

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

NURSERY

- Oct 8** Lizelle Bazuin, Bev Kamphouse, Kasey McQuestion, Aubrynn Bazuin
Oct 15 Shari Benthem, Karen Oeverman, Dana Baas, Claire Thompson
Oct 22 Jan Rivera, Becky Wemple, Diane Eisenga, Addean Oeverman
Oct 29 Steph VanHouten, Ruth Kulhawick, Nicole Schultz, Charlotte Thomas

CHILDREN’S CHURCH

- Oct 8** Teacher: Miranda Dykhouse; Helpers: Lindsay Beerens, Emma Lee
Oct 15 Teacher: Megan Pluger; Helpers: Nicole Schultz, Gracyn Swiler
Oct 22 Teacher: Kasey McQuestion; Helpers: Hillary Dracht, Alan Thomas
Oct 29 Teacher: Jodi DeHate; Helpers: Nicole Koetje, Harper Tossey

SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT

- Oct 8** Cary Sikkema, Dan Ouwinga, Jodi DeHate
Oct 15 Kyle Meyering, Kaylie Benthem, Tami Eisenga
Oct 22 Cary Sikkema, Deb Eisenga, Kendra Jenema
Oct 29 Matt Thompson, Dan Ouwinga, Deborah Ouwinga

USHERS

- October:** Ryan McQuestion, James Bazuin, Jason Benthem, Brandon Veddler
November: Kyle Meyering, Jun Brinks, Scott Oeverman, Jim Ouwinga

2ND OFFERINGS:

- October:**
1st: Booster Club
8th: Oasis Family Resource Center
15th: Feeding America
22nd: Existing Building Fund
29th: Friends Ministry

****If you are unable to serve on your scheduled date, please find a replacement.
For additional assistance, please call the church office (231) 825-2171.**



October 8, 2023
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
www.highlandcrc.org

Sunday Worship 9:30 am
Sunday School & Catechism
10:40 am – 11:30 am (Sept-May)

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

HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

Morning Worship Service – 9:30 am

October 1, 2023

A Service of Lament

Prelude: *Be Still & Know* (vs 1,2,4,5)

Welcome

God's Greeting

Greet One Another

Invitation to Lament: (Reader: Marilyn Visser)

Death:

Psalm 18:1-6

Moment of Silence

Song: *O Lord, Hear My Prayer* (vs 1)

Troubled Thoughts:

Scripture: Psalm 55:1-8

Moment of Silence

Song: *O Lord, Hear My Prayer* (vs 1)

Lament for Sin:

Scripture: Psalm 86: 1-7

Moment of Silence

Song: *O Lord, Hear My Prayer* (vs 1)

Pray and Serve God:

Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Proclaim God's Word

Children's Message: Pastor Ashley

Song of Preparation: *Jesus Draw Me Ever Nearer* (vs 1-3)

Scripture: "**Sadness: When the Tears Come**"

Sermon: **Psalm 130**

Prayer of Response

Song of Response/Offertory: *His Eye is on the Sparrow* (vs 1-3)

Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: Oasis Family Resource Center

Song of Praise: *Hear My Cry, O God* (vs 1,2)

Go in God's Name

God's blessing

Closing Song: *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus* (vs 1,3)

Postlude

****Our Nursery** is available downstairs for children ages 0 - 3 years old.
Children's Church is available for children ages 3 years old - Kindergarten
downstairs following the Children's message.

PREACHING SCHEDULE:

October 1 – Pastor Mark Bonnes
October 8 – Pastor Ashley Bonnes
October 15 – Pastor Mark Bonnes
October 22 – Pastor Mark Bonnes
October 29 – Pastor Mark Bonnes

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:

October 9 - 6:30 pm Elder
October 9 - 7:00 pm Deacons
October 9 - 7:30 pm Council

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: November 19

HIGHLAND COUNCIL:

Officers for 2023:

President	Jon Dracht	884-0408	Pastor Mark Bonnes (765) 532-4612 hrcrpastor@gmail.com Pastor Ashley Bonnes (765) 532-0331 bonnes.ashley@gmail.com
Vice President	Don Eisenga	499-9661	
Clerk	Alan Baas	878-4125	
Sec. of Deacons	Kyle Meyering	846-6075	
Vice Treas.	Kasey Rees	429-5887	

Districts for 2023:

Elders	District	Deacons
Den Kamphouse 667-0321	#1, A-C	David Wing 667-0563
Alan Baas 878-4125	#2, D-E	Kyle Meyering 846-6075
Jon Dracht 884-0408	#3, F-L	Devon Dracht 357-9533
Paul Shaarda 394-0580	#4, M-O	Kasey Rees 429-5887
Don Eisenga 499-9661	#5, P-T	Scott Oeverman 878-3290
Don Ellens 920-9597	#6, U-Z	Anne Thomas 878-2131

