

GREETERS – Please arrive by 9:15 am	
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
Nov 30	South: Hilda Cruz; North: Greg & DaNay Tossey
Dec 7	South: Dave & Linda Wing; North: Todd & Jackie Schmid
NURSERY – Please arrive by 9:15 am	
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
Nov 30	Julie Dorman, Bev Kamphouse, Emma Lee
Dec 7	Kasey McQuestion, Shari Benthem, Penny Bruno
CHILDREN’S CHURCH – (September – May; Sundays Only)	
Nov 16	Teacher: Sara Bruno; Helper: Emma Lee
Nov 23	Teacher: Makayla Powers; Helper: Briggs Tossey
Nov 30	**Thanksgiving Break**
Dec 7	Teacher: Amanda Lutke; Helper: Sam VanHouten
SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT	
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
Nov 30	Cary Sikkema, Deb Eisenga, Deborah Ouwinga
Dec 7	Kyle Meyering, Kaylie Benthem, Tami Eisenga
USHERS – Please arrive by 9:15 am	
November:	Don Ellens, 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 : Single Moms
16th: Love INC	21 st : Marion Food Pantry
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 16, 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 16, 2025

The People of God Gather:

Prelude
Welcome & God’s Greeting
Greet One Another

To Praise God in Song:
From All That Dwell below the Skies (vs 1-2)
He Will Hold Me Fast (vs 1-2)
Blessed Assurance (vs 2 & 4)
Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God
Announcements
Congregational Prayer

To Proclaim God’s Word
Children’s Message: Pastor Mark Bonnes
Song of Preparation: *Firm Foundation*
Scripture: Luke 7:36-50
Sermon: “An Experience of Grace”
Prayer of Response
Song of Response/Offertory: *O, How I Love Jesus*
Today’s Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: Love INC

To Go in God’s Name
God’s Blessing
Closing Song: *People of God*
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 Congregational Meeting: Sunday, November 23, 2025	Preaching Schedule: 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
Next Council Meetings: Monday, December 8, 2025 6:30 pm Elders 7:00 pm Deacons 7:30 pm Full Council	
Next Communion: Sunday, January 4, 2026	

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

HIGHLAND & LOCAL SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:

Single MOMMS Group: The Service Team will be organizing a Gift Card Tree again this year, look for it to be set up the weekend after Thanksgiving! Also, there will be a monetary offering taken on December 14th.

Winter Clothing Drive: The Service Team will again be organizing a Winter Clothing Drive the months of November, December, January. We are accepting new and used (in good condition) items. Needed items: coats, snow-pants, boots and gloves.

AREA EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

McBain PTO's Annual Holiday Craft Market: Saturday, November 29, 2025, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. 175 booths of hand-crafted items! Lunch is available on site along with a raffle drawing. Admission is free. This event is held at the McBain Public School at 107 E. Maple Street, McBain, MI 49657.

Christmas Worship Extravaganza: Friday, December 5, and Saturday, December 6, 7pm: Lake City CRC is hosting its 4th year the Christmas Worship Extravaganza! Over 59 musicians from local churches and communities coming together in worship this holiday season. Plan now to be a part of this special evening. Lake City CRC is located at 1657 S. Morey Rd., Lake City.

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!

GriefShare 2026 sessions will begin at VCCRC on Saturday, January 3 from 9:00-11:00AM and will continue every Saturday through March 28. Please share this information with those who are grieving a loss and help them find hope and healing after the death of a loved one. For more information, contact Pastor Adam Barton at adam.mh.barton@gmail.com or (616) 566-7937.

Project Canefire is gearing up for their 2026 trip with 20 volunteers and a full schedule of projects. These projects include two new houses being built, 2 church repairs (a new one needs trusses and a roof and the other needs repairs due to termite damage), 10-12 wells will be installed, about 10 sewing machines will be distributed along with classes and ongoing micro-enterprises and student scholarship recipients will be visited. Your Thanksgiving offerings and end of the year monetary gifts are so important to make these projects happen. Gifts may be sent to Project Canefire P.O. Box 556 Lake City, MI 49651. Thank you for helping us share God's love, through these gifts, to His people in the Dominican Republic.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who support our Booster Club. Thank you to those who donate in the offering, to those that order from our fundraisers and thank you to everyone who came to help us make subs this past week. Your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you for blessing us with your time and generosity. God bless you.
~ Highland Booster Club families

PRAYER CONNECTIONS:

We extend our condolences to **Brenda & Dan Ouwinga** and their family in the passing of Brenda's mom, **Carolyn Dick** early Tuesday morning from stroke complications. She was 84. The funeral was held on Friday, November 14 at Prosper CRC. A full obituary is available online at <https://burkholderfamilyfuneralhome.com/obituaries/>. Please continue to hold this family up in prayer through the adjustments that come with this loss.

