

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

#### **NURSERY**

- Nov 12** Esther Bode, Barb Dore, Diane Nemeth, Franklin Baas  
**Nov 19** Jodi DeHate, Jodi Meyering, Mikayla Powers, Ben Thompson  
**Nov 23** Mary Rees, DaNay Tossey, Bev Taylor, Kendyn Meyering  
Thanksgiving  
**Nov 26** Jackie Schmid, Brenda Ouwinga, Megan Plugger, Evan Wemple

#### **CHILDREN’S CHURCH**

- Nov 12** Teacher: Miranda Dykhouse; Helpers: Lindsay Beerens, Emerson Tossey  
**Nov 19** Teacher: Sara Bruno; Helpers: Nicole Schultz, Steph VanHouten  
**Nov 23** No Children’s Church  
Thanksgiving  
**Nov 26** No Children’s Church

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

- Nov 12** Cary Sikkema, Jonathan Ouwinga, Jodi DeHate  
**Nov 19** Matt Thompson, Kaylie Benthem, Tami Eisenga  
**Nov 23** Kyle Meyering, Dan Ouwinga, Deb Eisenga  
Thanksgiving  
**Nov 26** Cary Sikkema, Jonathan Ouwinga, Kendra Jenema

#### **USHERS**

- November:** Kyle Meyering, Jun Brinks, Scott Oeverman, Jim Ouwinga  
**December:** Steve Meeuwenberg, Isaac Baas, Dale Taylor, Aaron Plugger

#### **2ND OFFERINGS:**

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| <b>November:</b>                               | <b>December:</b>                               |
| <b>5<sup>th</sup>:</b> Booster Club            | <b>3<sup>rd</sup>:</b> Booster Club            |
| <b>12<sup>th</sup>:</b> World Renew            | <b>10<sup>th</sup>:</b> Lydia Shaarda          |
| <b>19<sup>th</sup>:</b> Existing Building Fund | <b>17<sup>th</sup>:</b> Existing Building Fund |
| <b>23<sup>rd</sup>:</b> Thanksgiving Envelopes | <b>24<sup>th</sup>:</b> Benevolence            |
| <b>26<sup>th</sup>:</b> Love Inc.              | <b>31<sup>st</sup>:</b> Marion Food Pantry     |

**\*\*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.**

**November 12, 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      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)

# HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

Morning Worship Service – 9:30 am

November 12, 2023

## The People of God Gather:

Prelude: Children's Bell Choir - *I Surrender All*

Welcome & Call to Worship

God's Greeting

Greet One Another

### To Praise God

Scripture Reading: Psalm 89:1-2

*How Deep The Father's Love for Us (vs 1-3)*

*Behold the Lamb (vs 1,4)*

Prayer of Praise

### To Pray and Serve God

Announcements

Congregational Prayer

### To Proclaim God's Word

Children's Message: Linda Wing

Song of Preparation: Break Now the Bread of Life (vs 2-4)

**Scripture: Galatians 3:26-29**

**Sermon: *Does 'All People' Really Mean ALL People?***

Prayer of Response

### To Partake in the Lord's Supper

The Apostles' Creed

Communion \*please remain seated as the elements are passed

Bread: *Let Us Break Bread Together (vs 1-3)*

Juice: *Before the Throne of God (vs 1-3)*

Song of Response/Offertory:

Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: World Renew

### To Go in God's Name

God's blessing

Closing Song: The Servant Song (vs 2,5)

Postlude

## NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:

December 11 at 6:30 pm -Elders

December 11 at 7:00 pm -Deacons

December 11 at 6:30 pm -Council

## CONGREGATION MEETING:

November 19 at 10:40 am

## PREACHING SCHEDULE:

November 5 – Pastor Mark Bonnes

November 12 – Pastor Mark Bonnes

November 19 – Pastor Mark Bonnes

November 23 – Pastor Mark Bonnes

November 26 – Pastor Jim DeZeeuw

## HIGHLAND COUNCIL:

### Officers for 2023:

<b>President</b>	Jon Dracht	<b>Pastor Mark Bonnes</b> <b>Pastor Ashley Bonnes</b> *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	#1, A-C	David Wing
Alan Baas	#2, D-E	Kyle Meyering
Jon Dracht	#3, F-L	Devon Dracht
Paul Shaarda	#4, M-O	Kasey Rees
Don Eisenga	#5, P-T	Scott Oeverman
Don Ellens	#6, U-Z	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 Plugger)

**Facilities Team** (Greg Hesselink)

**Outreach Team** (Jodi DeHate)

**Prayer Team** (Sandy Rice)

**Service Team** (Carrie Thompson)

**Worship Team** (DaNay Tossey)

\*\*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.

