

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

GREETERS – Please arrive by 9:15 am

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
Nov 2	South: Dale & Bev Taylor; North: Den & Bev Kamphouse

NURSERY – Please arrive by 9:15 am

Oct 12	Ruth Kulhawick, Maggie Southwick, Charlotte Thomas
Oct 19	Donna Veddler, Esther Bode, Madelyn Oeverman
Oct 26	Cam Mulder, Diane Nemeth, Franklin Baas
Nov 2	Addean Oeverman, Barb Dore, Ben Thompson

CHILDREN'S CHURCH – (September – May)

Oct 12	Teacher: Amanda Lutke; Helper: Gracyn Swiler
Oct 19	Teacher: Miranda Dykhous; Helper: Briggs Tossey
Oct 26	Teacher: Megan Pluger; Helper: Alan Thomas
Nov 2	Teacher: Jordyn Richardson; Helper: Harper Tossey

SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT

Oct 12	Matt Thompson, Deb Eisenga, Deborah Ouwinga
Oct 19	Kyle Meyering, Kaylie Benthem, Tami Eisenga
Oct 26	Carry Sikkema, Jon Ouwinga, Sue Cook
Nov 2	Matt Thompson, Deb Eisenga, Jodi DeHate

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 12, 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 12, 2025

The People of God Gather:

Prelude:
Welcome & God’s Greeting
Greet One Another

To Praise God in Song:
Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Gratitude
Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God
Profession of Faith & Adult Baptism of Daniel “JR” Hostetler
Announcements
Congregational Prayer

To Proclaim God’s Word
Children’s Message: Margaret Westmaas
Song of Preparation: *Lord Speak to Me (vs 1-4)*
Scripture: Acts 2:42; 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Sermon: Watering the Soul
Prayer of Response
Song of Response/Offertory: *Cornerstone*
Today’s Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: Parking Lot Project

To Go in God’s Name
God’s Blessing
Closing Song: *How Great Is Our God*
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

Preaching Schedule:
October 5: Rev. Mark Bonnes
October 12: Rev. Mark Bonnes
October 19: Rev. Mark Bonnes
October 26: Rev. Mark Bonnes

Next Council Meetings:
Monday, October 13, 2025
6:30 pm Elders
7:00 pm Deacons
7:30 pm Full Council

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

GriefShare: Grief is a hard journey and you don't have to travel alone. Vogel Center CRC is hosting a grief support group again this year. If you or someone you know would benefit, please join us for these upcoming classes:

- “Surviving the Holidays”: Saturday, November 8 from 9-11 am. (One day)
- GriefShare: Saturdays 9-10:30 (Weekly, beginning January 3, 2026)

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: 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.

THANK YOU

We would like to thank everyone for the support you gave our families in the midst of losing Bob and Sue. We're so grateful for our church family.
~Greg, Laura, Lindsay, Gary and Kelly Hesselink.

PRAYER CONNECTIONS:

We lift up **Mary Karsten** in prayer as she has been battling a severe case of pneumonia over the past couple weeks. After spending a week in the hospital, she is now home. Please pray for renewed strength and continued healing.

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) – Over the past week, people from 3 different African countries, Canada, and the U.S. have been gathered together as a Global Prayer Safari traveling and praying throughout the state of Michigan. Their journey began Oct 6, in Detroit and Lansing before moving through Northern Michigan. The Safari has been praying in the surrounding communities at farms, businesses, schools, hospitals, churches and more. If anyone is still interested in joining them for a whole or partial day, please contact Pastor Ken Koning (231) 920-1721 or Craig Pollington (231) 429-8336 for times and places where we will be on those days. Participants will be heading home on Wednesday (Oct 15). Please be praying for God's presence, power, and glory to be seen and experienced throughout Michigan and for safe travels both in Michigan and as they travel home.

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 12-18

SUN 10/12	9:15 AM	Prayer
	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	10:40 AM	Sunday School & Catechism (Dismissed at 11:30 am)
	4:30 PM	Fellowship Bible Study: RVL Series (Fellowship Hall)
MON 10/13	6:30 PM	Elders Meeting
	7:00 PM	Deacons Meeting
	7:30 PM	Council Meeting
TUES 10/14	9:30 AM	Ladies Bible Study (w/ Hilda) –Chapters 5, 6 & 7
WED 10/15	6:30 PM	Family Night Dinner
	7:00 PM	Centershot & GEMS (dismissed at 8:00 pm)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

This morning we have the joy of celebrating the Profession of Faith and Adult Baptism of **Daniel “JR” Hostetler**.

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 Chapters 5, 6 & 7 of the Life-Guide Bible study on the book of Genesis. Contact Hilda if you still need a book.

Family Night is this Wednesday, October 15 starting at 6:30 pm with a delicious dinner of loaded baked potatoes, broccoli and mandarin oranges. Centershot and GEMS to follow from 7-8:00 pm.

MS Youth Group – Sunday, Oct 19th: – ICE CREAM SOCIAL (5:00pm – 7:45pm) at the basketball/tennis courts in McBain. We will meet at the Basketball/Tennis Courts to join in with Rehoboth Middle School Youth! Rehoboth will be leaving around 6:15pm back to their church, Highland Youth is welcome to stay for volleyball, basketball and pickle-ball fun and dinner!! We will have dinner at the courts around 6:15pm...we will just plan to have our ice-cream/dessert first and then dinner after! If you need a ride from church to the courts, or if you need a ride from the courts back to church so that you can ride home with a high school student, let us know!

MS Youth Group – We are in search of a coffee table that has drawers for storage. We would like to place this in the middle of our discussion area. If you have something collecting dust, please let us know, we might be happy to take it off your hands!

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:

Save the Date: Trunk or Treat has been scheduled for Saturday, October 25, 2025 from 3-5 pm. Bring the family for a fun afternoon where all the fun is in one convenient location! Costumes, candy, soup, donuts and cider! **Volunteer Sign-ups** are available in the fellowship hall. We need Trunkers to hand out candy, kitchen workers to serve food, candy & soup donations, and helpers for set-up & tear down (look for the orange papers!) We will once again be sending out invites to the McBain, NMC and Marion Elementary schools so your help is greatly appreciated in making this community outreach event a success!

Couples' Retreat – This event will begin with supper on Friday (Nov 7) evening (after work) and will continue until about 3pm 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!

AREA EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The **AMEN Chorus** will begin practicing on Saturday, October 25 from 6-8:00 pm at the Cadillac Christian Reformed Church. We will be preparing music for our Christmas programs to be held at the Cadillac Auditorium on December 6 and 7. If you have any questions, you can contact Angela Warner at kirkangelawarner@hotmail.com or (231)330-0894. Please bring \$10 to help cover the cost of music.

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.