Church Office

(231) 825-2171

office@highlandcrc.org

Normal Office Hours:

Mon-Thurs 8:30 am – 2:00 pm

Fri-Sun: Closed

All bulletin announcements must be turned in 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)

AMEN Chorus & Women's Philharmonic Chorus: Would you like to join a choir to sing in this holiday season? The program we will be preparing for is on Saturday, December 2 and Sunday, December 3. If you have any questions, please contact director, Angela Warner at kirkangelawarner@hotmail.com or 231-330-0894. Here is a list of options to join a community choir for this program:

- **The AMEN Chorus** is open to any gentleman that enjoys singing. Rehearsals will be held at the Cadillac Christian Reformed Church starting October 21 from 5:00-7:00 P.M. Please bring \$10 to cover the cost of music.
- **The Women's Philharmonic Chorus** is open to any woman that would like to join the group. Practices will be held at the United Methodist Church in Cadillac on Monday Mornings starting October 23 from 10 -12. This women's group will be performing in the program listed above as well as a separate program on December 11.
- If you want to sing in **The Mass Choir** for this program, rehearsals will be Saturday nights starting November 11 from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. at Cadillac Christian Reformed Church.

Ladies Night Out: Wednesday, October 25, 2023. Doors open at 5:30. Mark your calendars and get your tickets. It will again be hosted by Olde Mill Venue in Marion and sponsored by the Vogel Center CRC. The theme this year is "SEEK HIM" and a catered dinner from Longer Table will be followed by speaker, Jolene DeHeer. Come out for a great night of fellowship, food, singing and being inspired to SEEK HIM! Tickets are \$20 and available at Vogel Center CRC (231) 825-2053 or through Kim Winkel, Connie Carrick or Sandy Pearson.

McBain Area Men's Night Out: Come on out for a fun evening November 8th at the Old Mill Venue in Marion. Our feature speaker will be Dr. David Murray, the author of *Reset: Living a Grace-paced Life in a Burn-out Culture*. Doors open at 6:00 pm and a New York Strip dinner will start at 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$20. Please RSVP by Nov. 6th to the Vogel Center Church office at (231) 825-2053.

Northern Michigan Christian School is looking for a full-time maintenance/custodian. This person would primarily do general cleaning such as vacuuming, mopping, dusting, emptying trash, etc. This person would work the evening shift from 2:30-11:00. Benefits include health insurance and 401K. Please send resumes to Scott Curell at scurell@nmcs.us. This position could be a part-time position for those who are interested in a part-time position.

Life Resources of Northern Michigan is hiring a Business Manager (Part-time position). The Business Manager is responsible for overseeing the day-to-day administrative operations. Major duties involve ensuring efficient office procedures, donor data entry, overseeing contracts & vendors, and helping maintain a comprehensive budget. Applicant must have strong computer & software skills, experience & confidence with spreadsheets, & Quick-books online as well as excellent organizational skills. Please email resumes to executive.director@liferesources.org. **If you wish to view a full job description, please check the bulletin board by the mailboxes.

PRAYER REQUESTS AND UPDATES:

- ✚ **Mary Dracht** had a pacemaker put in this past Tuesday in Grand Rapids. She is now home and doing well.
- ✚ **B.J. & Sue Cook-** Please continue to pray for good health & patience as BJ begins the re-immunization process this fall.
- ✚ Please pray for our **Council** in the coming weeks as they finalize the 2024 proposed budget and confirm nominees for incoming Council. Please pray for the **Council Nominees** and the decisions before them as well.

OUR MISSIONARIES:

- ✚ **Josh & Mandy Shaarda & Family** (Serving in Uganda)
Email: jshaarda@crcnapartners.org; Blog: <http://shaarda.blogspot.com>
- ✚ **George & Sarah de Vuyst & Family** (Serving in Ukraine & the U.S.)
Email: gdevuyst@crcna.org; Website: <http://www.devuysts.com>

ACTIVE MILITARY:

- ✚ **SSgt, Tyler Bode;** U.S. Air Force; Aviano Air Force Base, Italy.

WEEKLY PRAYER EMPHASIS:

[On January 1 we began 2023 with a prayer service where we collected prayers from the congregation. The Prayer Team has turned those wonderful prayers and prayer concerns into a calendar of prayers for 2023. Every week we will emphasize a prayer concern that you all gave us.]

During the month of October, we want to focus on Trusting in God:

- **This Sunday**, we want to focus on prayer for the times with life is hard!
- **In the week ahead and next Sunday**, we pray that we all can trust in God's will.