**Single MOMM Nonprofit:** Started in 2008, Single MOMM is a non-profit organization that started in the Traverse City area and is slowly expanding services to Wexford, Missaukee and Osceola Counties. It is a ministry that "addresses the core issues of single motherhood and provides innovative and diverse solutions for families desiring to reach self-sufficiency." More information can be found at their website: [www.singlemomm.org](http://www.singlemomm.org). As a Service Team project, Highland Church will be helping to provide this organization with gift cards that they can then hand out to their clients, depending upon their specific need/situation. They are asking for Meijer gift cards in the amount of \$25 that can be used for general merchandise, food or gas. Please place gift cards in the box on the table in the East wing). Each card collected will be represented by an ornament on our Christmas tree in the Fellowship Hall. Our goal is to gather 40 gift cards by **December 17th** to donate to this great organization!! \*\*Please note that we will NOT be calling to request the purchase of gift cards over the phone or online. If you receive one of those calls, hang up.

**Concert:** The Amen Chorus, Women's Philharmonic Chorus, and Bells of Peace Hand- bell Choir will be "Singing in the Season" on Saturday, December 2 at 7:00 and Sunday, December 3 at 4:00 at the Elenbaas Auditorium in McBain. We invite you to join us for this special program. A free will offering will be received.

**Christmas Worship Extravaganza** - We invite you to join us for one of two great nights of worship and celebration on Friday, December 1, and Saturday, December 2, 7pm, at the Lake City Christian Reformed Church, 1657 S. Morey Rd., Lake City. Talented musicians from several surrounding communities and churches are joining together to celebrate our Savior and worship Him according to His excellent greatness. You won't want to miss this event! 2 nights, 1 program. Admission is free.

**McBain PTO's Annual Holiday Craft Market:** Saturday, November 25, from 9am - 3pm. There will be 175 booths of hand crafted items, a raffle, and luncheon. Admission is free.

**Rehoboth Reformed Christmas Marketplace!** Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm! Start planning ahead to attend the Christmas Marketplace! There will be many vendors and talented crafters selling beautiful items for Christmas gifts! Also, we will be having our famous cookie walk and bake sale! We will also be serving lunch and cinnamon rolls. Please join us as we work to raise money for local charities. We are located at 8372 S. Lucas Rd., McBain

**Project Canefire's** ministry projects for Jan. 23-Feb. 6, 2024 include: the building of 2 new houses, finishing up a church from last year, digging 11 new wells and repairing many others, distributing 10 sewing machines along with teaching classes, meeting and greeting the scholarship students, and completing numerous smaller fix-up projects to enhance individuals and communities. Last call for new volunteers! Anyone interested please be at the Tues. Nov. 14 meeting to sign up. Call Paul Benthem for more information (231) 667-7200. Please consider supporting this ministry financially as you prepare your Thanksgiving and "end of the year" donations. With gratitude to God, we continue to be blessed and to be a blessing in the Dominican Republic. ~Project Canefire PO Box 556; Lake City, MI 49651

## PRAYER CONNECTIONS:

- ✚ Our heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of **Betty Morrison** who passed away on Monday, November 6, 2023 at Maple Ridge Living Center in Cadillac, She was 88. Cremation has taken place with Memorial services to be held at a later date.
- ✚ Please pray for the nominees for incoming office-bearers on Council and for the upcoming Congregational Meeting on November 19.

**Weekly Prayer Emphasis:** During the month of November, we want to focus on being thankful for God's blessings.

- **This Sunday**, we lift up prayers of thankfulness for family.
- **In the week ahead and next Sunday**, we lift up prayers of thankfulness for good neighbors.

