

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

### **NURSERY**

- 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  
**Nov 5** Maggie Southwick, Karianne Smith, Donna Veddler, Emerson Tossey

### **CHILDREN’S CHURCH**

- Oct 15** Teacher: Megan Plugger; 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  
**Nov 5** Teacher: Megan Plugger; Helpers: Jordyn Richardson, Gracyn Swiler

### **SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT**

- Oct 15** Kyle Meyering, Kaylie Benthem, Tami Eisenga  
**Oct 22** Cary Sikkema, Deb Eisenga, Kendra Jenema  
**Oct 29** Matt Thompson, Dan Ouwinga, Deborah Ouwinga  
**Nov 5** Kyle Meyering, Roger Hagerman, Deborah Ouwinga

### **USHERS**

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

### **2ND OFFERINGS:**

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|---|--|
| <b>October:</b>                                     | <b>November:</b>                               |
| <b>1<sup>st</sup>:</b> Booster Club                 | <b>5<sup>th</sup>:</b> Booster Club            |
| <b>8<sup>th</sup>:</b> Oasis Family Resource Center | <b>12<sup>th</sup>:</b> World Renew            |
| <b>15<sup>th</sup>:</b> Feeding America             | <b>19<sup>th</sup>:</b> Existing Building Fund |
| <b>22<sup>nd</sup>:</b> Existing Building Fund      | <b>23<sup>rd</sup>:</b> Thanksgiving Envelopes |
| <b>29<sup>th</sup>:</b> Friends Ministry            | <b>26<sup>th</sup>:</b> Love Inc.              |

**\*\*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 15, 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 15, 2023

## The People of God Gather:

Prelude: *He Has Made Me Glad (I Will Enter His Gates)*

Welcome

God's Greeting

Greet One Another

### To Praise God

*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

*How Marvelous (I Stand Amazed)*

*Goodness of God*

Prayer of Praise

### To Pray and Serve God

Announcements

Congregational Prayer

### To Proclaim God's Word

Children's Message: DaNay Tossey

Song of Preparation: *You Are My King (Amazing Love)*

**Scripture: Psalm 65**

**Sermon: "Our God Is An Awesome God!"**

Prayer of Response

Song of Response/Offertory: *How Great Is Our God*

Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: Feeding America

### To Go in God's Name

God's blessing

Closing Song: *My Friends May You Grow In Grace*

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.*

## NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:

November 6 at 6:30 pm –Elders

November 6 at 6:30 pm -Deacons

November 6 at 6:30 pm -Council

\*\*council mtgs. moved up 1 week\*\*

## 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

**CONGREGATION MTG:** November 19

## HIGHLAND COUNCIL:

### Officers for 2023:

|                        |               |   |
|------------------------|---------------|---|
| <b>President</b>       | Jon Dracht    | <b>Pastor Mark Bonnes</b><br><b>Pastor Ashley Bonnes</b><br>*personal contact info is not posted online. Please call the church office. |
| <b>Vice President</b>  | Don Eisenga   |   |
| <b>Clerk</b>           | Alan Baas     |   |
| <b>Sec. of Deacons</b> | Kyle Meyering |   |
| <b>Vice Treas.</b>     | Kasey Rees    |   |

### Districts for 2023:

| Elders        | District       | Deacons        |
|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| Den Kamphouse | <b>#1, A-C</b> | David Wing     |
| Alan Baas     | <b>#2, D-E</b> | Kyle Meyering  |
| Jon Dracht    | <b>#3, F-L</b> | Devon Dracht   |
| Paul Shaarda  | <b>#4, M-O</b> | Kasey Rees     |
| Don Eisenga   | <b>#5, P-T</b> | Scott Oeverman |
| Don Ellens    | <b>#6, U-Z</b> | Anne Thomas    |

### 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)

## PRAYER CONNECTIONS:

**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](http://www.faithfuljourneyquartet.com).

**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 8<sup>th</sup> 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. 6<sup>th</sup> to the Vogel Center Church office at (231) 825-2053.

**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 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. and Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:executive.director@liferesources.org). \*\*If you wish to view a full job description, please check the bulletin board by the mailboxes.

✚ **B.J. & Sue Cook-** Please continue to pray for good health & patience as BJ begins the re-immunization process this fall.

✚ **Our Missionaries:**

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

✚ **Our Active Military:**

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

## WEEKLY PRAYER EMPHASIS:

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

- **This Sunday**, we pray that we all can trust in God's will.
- **In the week ahead and next Sunday**, we lift up pray for trust that God will lead the church.

