

GREETERS – Please arrive by 9:15 am	
Nov 9	South: Ken & Jodi Meyering; North: Jon & Michelle Dracht
Nov 16	South: Virginia Dodde; North: Kevin & Jodi DeHate
Nov 23	South: Curt & Becky Wemple; North: Paul & Jan Rivera
Nov 27 Thanksgiving	South: Kyle & Abby Meyering; North: Al & Anne Thomas
NURSERY – Please arrive by 9:15 am	
Nov 9	Tami Eisenga, Mary Rees, Kendyn Meyering
Nov 16	Bev Taylor, Jackie Schmid, Evan Wemple
Nov 23	Lizelle Bazuin, Cindy Vennema, Harper Tossey
Nov 27 Thanksgiving	Patti Koop, Brooke Benthem, Gracyn Swiler
CHILDREN’S CHURCH – (September – May; Sundays Only)	
Nov 9	Teacher: Megan Plugger; Helper: Steph VanHouten
Nov 16	Teacher: Sara Bruno; Helper: Emma Lee
Nov 23	Teacher: Makayla Powers; Helper: Briggs Tossey
Nov 30	**Thanksgiving Break**
SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT	
Nov 9	Cary Sikkema, Dan Ouwinga, Deborah Ouwinga
Nov 16	Kyle Meyering, Kaylie Benthem, Tami Eisenga
Nov 23	Cary Sikkema, Jon Ouwinga, Sue Cook
Nov 27 Thanksgiving	Matt Thompson, Dan Ouwinga, Jodi DeHate
USHERS – Please arrive by 9:15 am	
November:	Don Ellens, Kasey Rees, Greg Hesselink, Kyle Veltema
December:	Matt Thompson, Lars Fredin, Ken VanPolen Jr., Gary Hesselink
2ND OFFERINGS:	
NOVEMBER:	DECEMBER:
2nd: Booster Club	7 th : Booster Club
9th: World Renew	14 th :
16th: Love INC	21 st :
23rd: Benevolence	28: Capital Improvement Fund
27th: Thanksgiving Envelopes & Food Drive	
30th: Capital Improvement Fund	
Parking Lot Pledges can be turned in at any time using the pledge envelopes available on the information table	



November 9, 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
10:40 am – 11:30 am (Sept-May)

(231) 825-2171

Welcome to
HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
Morning Worship Service – 9:30 am
November 9, 2025

The People of God Gather:

Prelude: *He Has Made Me Glad*
Welcome & God’s Greeting
Greet One Another

To Praise God in Song:
Take My Life & Let It Be (vs 1-3 & 5-6)
Goodness of God
Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God
Announcements
Josh & Mandy Shaarda - Ministry Update & Video
Congregational Prayer

To Proclaim God’s Word
Children’s Message: Pastor Ashley Bonnes
Song of Preparation: *Wonderful, Merciful Savior (vs 1-3)*
Scripture: Acts 2: 46-47 / Luke 8
Sermon: “You don’t Know What You Haven’t Heard”
Prayer of Response
Song of Response/Offertory: *Build Your Kingdom Here*
Today’s Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: World Renew

To Go in God’s Name
God’s Blessing
Closing Song: *What the Lord Has Done in Me*
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

COMING UP:

Next Communion:
Sunday, January 4, 2026

Next Council Meetings:
Monday, December 8, 2025
6:30 pm Elders
7:00 pm Deacons
7:30 pm Full Council

Next Congregational Meeting:
Sunday, November 23, 2025

Preaching Schedule:
November 9: Rev. Mark Bonnes
November 16: Rev. Ashley Bonnes
November 23: Rev. Mark Bonnes
November 27: Rev. Mark Bonnes
November 30: Rev. Ashley Bonnes
December 7: Rev. Mark Bonnes
December 14: Rev. Mark Bonnes
December 21: Rev. Mark Bonnes
December 24: Rev. Mark Bonnes
December 28: Rev. David McBride

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:

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

MINISTRY LEADERS:

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

The Highland Worship Team is also taking orders for [Memorial Poinsettias](#). These will be \$13 for an 8” pot and used throughout the sanctuary during the Christmas Season. Payment will be due at the time they are ordered. These must be ordered through the Worship Team at the table set up in the Fellowship Hall. Orders are due November 16.