## ✚ 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.

## 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: NOVEMBER 12-18

<b>SUN 11/12</b>	9:15 AM	Prayer
	9:30 AM	Worship Service & Communion
	10:40 AM	Sunday School, Catechism & Men's Small Group
	4:30 PM	Fellowship Bible Study – Ruth: Lesson 5
	6:00 PM	MS & HS: UNITED Night of Worship -McBain Auditorium
<b>TUES 11/14</b>	9:30 AM	Ladies Bible Study (with Hilda) – Lesson 1
<b>WED 11/15</b>	-----	NO Family Night this week; Next Family Night is Dec.6
	7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting
<b>THURS 11/16</b>	7:00 PM	Ladies Bible Study (with Linda) – Lesson 5

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

#### Today:

- This morning we have the privilege of celebrating **Communion**.
- **Sunday School & Catechism:** 10:40 am – 11:30 am
- **Men's Small Group Book Study** (during Sunday School): Final week of an 8-week marriage book study and small group discussion.
- **The Sunday Evening Fellowship Bible Study** will be looking at Lesson 5 tonight of their 6-week study on "Ruth" starting at 4:30 pm in the fellowship hall with potluck supper following.
- **Attention Teens: UNITED Night of Worship** will be held at McBain auditorium tonight at 6:00 pm. This event is for JH and HS Students.

#### This Week:

- **Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study** (w/ Hilda) will be starting a new book called *Meeting Jesus*, this Tuesday beginning with Lesson 1 at 9:30 am. Anyone that would like to join this group is encouraged to contact Hilda for a book.
- **Wednesday: NO Family Night on November 15** for "Deer Day". Our next Family Night will be December 6.
- **Ladies Bible Study** (w/ Linda) will be meeting this Thursday, November 16 at 7 pm in the MS Youth Room for week 5 of their study "Discerning the Voice of God" by Priscilla Shirer.

#### Next Sunday, November 19:

- **Fall Congregational Meeting** will be held just after the morning worship service during the Sunday School hour. We will be voting on the 2024 Budget (now available in mailboxes) as well as drawing names for three new deacons and three new elders to serve a two-year term (2024/2025) on council. **Nominees for Elder:** Mark Eisenga, Bob Lee, Jerry Nemeth, Joe Kulhawick, Ken VanPolen, Jr. and Bob Vennema. **Nominees for Deacon:** James Bazuin, Gary Hesselink, Todd Schmid, Carrie Thompson and Curt Wemple.

- **Christmas Shoebox Update:** Shoebox Packing will be on **November 19<sup>th</sup>** during the Congregational Meeting. We ask that Sunday School teachers/helpers that don't need to be at the meeting be available to assist the kids while packing the items. (Absentee ballots are available in the church office) Mary Rees will be supervising and can assist in getting everyone started. Becky Wemple will be collecting them later in the afternoon and delivering them to Tustin. Any Shoeboxes that were taken home to be filled will need to be returned to the church by 1:00 pm for pickup on November 19<sup>th</sup>. Suggested donation for shipping costs this year is \$10 per box. Any help would be greatly appreciated!
- **The Highland Thanksgiving Dinner** is scheduled for Sunday, November 19 at 12:30 pm. Table service, coffee, juice and meat will be provided. Please bring a dish or 2 to pass. Please check the sign-up sheet on the information table if you are able to contribute toward the following: 8 pans of potatoes (cheesy, scalloped or mashed), four crockpots of dressing and 12 dozen rolls. Any questions, please contact Faye Fredin.
- **Booster Club's 2023 Christmas Wreath & Poinsettia Sale** - Please check the order form in the fellowship hall or contact a booster club member directly for more information on our assorted options! **All orders are due November 19** \*\*If you would like to purchase a poinsettia in memory of a loved one to be placed in the front of church, please contact **Jodi Meyering** directly BEFORE November 19.

**Thanksgiving Day Service & Marion Food Pantry:** Our Thanksgiving Day Service will be held on Thursday, November 23 at 9:30 am. A food offering will be collected that morning on behalf of the Marion Food Pantry and the families they serve. As with earlier bulletin announcements, the pantry is requesting the following items; Baby Items (especially diapers, any size, small packages), gravy packets, meatloaf seasoning packages, chili seasoning packets, and small packages of dog and cat food. Personal hygiene and paper products are also needed. As always, any donations are greatly appreciated, but pantry staffers indicate that drives, such as this one, allow for them to provide variety in the packages they provide to those in need.

**The Fellowship Bible Study invites you to a "Harvest of Thankful Prayer"**- Please join us Sunday, November 26 at 4:30 pm in the fellowship hall for a time of reflection of God's faithfulness in our lives. Topics will include our families, Highland church, our country, our work and unexpected blessings. No public speaking required! You are invited to a potluck supper and fellowship afterwards.

**Winter Clothing Drive:** We are again having a Winter Clothing Drive for the Marion Public Schools. Coats (all sizes), boots (all sizes), snow pants (all sizes, preferably black in color), and gloves are needed (we are good in the hat department!). All donations should be new or gently used. Donations will be delivered throughout the winter months.