

GREETERS – Please arrive by 9:15 am

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
Nov 9	South: Ken & Jodi Meyering; North: Jon & Michelle Dracht

NURSERY – Please arrive by 9:15 am

Oct 19	Donna Veddler, Esther Bode, Madelyn Oeverman
Oct 26	Cam Mulder, Diane Nemeth, Franklin Baas
Nov 2	Addean Oeverman, Barb Dore, Ben Thompson
Nov 9	Tami Eisenga, Mary Rees, Kendyn Meyering

CHILDREN’S CHURCH – (September – May)

Oct 19	Teacher: Miranda Dykhouse; Helper: Briggs Tossey
Oct 26	Teacher: Megan Pluger; Helper: Alan Thomas
Nov 2	Teacher: Jordyn Richardson; Helper: Harper Tossey
Nov 9	Teacher: Jodi DeHate; Helper: Steph VanHouten

SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT

Oct 19	Kyle Meyering, Kaylie Benthem, Tami Eisenga
Oct 26	Carry Sikkema, Jon Ouwinga, Sue Cook
Nov 2	Matt Thompson, Deb Eisenga, Jodi DeHate
Nov 9	Cary Sikkema, Dan Ouwinga, Deborah Ouwinga

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:	NOVEMBER:
5 th : Booster Club	2 nd : Booster Club
12 th : Parking Lot Project	9 th : World Renew
19 th : American Bible League	16 th : Love INC
26 th : Capital Improvement Fund	23 rd : Benevolence
	27 th : Thanksgiving Envelopes & Food Drive
	30 th : Capital Improvement Fund

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



October 19, 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 19, 2025

The People of God Gather:

Prelude by Micah Chrispell
Welcome & God’s Greeting
Greet One Another

To Praise God in Song:
We Will Extol You, God & King (vs 2 & 4)
Grace Alone
Make Me A Servant
Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God
Announcements
Congregational Prayer

To Proclaim God’s Word
Children’s Message: Pastor Ashley Bonnes
Song of Preparation: *Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God (vs 2 & 3)*
Scripture: Acts 2:45; Acts 6:1-7
Sermon: Not Just Their Job!
Prayer of Response
Song of Response/Offertory: *Go Light Your World (vs 1-3)*
Today’s Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: American Bible League

To Go in God’s Name
God’s Blessing
Closing Song: *My Friends May You Grow in Grace*
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, November 3, 2025
6:30 pm Elders
7:00 pm Deacons
7:30 pm Full Council
Next Congregational Meeting:
Sunday, November 23, 2025
Preaching Schedule:
October 19: Rev. Mark Bonnes
October 26: Rev. Mark Bonnes
November 2: Rev. Mark Bonnes
November 9: Rev. Mark Bonnes
November 16: Rev. Ashley Bonnes
November 23: Rev. Mark Bonnes
November 27: Rev. Mark Bonnes
November 30: 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:	MINISTRY LEADERS:
Phone: (231) 825-2171 Email: office@highlandcrc.org Normal Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 8:30 am – 2:00 pm *Bulletin announcements due by NOON on Thursdays	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

PRAYER CONNECTIONS:

Prayer Chain: Colter Bailey and his parents returned to DeVos in Grand Rapids this past Thursday (10/16) to begin the stem cell transplant phase of treatment. His scans remain clear but this phase is very important in making sure the cancer doesn't come back. Treatment is lengthy and pretty intense and they will spend a lot of time (3-5 weeks at least for the first transplant) away from home and the older kids. They've been told they may be able to come home for a couple weeks before going back for the 2nd transplant. Their ultimate goal and prayer is to have Colter completely recovered from both transplants by Christmas. Until then, please pray for the following:

- Protection from any secondary infections while undergoing the intense chemo and transplants.
- That their time in the hospital and away from home will go as smoothly and as short as possible.
- Comfort and strength for Colter, his parents and their older kids as they will be apart for weeks at a time.

Chris Sheats: On October 16th, Chris had another important doctor's appointment. His diagnosis was confirmed as Multiple Myeloma and he will begin chemotherapy as soon as insurance approves it. He will also need a bone marrow transplant. Please continue to pray for Chris and his family.

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 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).

HIGHLAND COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS • OCTOBER 13, 2025

- Next Council Meeting moved up to November 3 instead of November 10.
- Congregational Meeting Scheduled for November 23, 2025.
- The Proposed 2026 Budget was reviewed and approved. Printouts of the proposed budget will be made available 2 weeks before our congregational meeting on November 23.
- Council approved the slate of nominees for deacon and elder. 3 deacons and 3 elders will be chosen by lot at the congregational meeting on November 23. Please pray over these names and our church leadership over the next couple of weeks.

