

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

GREETERS – Please arrive by 9:15 am	
October 18	South: Todd & Jackie Schmid; North: Jerry & Diane Nemeth
October 25	South: Scott & Karen Oeverman; North: Lindsay & Amara
November 1	South: Matt & Carrie Thompson; North: Devon & Hillary Dracht
November 8	South: Bob & Cindy Vennema; North: C.J. & Sara Bruno
NURSERY – Please arrive by 9:15 am	
October 18	Dana Baas, Karen Oeverman, Franklin Baas
October 25	Jan Rivera, Jennifer Peterson, Ben Thompson
November 1	Karen Oeverman, Dana Baas, Harper Tossey
November 8	Jennifer Peterson, Ruth Kulhawick, Gracyn Swiler
CHILDREN’S CHURCH – (September – May; Sundays Only)	
October 18	Teacher: Anita Kvasnak; Helper: Natalie Kvasnak
October 25	Teacher: Kasey McQuestion; Helper: Gracyn Swiler
November 1	Teacher: Jodi DeHate; Helper: Briggs Tossey
November 8	Teacher: Miranda Dykhouse; Helper: Harrison Tossey
SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT	
October 18	Cary Sikkema, Jon Ouwinga, Micah Chrispell
October 25	Kyle Meyering/Isaac Baas; Kaylie Benthem; Deborah Ouwinga
November 1	Matt Thompson/David McBride, Deb Eisenga, Tami Eisenga
November 8	Cary Sikkema, Dan Ouwinga, Jodi DeHate
USHERS – Please arrive by 9:15 am	
October:	Al Thomas, Ben Thompson, Lars Fredin, Ken VanPolen, Jr.
November:	Adam Southwick, Butch Karsten, Alan Baas, Matt Thompson
2ND OFFERINGS	
October: 4: Booster Club 11 th : Right to Life 18 th : American Bible League 25 th : Capital Improvement Fund	November: 1 st : Booster Club 8 th : World Renew 15 th : Love INC 22 nd : Slack Family 26 th : Thanksgiving Envelopes 29 th : Capital Improvement Fund
Parking Lot Pledges can be turned in at the offering plate at any time using the pledge envelopes available on the information table	



October 18, 2026
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

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



Welcome to
HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
Morning Worship Service – 9:30 am
October 18, 2026

The People of God Gather:

Prelude
Welcome & God’s Greeting
Greet One Another

To Praise God & Respond to Him:

Majesty
Psalm 113:5-6
Behold Our God (vs 1-3)
Be Still for the Presence of the Lord (vs 1 & 3)
Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God

Announcements
Congregational Prayer

To Proclaim God’s Word

Children’s Message: Pastor Ashley
Song of Preparation: *Faith of our Fathers (vs 1 & 3)*

Scriptures: Judges 6:7-18, 33-40

Sermon: “Testing the Spirits”

Prayer of Response
Song of Response/Offertory: *Across the Lands (vs 1-3)*
Today’s Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: Right to Life

To Go in God’s Name

God’s Blessing
Closing Song: *We Receive Your Blessing*
Postlude

Children’s Bulletins are available on the information table in the fellowship hall.
Children’s Church is available for children age 3-Kindergarten. They will be dismissed to their classroom downstairs following the Children’s message of this morning’s service. **Parents must pick up the child from the classroom directly after the worship service.
Nursery is available downstairs each Sunday, year-round for children ages 0 - 3 years old.

The **LIVE Stream of our Sunday Worship Service is now on our **YouTube** channel,
Highland CRC LIVE (make sure it says **LIVE**).
Visit <http://www.youtube.com/@HighlandCRCCLIVE> or follow the link on our Facebook page.

COMING UP:

Next Communion:

Sunday, November 1, 2026

Next Council Meetings:

Monday, November 2, 2026 (1 week early)
6:30 pm Elders
7:00 pm Deacons
7:30 pm Full Council

Next Congregational Meeting:

Sunday, November 22, 2026 - 10:40 am

Preaching Schedule:

October 18 : Rev. Mark Bonnes
October 25 : Rev. Mark Bonnes
November 1 : Rev. Mark Bonnes
November 8 : Rev. Mark Bonnes
November 15 : Mike Wissink
November 22 : Rev. Mark Bonnes
November 26* : Rev. Mark Bonnes
November 29 : Rev. Mark Bonnes

HIGHLAND COUNCIL:

Council Officers for 2026:

President	Steve Meeuwenberg	Pastor Mark Bonnes Pastor Ashley Bonnes Please contact the church office for directory assistance (231) 825-2171
Vice President	Ken Meyering	
Clerk	Greg Tossey	
Sec. of Deacons	Jon Ouwinga	
Vice Treasurer	James Bazuin	

Districts for 2026:

Elders	District	Deacons
Greg Tossey*	#1, A-C	Kevin DeHate
Jason Benthem	#2, D-E	Jon Ouwinga*
Steve Meeuwenberg*	#3, F-L	Miranda Dykhous
Paul Shaarda	#4, M-O	Kyle Veltema
Doug Mitchell	#5, P-T	Ryan McQuestion
Ken Meyering*	#6, U-Z	James Bazuin*

CHURCH OFFICE INFO:

Phone: (231) 825-2171
Email: office@highlandcrc.org

OFFICE HOURS:

Pastor Ashley: Mon & Tues 9am-3pm
**Both pastors are off on Wednesdays
Main Office: Mon-Thurs, 8:30am-2pm
Bulletin announcements due before noon on Thursdays. The church office is closed Friday-Sunday.

MINISTRY LEADERS:

Care & Fellowship: Cindy Vennema
Education: _____
Facilities: Greg Hesselink & Devon Dracht
Outreach: _____
Prayer: Sandy Rice
Service: Carrie Thompson
Worship: Bonnie McBride

Save the Date: Trunk or Treat has been scheduled for Saturday, October 31, 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. 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!

COMMUNITY EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Grief Share: Vogel Center CRC is hosting a "Surviving the Holidays" Grief Share session on Saturday, October 24 from 9:00-11:00am. Please contact Pastor Adam Barton, (616) 566-7937 with any questions.

The **Women's Philharmonic Chorus** and the **AMEN Chorus** will begin rehearsals on Saturday, October 24. The Women's Chorus will rehearse from 4:30-6:15 and the AMEN Chorus will rehearse 6:15-8:15 at the *Cadillac Christian Reformed Church* to prepare for our December Concerts. Please bring \$10 to help cover the cost of music. Any Youth (reading age through middle school) that would like to sing in the **Area Youth Choir** that will be joining the adult choirs for the Christmas programs at the auditorium are invited to attend rehearsals at the *First Presbyterian Church in Cadillac* starting Sunday, November 1 at 4:00. **Concert dates** are December 12 at 7:00 and December 13 at 4:00. The Women's Chorus will have an additional program on Monday, December 7 at 1:00. Any questions can be emailed to Angela Warner at kirkangelawarner@hotmail.com or call or text **231-330-0894**.

“Giving Thanks” Banquet: Don’t miss out on a night of delicious food and great fellowship, while supporting Friends Ministry. Please join us Saturday, October 24, 2026 at Northland Community Church for our “Giving Thanks” Banquet and silent Auction. Doors open at 5:30 pm with dinner at 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$20 each and may be purchased from a board member or the office at Friends Ministry.

Attention MS & HS Students: UNITED Night of Worship is a twice-a-year night of worship for students and youth ministries across northwest Michigan that first began in April 2018. Our next event will be Sunday, November 22, 2026, 6-8 PM at McBain School Auditorium (107 E. Maple St; McBain). This is a FREE event! For more information and event updates, visit www.unitednwmi.com or Instagram: @unitednwmi.

THANK YOU

Thank you, Highland friends and family, for all of the birthday wishes, singing, cards and phone calls! It was a good day! ~ Pearl Koetje

Thank you to Pastor Mark, to the Highland team who took care of the luncheon, and to our Highland family who supported us as we said goodbye to our mother, Ruth Bazuin. Highland CRC held a special place in Mom's heart, and in ours as well. ~ Doug Bazuin Schiazza, Mary Beth Enderle, Dan Bazuin, and Kathy Warren.

PRAYER CONNECTIONS:

Our Condolences to **Kevin & Jodi DeHate** in the passing of Kevin’s dad, **Wayne DeHate**, following a difficult battle with pulmonary fibrosis. He was 81. Visitation and funeral mass were held this past Friday in Linwood, MI. A full obituary is available at https://www.ramsaygroupfs.com/obituaries/Wayne-P-DeHate?obId=49861731&utm_source=copy+url&utm_medium=referral&utm_campaign=obituary-share&utm_content=copy+url

Chris Sheats Update: Chris recently underwent highly complex surgeries to completely reconstruct his lower spine. The damaged vertebrae were removed and replaced with various forms of surgical hardware. He will eventually be moved to Mary Free Bed for inpatient rehabilitation to start his recovery safely. Please pray that God will continue to surround Chris and the entire Sheats family through each step and provide strength, healing and patience as they continue to navigate this difficult process.