OUR CHURCH WEEK: OCTOBER 8-14

SUN 10/8	9:15 AM 9:30 AM 10:40 AM 4:30 PM 6-7:30 PM	Prayer Worship Service Sunday School, Catechism & Men's Small Group Fellowship Bible Study – Heros of Faith: Lesson 8 Extreme & Strong Tower – Regular Meeting
MON 10/9	12:30 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM 7:30 PM	J.O.Y. Group ORV Color Tour Elders Meeting Deacons Meeting Council Meeting
TUES 10/10	9:30 AM	Ladies Bible Study – Lesson 6 REV Moms (MS Youth Room – Use South Doors)
WED 10/11	1-6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Versiti Blood Drive Prayer Meeting
SAT 10/14	12-3:00 PM	Annual Highland Reunion & Potluck (fellowship hall)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Today:

- **Sunday School & Catechism:** 10:40 am – 11:30 am
- **Men's Small Group Book Study (during Sunday School):** Week 4 of an 8-week marriage book study and small group discussion.

Tonight:

- **Sunday Evening Fellowship Bible Study** will begin at 4:30 pm in the fellowship hall for Lesson 8 of their "Heros of the Faith" Bible study followed by a light potluck supper at 5:30 pm.
- **Extreme (middle school) and Strong Tower (high school)** will meet tonight. Please check the Highland Extreme & Strong Tower Facebook page for additional details.

J.O.Y. Group will meet tomorrow, Monday, October 9 at 12:30 pm at Highland CRC for a leisurely color tour. It will be a GENTLE ride on side-by-sides around our Highland area. We will then return to church for fellowship and nourishment of coffee/cider and donuts! Please sign up on the information table if you plan to attend as this helps us plan food. If you are willing to lend out your side-by-side or be a driver, please contact Cindy V or Bev T.

Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study (w/ Hilda) will be looking at Lesson 5 of "Women & Identity" this Tuesday beginning at 9:30 am.

Starting October 15, the Sunday Evening Fellowship Bible Study group will begin a new series on "Ruth". This 6-week study will begin at 4:30 pm in the fellowship hall with potluck supper following. This will be a good time to give Sunday Evening Bible Study & Fellowship a try. You will be warmly welcomed! Please contact Sandy Rice for a study book

Versiti Blood of Michigan will be here for our next blood drive on Wednesday, October 11 from 1-6:30 pm. To schedule your donation appointment, please call 1-866-MI-BLOOD or visit www.Versiti.org/Mi. You may also schedule through the office by calling (231) 825-2171 during normal office hours.

New Bible Study: You are invited to a 7 week women's Bible Study on Thursday evenings at 7 beginning October 19. We will be watching DVDs together and have personal study during the week on the book "Discerning the Voice of God" by Priscilla Shirer. Please contact Linda Wing at (231) 388-5063 by Friday, October 13, if you are interested.

Save the Date: Trunk or Treat is fast approaching!!! Saturday, October 28 from 3-5 pm, we will have candy, a photo station, soup, donuts and cider! Cost is free but don't forget your (family-friendly) costume!!! **Please check the sign-up table in the fellowship hall for opportunities to help: Trunkers, servers and volunteers to make soup or donate candy. **Christmas Shoeboxes:** For the months of **September and October**, we will be collecting clothing items: Sandals/Shoes, Hats/Mittens, T-shirts, Socks, slippers, small bags, sunglasses etc. The donation tote is sitting next to the information table in the fellowship hall. Your generosity and continued support of the Christmas Shoebox Project is greatly appreciated. If you would like to make a monetary donation and have someone else do the shopping for you, please contact Becky Wemple. **November** is quickly approaching and will be our final collection month and the packing of our shoeboxes. We'll post more details here as we get closer to November.

Community Worship Service: Join us at Lucas CRC (10479 S Lucas Rd, McBain, MI 49657) on October 15th at 6:00 pm for a special worship service! We are excited to welcome Rev. Kurt Selles, who will be preaching and providing an update on ReFrame Ministries. We invite all surrounding churches to come and worship together.

Friendship Bible Ministries for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities will begin Bible studies on Monday nights at 7pm starting on October 16 at Living Light Christian Church (5700 W Blue Rd; Lake City). **Volunteers are needed!** Please contact Abby DeZeeuw at (231) 884-1114 for additional information.

The McBain Community Library along with the Cadillac Friends of the Library group are hosting a program called **The American Soldier**, featuring Actor Douglas Taurel as he honors veterans with his one-man show. Program will be held Friday, October 20th at 7 p.m. and Saturday, October 21st at 2 p.m. at the Elenbaas Auditorium. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. Tickets can be purchased at the McBain library, Horizon Books or Brinks Art and Frame shop. Due to language and content, this program is geared toward those 18 and older.

The Faithful Journey Quartet with their Southern Gospel sound will be giving a concert at Vogel Center CRC on **Sunday, Oct. 22 at 6 pm**. A love offering will be taken. For more information about them, go to www.faithfuljourneyquartet.com.