Confirmed Nominees for Elder:	Confirmed Nominees for Deacon:
Steve Meeuwenberg	Kevin DeHate
Doug Mitchell	Miranda Dykhouse
Paul Rivera	Nicole Koetje
Paul Shaarda	Cory Powers
Greg Tossey	Jackie Schmid
Ken VanPolen, Jr.	Kyle Veltema

- Parking Lot Project Fundraiser has brought in approximately \$40,000 as of October 12.

TREASURER'S REPORT – SEPTEMBER:

September General Fund		2nd Offerings	
7th	9,150.00	Booster Club	1,074.00
14th	6,139.00	Project Christmas	626.00
21st	6,971.00	REV Moms	526.00
28th	7,065.26	Capital Improvement	1,153.00
Total September Offerings	29,325.26		
Budget needed weekly	6,341.59	Parking Lot Fund	27,599.00
Times 39 weeks	247,321.91	Offering	4,450.50
Received to date	251,002.35	Parking Lot Fund	32,049.50
Balance	3,680.45		

OUR CHURCH WEEK: OCTOBER 19-25		
SUN 10/19	9:15 AM 9:30 AM 10:40 AM 4:30 PM 5-7:45 PM 6-8:00 PM	Prayer Worship Service Sunday School & Catechism (Dismissed at 11:30 am) Fellowship Bible Study: RVL Series (Fellowship Hall) MS Youth Group & Ice Cream social (see below) HS Youth Group
TUES 10/21	9:30 AM 5:45 PM	Ladies Bible Study (w/ Hilda) –Lesson 6 REV Moms
WED 10/22	7:00 PM	JUMP Practice
SAT 10/25	3-5:00 PM	Trunk or Treat

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Fellowship Bible Study will be meeting in the fellowship hall tonight starting at 4:30 pm followed by fellowship and potluck supper at 5:30 pm. We are using Ray VanderLaan’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.

MS Youth Group – Tonight, Oct 19th: – ICE CREAM SOCIAL (5:00pm – 7:45pm) at the basketball/tennis courts in McBain. We will 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 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!

Ladies Bible Study (w/ Hilda) will meet this Tuesday at 9:30 am for Lesson 6 of the Life-Guide Bible study on the book of Genesis. Contact Hilda if you still need a book.

REV Moms meets this Tuesday at 5:45 pm in the Middle School Youth room. Please notify Rose Ouwinga if you plan to bring kids. Kids will meet in the Youth Building.

Trunk or Treat is this Saturday, October 25 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! 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! ****Volunteer Sign-ups** are available in the fellowship hall: We need Trunkers (dressed up and handing out candy), donations of bags of candy (drop off in the office), set-up and take-down helpers (tables/chairs) and a kitchen crew (serving soup, cider & donuts).

Coffee Table Needed: Our Middle School Youth Group is 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:

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

A Harvest of Thankful Prayer- Sunday, November 9 at 4:30 pm in the Fellowship hall. The Prayer Ministry Team invites you to a time of reflecting on God’s Blessings. In small groups, people will share why they are thankful with regard to the following topics: family, Highland CRC, our country, work and unexpected blessings. After 15-20 minutes of sharing, a prayer of thanksgiving will be lifted up in prayer on the groups behalf by someone who has already been pre-selected. The evening will conclude with a time of fellowship and a light potluck supper.

Our next Highland Hymn-sing is scheduled for Sunday, November 16 at 4:30 pm. The Fellowship Bible Study group invites you to a night of song followed by a time of fellowship and a light potluck supper.

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.

Chris Sheats Benefit: Sunday, October 26 at 12 pm at the Moose Lodge (7461 E. 34 Rd, Cadillac, MI). Please come out and help support Chris & Christle Sheats and their family. Chris was recently diagnosed with multiple myeloma (blood cancer *bone marrow*). He has a long road ahead of him as he peruses treatment. Given his current condition, he is unable to work (owner/operator of his own trucking company) leaving no income coming in and an unclear timeframe with many unknowns. Come show your support for Chris and his family. This event will include a taco dinner begins at 12 pm (\$10 donation suggestion at the door, a corn-hole tournament (\$20/person with blind-draw partners), a silent auction and 50/50 drawing. If you are unable to attend but still want to help, scan this gofundme QR code or donate at Venmo@csheats. If you wish to contribute toward the silent auction, call (231) 846-7330.



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.

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>.

Hunters Chili & Soup Supper! Join us on Saturday, November 15 from 5-8 PM at Rehoboth Reformed Church (8372 S. Lucas Rd, McBain). Everyone is welcome, not just hunters! We will be serving: chili, soups, bread, salad, dessert, with coffee and beverages. There will also be a bake sale, which will include pies, cookies, breads and various snacks. Donations will be accepted. Proceeds go to local families & individuals going through cancer or any life changing situations or anything where they need our love and help financially. See you there!

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 jlrmason@gmail.com or office@lakecitycrc.org or mailed to Lake City CRC, P.O. Box 659, Lake City MI 49651.