OUR MISSIONARIES:

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

OUR ACTIVE MILITARY:

- **TSgt, Tyler Bode** (US Airforce; currently stationed in Italy).
- **CMSgt, Michael Stahl** (US Airforce; currently serving in the Middle East).

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- Nominees were approved for elders and deacons. Those names are listed below. Please review the names. If you have any concerns about a person or persons listed as nominees, please contact an elder or pastor. Also please be in prayer for those who have said yes to serving. As always we will be picking three out of the six names for elder and for deacon.

Confirmed Nominees for Deacons:	Confirmed Nominees for Elders:
Kyle Benthem	Den Kamphouse
CJ Bruno	Bob Lee
Mike Chrispell	Todd Schmid
Kendra Jenema	Adam Swiler
Cory Powers	Ken VanPolen, Jr.
Matt Thompson	Dave Wing

- Congregational Meeting is scheduled November 22, 2026 after the worship service.
- The proposed 2027 Budget was reviewed. It will be finalized and approved in November and made available 3 weeks before our congregational meeting.
- Tami Eisenga was added as a co-signer for the church checking account. We have 3 people who are able to write checks for the church, out of the general fund.
- An additional option was discussed and approved for the Bright Arrow system which is what we use to call people for the prayer chain and for church information. If you would like to receive text messages instead of phone calls this is now available. The way the system works though means if you prefer text messages, ALL communication will be through text message. If you sign up for text messages, every communication from church will be as text messages. If you would like to sign up, please fill out the form available in your bulletin and leave them on the Secretary's desk. If you prefer phone calls, you don't have to do anything.

TREASURER'S REPORT OF SEPTEMBER:

September General Fund		2nd Offerings	
6th	5,512.00	Booster Club	1,193.00
13th	4,698.00	Project Christmas	821.00
20th	7,888.00	George & Sarah de Vuyst	1,456.00
27th	12,370.57	Capital Improvement	1,272.00
Total September Offerings	30,468.57		
Budget needed weekly	6,627.06	Parking Lot Fund	61,557.50
Times 39 weeks	258,455.40	Donation	756.00
Received to date	265,899.88	Parking Lot Fund	62,313.50
Balance	7,444.48		

OUR CHURCH WEEK: OCTOBER 18-24

SUN 10/18	9:15 AM 9:30 AM 10:40 AM 4:30 PM 6-8:00 PM	Prayer Worship Service Sunday School, MS/HS Catechism & New Members Class Fellowship Bible Study – Season 3: Lesson 4 MS/HS Youth Groups
MON 10/19	5:30 PM 7:00 PM	Wellness Warriors (YB) JUMP Practice
TUES 10/20	9:30 AM 5:45 PM	Ladies Bible Study – Lesson 7 REV Moms
WED 10/21	6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Family Night Dinner Centershot & GEMS
THUR 10/22	7:00 PM	FIC Course – Lesson

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Profession of Faith/New Member's Class will meet this morning in the Pastor's office during the Sunday School hour.

Fellowship Bible Study will meet this evening at 4:30 pm in the fellowship hall for Season 3 – Lesson 4 of Ray Vander Laan's video-led series, "Discipleship: The Study". If you plan to attend and have not already done so, please contact Sandy Rice to reserve your study guide. Each meeting is followed by a light potluck supper.

JUMP practice this Monday, October 19 at 7:00 pm.

Ladies Bible Study meets on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am. This week they will be looking at Lesson 7 of their study on the book of *Exodus*.

Family Night is this Wednesday, October 21, starting with dinner at 6:30 pm featuring baked potatoes, broccoli, carrots and fruit. Centershot (boys) and GEMS (girls) will begin at 7 pm and dismiss at 8 pm. These groups are for grades 1st - 5th grade.

Christmas Shoebox Collection: Thank you for your continued support of Operation Christmas Child. Throughout the months of **September/October** we will be collecting CLOTHING: Sandals, hats/mittens, t-shirts, socks, slippers, small bags, sunglasses etc. There is a "Christmas Shoebox Tote" labeled for the donations needed each month located in the Fellowship Hall. Monetary contributions are accepted as well. Your continued support and generosity are greatly appreciated. For more information on this ministry, please contact Becky Wemple.