## WE WANT TO PRAY FOR YOU!

At Highland, we strive to lift each other, in the good times and bad, in prayer and we have a few ways of doing that:

- **Weekly Bulletin:** Our bulletin has a section called Prayer Connections. If you would like a prayer request added to the bulletin in addition to or in place of a Prayer Chain message, please contact the church office.
- **The Prayer Chain** is a phone call sent out by the church office to the entire congregation through our Bright Arrow phone-tree. To request a prayer chain be started, please contact an Elder, Pastor, or the church office. If you are not already a part of the Prayer Chain but wish to be added, please contact the church office at (231) 825-2171.
- **Prayer Warriors:** These individuals are dedicated to confidential and consistent prayer over specific needs and concerns that might not yet be public knowledge. If you have a prayer request for one of our Prayer Warriors, or if you would like to become a Prayer Warrior, please contact Sandy Rice directly.

## OUR CHURCH WEEK: OCTOBER 15-21

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|--------------------|-----------|---|
| <b>SUN 10/15</b>   | 9:15 AM   | Prayer  |
|                    | 9:30 AM   | Worship Service                                     |
|                    | 10:40 AM  | Sunday School, Catechism & Men's Small Group        |
|                    | 1-4:00 PM | Fellowship Hall Use                                 |
|                    | 4:30 PM   | Fellowship Bible Study – Ruth: Lesson 1             |
|                    | 6:00 PM   | Community Worship Service at Lucas CRC              |
| <b>TUES 10/17</b>  | -----     | <b>NO</b> Ladies Bible Study (with Hilda) this week |
|                    | 7:00 PM   | REV Moms Steering Team Mtg.                         |
| <b>WED 10/18</b>   | 6:30 PM   | Family Night Dinner                                 |
|                    | 7:00 PM   | Centershot, GEMS & Prayer Meeting                   |
| <b>THURS 10/19</b> | 7:00 PM   | JUMP Practice                                       |
|                    | 7:00 PM   | Ladies Bible Study (with Linda)                     |

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

#### Today:

- **Sunday School & Catechism:** 10:40 am – 11:30 am
- **Men's Small Group Book Study (during Sunday School):** Week 5 of an 8-week marriage book study and small group discussion.

#### Tonight:

- **The Sunday Evening Fellowship Bible Study** 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.
- **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.

**Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study** (w/ Hilda) will be looking at Lesson 6 of "Women & Identity" this Tuesday beginning at 9:30 am.

**Family Night:** Dinner this week will be loaded baked potatoes with carrots and fruit starting at 6:30 pm. GEMS, Centershot and Prayer Meeting will begin at 7:00 pm.

\*\*Special note for all of Centershot, we will be making apple cider so please dress for cold outdoor weather!

**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 yet this Sunday, if you are interested.

**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!!! \*\*We still need volunteers to help serve food as well as a volunteer to supervise the craft station. A few more trunkers would be greatly appreciated as well. Please visit the orange table in the fellowship hall to sign-up for this great community outreach event!

**The Highland CRC Service Team** would like to remind the congregation that we have several church members who have volunteered to do yard work, minor household repairs, etc. in preparation for winter. Please contact Carrie Thompson or the church office if you or someone in our community could use some help this fall!

**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.

**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](mailto: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.

**HIGHLAND COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS: OCTOBER 10, 2023**

1. The Congregational Meeting has been scheduled for November 19, 2023 following the morning worship service.
2. Reviewed first draft of the 2024 budget
3. Reviewed Candidates for council.
4. Added Matthew and Emily Slack to the list of supported Missionaries. We will have the same number of offerings for each of our missionaries during the year.
5. Existing Building Fund is now a restricted fund. This means that the council must vote to release the funds to approved projects. The Existing building fund is now meant to be used to finance large projects for the church building and grounds. This fund can also be used to finance emergency projects. We have a list of projects in place to finance over the next five years:
  - 2024 – Playground & 3 Nursery Windows
  - 2025 – Concrete & Outside Deck
  - 2026 – Roof over East Wing
  - 2027 – Fellowship Hall Floor
  - 2028 - Siding for Church.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

| <b>September General Fund</b>    |                          | <b>2nd Offerings</b>    |          |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|----------|
| 3rd                              | 7,010.00                 | Booster Club            | 909.00   |
| 10th                             | 7,299.00                 | Benevolence             | 1,028.00 |
| 17th                             | 6,388.52                 | Church Building Fund    | 735.00   |
| 24th                             | 7,579.90                 | George & Sarah De Vuyst | 1,914.00 |
|                                  |                          |                         |          |
| <b>Total September Offerings</b> | <b>28,277.42</b>         |                         |          |
|                                  |                          |                         |          |
| <b>Budget needed weekly</b>      | <b>6,184.04</b>          |                         |          |
| <b>Times 39 weeks</b>            | <b>241,177.62</b>        |                         |          |
| <b>Received to date</b>          | <b><u>235,778.37</u></b> |                         |          |
| <b>Balance</b>                   | <b>(5,399.25)</b>        |                         |          |

- The **3rd Quarter Budget Report** is now available in your mailbox and on the information table.
- The **Proposed Budget for 2024** will be available in mailboxes by November 5. Please review this prior to the Congregational Meeting on November 19.