A Highland Hymn-sing has been scheduled for next Sunday, November 16 at 4:30 pm. Please join us for a night of song followed by a time of fellowship and a light potluck supper.

Chili Needed for Family Night on Wednesday, November 19. We are looking for contributions of 5 crockpots of (red) Chili for this meal. If you are able to contribute in this way, please contact either Cindy Vennema or Bev Taylor.

Highland’s Annual Thanksgiving Potluck is scheduled for Sunday, November 23 at 12:30 pm. Meat, coffee/juice and table service will be provided. Please bring a dish or two to share. We will also need volunteers to contribute potatoes, rolls and dressing. A sign-up sheet is available on the information table. If you have any questions, please contact Bev Kamphouse or Dollene VanPolen.

World Renew Gift Catalog: As we enter the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons, World Renew’s Gift Catalog offers a meaningful way to share Christ’s love with those in need. From a goat to disaster recovery supplies, each gift brings hope and lasting change for families around the world. Explore the catalog at worldrenew.net/gift-catalog.

Please check your mailboxes for a copy of the Proposed 2026 budget, and a newsletter from the McBain Area Backpack Program. **Please remember to check your mailbox regularly to stay up to day on church news and current events.

GriefShare: Grief is a hard journey and you don’t have to travel alone. Vogel Center CRC is hosting a grief support group again in January. If you or someone you know would benefit, please join us on Saturdays 9-10:30 (Weekly, beginning January 3, 2026)

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 of pies, cookies, breads and various snacks. Donations will be accepted. Proceeds go to help local families & individuals going through challenging life-situations and other various struggles. See you there!

Children’s Choir Opportunity: The AMEN Chorus and Women's Philharmonic Chorus are presenting a special Christmas program on December 6 and 7 at the Cadillac Auditorium and we're looking for children (age middle school and under) to join in on two of the pieces. If you have a child that would like to participate, rehearsals will be held at the First Presbyterian Church in Cadillac on Nov. 16th, 23rd, and 30th at 4:00. We ask that your child attend at least two of the three rehearsals. If you have any questions, you can contact Angela Warner at 231-330-0894 or kirkangelawarner@hotmail.com. This is a wonderful opportunity for children to share their voices and be part of a beautiful holiday celebration!

PRAYER CONNECTIONS:

Prayer Chain: **Faye Fredin** was admitted through the Cadillac E.R. this past Tuesday for extremely high blood pressure. Her symptoms have improved and she was able to come home Thursday morning.

Prayer Chain: Brenda Ouwinga’s mom, **Carolyn Dick**, suffered a stroke Wednesday night. She was taken up to Munson in Traverse City where they were able to remove the blood clot and restore blood flow to the affected part of the brain. Please pray for healing and recovery from any damage as well as comfort for the family by her side.

Colter Bailey has finished 6 days of chemo and the stem cell rescue. This process wipes out his immune system so he needs to remain in the hospital until engraftment takes hold. He is currently experiencing the side of effects of chemo. He is suffering from Mucositis which is very painful and affects his ability to eat or drink like normal. Please pray:

- For protection from any secondary infections until engraftment of the stem cells takes hold.
- For pain management & relief from the side effects of the chemo & transplant process.
- For comfort and strength for both Colter & and his family. Pray that their time in the hospital and away from home & family will go as smoothly and as quickly as possible.

Chris Sheats has started chemotherapy treatments. His chemotherapy regimen will consist of three sessions per week, with medication taken orally at home and injections administered at the Cadillac infusion center. Please continue to pray for comfort & healing.

Council: Please continue to pray for our current Council members as well as those who have been confirmed as nominees for incoming Council. Confirmed Nominees for Elder: Steve Meeuwenberg, Doug Mitchell, Paul Rivera, Paul Shaarda, Greg Tossey and Ken VanPolen, Jr. Confirmed Nominees for Deacon: Kevin DeHate, Miranda Dykhous, Nicole Koetje, Cory Powers, Jackie Schmid and Kyle Veltema.