Colter Bailey is in between phases of the stem-cell transplant process. Please continue to 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 is receiving chemotherapy treatments. His chemotherapy regimen consists 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).**

OUR CHURCH WEEK: NOVEMBER 16-22		
SUN 11/16	9:15 AM 9:30 AM 10:40 AM 4:30 PM 6-8:00 PM	Prayer Worship Service Sunday School & Catechism (Dismiss at 11:30 am) Highland Hymn-sing MS/HS Youth Groups
TUE 11/18	9:30 AM 5:45 PM	Ladies Bible Study (w/ Hilda) – Lesson 9 REV Moms
WED 11/19	6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Family Night Dinner Centershot & GEMS
THUR 11/20	7:00 PM	JUMP Practice

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.

Fellowship Bible Study will NOT be meeting tonight (11/16) but will wrap up 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.

Christmas Shoeboxes Due TODAY: Thank you for your continued generosity and support of the Christmas Shoebox Project! All shoeboxes must be turned in to the Christmas shoebox table by the end of Sunday school **TODAY, November 16** so they can be delivered to the regional drop off station in Tustin.

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

DUE TODAY: The Highland Booster Club is taking orders for Christmas Poinsettias & Wreaths. An order form is available on the information table.

- 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

Christmas Memorial Poinsettias: These are \$13 for an 8” pot and used throughout the sanctuary during the Christmas Season. You must have payment with you (cash or check) to place your order. Please visit the Worship Team table to yet this morning to order.

Ladies Bible Study will meet this Tuesday at 9:30 am for Lesson 10 of the Life-Guide Bible study on the book of Genesis. Contact Hilda with any questions.

Join us for Family Night this Wednesday, November 19 beginning with a delicious Chili dinner at 6:30 pm followed by Centershot and GEMS at 7:00 pm. **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 Fall Congregational Meeting will be held just after the morning worship service next Sunday, November 23, to draw names for incoming Elders & Deacons as well a voting on the Proposed 2026 budget. Copies of the Proposed 2026 budget were placed in mailboxes last week. If needed, additional copies are available on the information table. Absentee ballots are available in the office on the desk.

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- Confirmed Nominees for Deacon: Kevin DeHate, Miranda Dykhouse, Nicole Koetje, Cory Powers, Jackie Schmid & Kyle Veltema.

Highland’s Annual Thanksgiving Potluck is scheduled for next 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.

Practices for the Sunday School’s Christmas Program & MS Light Show will be November 30, December 7 and 14 from 10:40-11:30 am. Please ensure your child is present for each practice if they want like to participate in this year’s program. Please contact Anita Kvasnak with any questions. **HS Catechism** will meet in the Youth Building for their regular lessons each week as normal. Please save the revised the SS schedule (see bulletin insert).

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.

SAVE THE DATE:

Join us for Thanksgiving Day Worship Service at 9:30 am on Thursday, November 27. We’ll share in a time of giving thanks to God for all the blessings he has showered on us. In addition to our Thanksgiving Envelopes, we invite each family to bring in non-perishable food items and paper products for the Marion Food Pantry. Ideas include small jars of peanut butter, jelly, ketchup, mustard, mayo, alfredo sauce, cheese sauce, canned soups or household supplies such as paper towels, small garbage bags, and small bottles of laundry soup. There will be a monetary offering taken on December 21st.

J.O.Y. Group will be gathering for their **Christmas Dinner** on Tuesday, December 9 at 12:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. More details to follow.

Versiti Blood of MI will be here on Wednesday, December 10 from 1-6:00 PM. To schedule a life-saving donation, please call (866) 642-5663 or online at Versiti.org/MI.

Highland’s Sunday School Christmas Program: Attention Parents and Grandparents, please mark your calendar for our annual Sunday School Christmas Program “*Just A Little Christmas*” on **December 14**, starting at **6:30 pm**. All children in grades PreK-8th will participate. Come for an evening of traditional Christmas carols and the Christmas Story, as well as our fantastic Middle School Light Show! Refreshments to follow!!