinga, Sue Cook

USHERS – Please arrive by 9:15 am

October:	Mike Southwick, Isaac Baas, Adam Southwick, Kevin Eisenga
November:	Don Ellens, Kasey Rees, Greg Hesselink, Kyle Veltema

2ND OFFERINGS:

OCTOBER:

5th: Booster Club

12th: Parking Lot Project

19th: American Bible League

26th: Capital Improvement Fund

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



October 5, 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
October 5, 2025

The People of God Gather:

Prelude: *Glorify Thy Name / I Sing Praises*
Welcome & God’s Greeting
Greet One Another

To Praise God in Song:

I Give All to You (vs 1-3)
I Surrender All (vs 1 & 3)
Take My Life & Let It Be (vs 1 & 5)
Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God

Baptism of Jordan Scott Jenema
Song: “*Baptism Blessing*” – Shelly Jenema
Announcements
Congregational Prayer

To Proclaim God’s Word

Children’s Message: Pastor Mark Bonnes
Song of Preparation: *Have Thine Own Way Lord (vs 1, 2 & 4)*
Scripture: Acts 2:39 & Deuteronomy 6: 1-9
Sermon: "Please, Someone Think of the Children!"

Prayer of Response
Song of Response/Offertory: *Jesus Loves Me / Oh How He Loves You and Me*
Today’s Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: Booster Club

To Go in God’s Name

God’s Blessing
Closing Song: *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus (vs 1, 2 & 4)*
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:
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:

Phone: (231) 825-2171
Email: office@highlandcrc.org
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Normal Office Hours:
Monday – Thursday
8:30 am – 2:00 pm
*Bulletin announcements will still be due by NOON on Thursday.

MINISTRY LEADERS:

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

AREA EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Council on Aging Medicare Seminar: Wednesday, October 8, 2 pm—Those interested in learning more about the new changes in Medicare and Medicaid are encouraged to come out to this seminar in the Fellowship Hall of Lake City CRC. Certified counselors from the Missaukee Council on Aging will be present to answer your questions and to assist with enrollment, as well as provide additional resources available through the COA.

Mission minded volunteers are needed to join the **Project Canefire** teams to install fresh water wells, construct new homes and churches, encourage students and teach sewing classes while bringing hope and healing as we develop relationships with impoverished Dominican Republic communities. Please consider volunteering this year for 2 weeks from Tuesday, Jan. 20-Feb. 3, 2026. Join us at our October 28th meeting at 7:00pm with a copy of your passport at the Centennial Wealth Bldg. on M-55 (address is 9475 W Watergate Rd, McBain, MI 49657). Contact Paul Benthem (231) 667-7200 to sign up or if you have any questions.

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:

Update on Chris Sheats: Chris has been diagnosed with multiple myeloma. The big news is that his Oncologist is really optimistic that he can find a treatment plan that fits Chris well. Multiple myeloma isn't curable, but it is very treatable, potentially for decades! They go back on October 16 for a full plan. In the meantime, he has some blood tests and a bone marrow biopsy coming up. Your continued support and prayers are greatly appreciated.

Global Prayer Safari (Oct 4-14) – Yesterday, people from 3 different African countries, Canada, and the U.S. gathered in Detroit to begin a Global Prayer Safari throughout the state of Michigan. On Monday, Oct 6m these 45-50 people will leave Detroit, go to our capital in Lansing and make their way through Northern Michigan. The Safari will use Center Lake Bible Camp as a home base Tuesday-Friday (Oct 7-10) and will be praying in the surrounding communities at farms, businesses, schools, hospitals, churches and more. If anyone is interested in joining us for part of a day or a whole day (or more), contact Pastor Ken Koning (231) 920-1721 or Craig Pollington (231) 429-8336 for times and places where we will be on those days. Also, there will be 2 worship services open to the community (see below). The Safari will leave Saturday morning and will be praying through West Michigan with participants heading home on Wednesday (Oct 15). Please be praying for us and consider joining us for a time. Additional details about their schedule are also available on the table in the narthex. Even if you are unable to attend, please remember to lift them up in prayer.

Community Worship Services (open to the community):

- Tuesday, Oct 7 at 7:30pm - Calvin CRC
- Friday, Oct 10 at 7:30pm - Lake City CRC

Prayer Requests for Prayer Safari:

- 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: OCTOBER 5-11

SUN 10/5	9:15 AM	Prayer
	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	10:40 AM	Sunday School & Catechism (Dismissed at 11:30)
	10:40 AM	Sleep in Heavenly Peace Meeting (New Basement)
	4:30 PM	Fellowship Bible Study: RVL Series (Fellowship Hall)
	5:15-8:00 PM	MS Extreme – Visiting Dick Family Farm (see below)
	5:00-8:00 PM	HS Strong Tower – Amazing Race Night (see below)
MON 10/06	7:00 PM	Praise Team Practice
TUES 10/7	9:30 AM	Ladies Bible Study (w/ Hilda)
	5:45 PM	REV Moms
WED 10/8	1-6:30 PM	Versiti Blood Drive
SAT 10/11	12-2:00 PM	Highland Annual Reunion & Potluck

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

This morning we have the joy of celebrating the infant baptism of **Jordan Scott Jenema**, son of Jonathan & Kendra Jenema.

Youth Groups:

- Middle School:** Tonight we will be adventuring out to Dick Family Farm. We are meeting at the church and leaving church at 5:15 pm, and will be back to church by normal ending time at 8 pm.
- High School:** Highland Strongtower’s Fall Amazing Race Night – Tonight, October 5 from 5:00-8:00 pm. Starting at Jayden Benthem’s House (see printed bulletin for address). Get ready for some fun games and challenges and prizes for the top team! Dress for the weather and bring a friend. See you there!

Pumpkin Decorating Contest: Our Middle School Youth Group has their decorated pumpkins on display in the fellowship hall this morning. Please take a moment after the service to vote for your favorite pumpkin. The winner will be announced at their meeting tonight.

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 downstairs in the unfinished part of the church basement this morning right after church. There will be donuts!!! If you can't make it and are interested, please reach out to Al Thomas. Please note we do have an elevator available (access near the kitchen) if you wish to attend but need to avoid stairs.

Fellowship Bible Study will be meeting in the fellowship hall 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.

Ladies Bible Study (w/ Hilda) will meet this Tuesday at 9:30 am for Lesson 3 of the Life-Guide Bible study on the book of Genesis. Contact Hilda if you still need a book.

Versiti Blood of MI will be here this Wednesday, October 8 from 1-6:00 pm for a blood drive. Please consider taking this opportunity to help save a life through the gift of donating blood. To schedule, please call 866-642-5663 or visit Versiti.org/mi or contact Sara in the church office.

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.

Next Sunday, October 12 we have the honor of witnessing the adult baptism & Profession of Faith of **Daniel “JR” Hostetler**.

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:

Couples' Retreat - Will begin with supper on Friday (Nov 7) evening (after work) and will continue until about 3pm pm Saturday, Nov 8. There is a \$125 fee for your room - that's all we ask you to pay! Those interested, please let Pastor Ashley know. We'll be asking for firm commitment with payment in the coming weeks. Scholarships will be available if needed. Also, see Pastor Ashley if you're willing to help prepare and serve a meal (supper, breakfast, or lunch). We're excited to see how God will continue to strengthen our marriages!