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)**
Email: mslack@crcna.org

OUR ACTIVE MILITARY:

- **SSgt, Tyler Bode (US Airforce; currently stationed in Italy).**

COUNCIL CORNER • NOVEMBER 3, 2025

Upcoming Congregation Meeting: The congregational meeting has been scheduled for after church on November 23. **Families with high school members who are able to vote are encouraged by Council to discuss what this means with your children over the next two weeks. We will be voting on the proposed 2026 budget (available in church mailboxes) as well as drawing names for 3 new elders and 3 new deacons (see below) to serve the 2026-2027 term. Absentee ballots are available in the church office.

<u>Confirmed Nominees for Elder:</u>	<u>Confirmed Nominees for Deacon:</u>
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.

Memberships:

- Jonathon Jenema has transferred his members from Vogel Center CRC to Highland CRC. Welcome Jon!
- We also received the membership of Matthew Mulder and family. Matthew Mulder is a CRC pastor on loan to an RCA church in Midland, MI. Since we are the closest CRC church and Classis, we will hold their membership.

TREASURER’S REPORT • OCTOBER, 2025

October General Fund		2nd Offerings	
5th	5,482.25	Booster Club	1,057.00
12th	11,740.00	Parking Lot	8,748.00
19th	7,666.00	Bible League	903.00
26th	8,581.37	Capital Improvement	810.00
Total October Offerings	33,469.62		
Budget needed weekly	6,341.59	Parking Lot Fund	32,049.50
Times 43 weeks	272,688.25	Offering	8,748.00
Received to date	284,471.97	Parking Lot Fund	40,797.50
Balance	11,783.72		

OUR CHURCH WEEK: NOVEMBER 9-15

SUN 11/9	9:15 AM 9:30 AM 10:40 AM 4:30 PM	Prayer Worship Service Sunday School & Catechism (Dismiss at 11:30 am) Harvest of Thankful Prayer – Fellowship Hall
TUE 11/11	9:30 AM	Ladies Bible Study (w/ Hilda) – Lesson 9
WED 11/12	10:00 AM 10 :30 AM	J.O.Y. Group – Coffee & Donuts in the Youth Building Booster Club Sub Assembly in the Fellowship Hall

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

“I Am Thankful For ...” There is a poster board set up in the fellowship hall. We encourage everyone to take a moment to put a sticky note on the board stating something that you are thankful for or a way you have been blessed this past year.

Packing Christmas Shoeboxes: Your generosity and continued support of the Christmas Shoebox Project is greatly appreciated! Our Sunday school and MS Catechism groups will be packing shoeboxes today with items you’ve helped collect throughout the year. There is a table set up in the fellowship hall with empty Christmas shoeboxes, boy/girl info and shipping information. You are also welcome to fill these up at home. All shoeboxes must be turned in to the Christmas shoebox table by the end of Sunday school next Sunday, **November 16** so they can be delivered to the regional drop off station in Tustin. Please contact Becky Wemple with any questions.

Fellowship Bible Study will NOT be meeting tonight (11/9) or next Sunday (11/16) but will finish Season 1 of Ray Vander Laan’s “The Study” on November 23rd and 30th followed by a winter break. Season 2 will begin at the end of January.

A Harvest of Thankful Prayer- TONIGHT 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 potluck supper.

Ladies Bible Study will meet this Tuesday at 9:30 am for Lesson 9 of the Life-Guide Bible study on the book of Genesis. Contact Hilda with any questions.

J.O.Y. Group: Join us on Wednesday, November 12 at 10:00 am in the youth building to enjoy a coffee and tea bar, a variety of donuts, cheese and crackers as well as wonderful fellowship. Please sign up at the information table if you plan to attend.

Reminder: Booster Club Members will be meeting Wednesday, November 12 starting at 10:30 am in the fellowship hall to assemble subs & sandwiches.

The Highland Booster Club is taking orders for Christmas Poinsettias & Wreaths. An order form is available on the information table. Orders are due November 16.

- Poinsettias (red only) are \$9 for a 6.5” pot or \$13 for an 8” pot.
- 22” Christmas Wreaths are \$26 for Fraser or \$28 for Mixed.