

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

**GREETERS – Please arrive by 9:15 am**

**Nov 17** South: Greg & DaNay Tossey; North: Dave & Linda Wing  
**Nov 24** South: Todd & Jackie Schmid; North: C.J. & Sara Bruno  
**Nov 28** South: Scott & Karen Oeverman; North: Greg & Laura Hesselink  
Thanksgiving  
**Dec 1** South: Larry & Marilyn Visser; North: Lindsay Beerens  
**Dec 8** South: Matt & Carrie Thompson, North: Devon & Hillary Dracht

**NURSERY – Please arrive by 9:15 am**

**Nov 17** Barb Dore, Tami Eisenga, Jodi Meyering, Jayden Benthem  
**Nov 24** Addean Oeverman, Mikayla Powers, Megan Plugger, Charlotte Thompson  
**Nov 28** Cindy Vennema, Patti Koop, Anne Thomas, Madelyn Oeverman  
Thanksgiving  
**Dec 1** Brooke Benthem, Lizelle Bazuin, Bev Kamphouse, Franklin Baas  
**Dec 8** Kasey McQuestion, Shari Benthem, Jan Rivera, Ben Thompson

**CHILDREN’S CHURCH**

**Nov 17** Teacher: Miranda Dykhouse; Helpers: Sam VanHouten, Gracyn Swiler  
**Nov 24** Teacher: Jordyn Richardson; Helpers: Nicole Schultz, Harmony Kirkby  
**Nov 28** **\*\*No Children’s Church – Thanksgiving Day\*\***  
**Dec 1** **\*\*No Children’s Church – Thanksgiving Break\*\***  
**Dec 8** Teacher: Sara Bruno; Helpers: Lindsay Beerens, Alan Thomas

**SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT**

**Nov 17** Matt Thompson, Jon Ouwinga, Jodi DeHate  
**Nov 24** Cary Sikkema, Kaylie Benthem, Kendra Jenema  
**Nov 28** Kyle Meyering, Dan Ouwinga, Tami Eisenga  
Thanksgiving  
**Dec 1** Cary Sikkema, Deb Eisenga, Deborah Ouwinga  
**Dec 8** Matt Thompson, Kaylie Benthem, Kendra Jenema

**USHERS – Please arrive by 9:15 am**

**Nov.** Jason Benthem, Jon Dracht, Bob Lee, Mike Southwick  
**Dec.** Ryan McQuestion, Todd Schmid, Kendyn Meyering, Kerwin Huttenga

**2ND OFFERINGS:**

<b>November:</b>	<b>December:</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> : Booster Club	1 <sup>st</sup> : Booster Club
10 <sup>th</sup> : Benevolence	8 <sup>th</sup> : Single MOMMS
17 <sup>th</sup> : Josh & Mandy Shaarda	15 <sup>th</sup> : Friendship Bible Ministry
24 <sup>th</sup> : Existing Building Fund	22 <sup>nd</sup> : Right to Life
28 <sup>th</sup> : Thanksgiving Envelopes	25 <sup>th</sup> : No Offering (Christmas Day)
	29 <sup>th</sup> : Existing Building Fund



**November 17, 2024**

**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 17, 2024**

*This morning we welcome Rev. Jim DeZeeuw as he leads our worship together.*

**The People of God Gather:**

Prelude: *Behold Our God*  
Welcome & God's Greeting  
Greet One Another

To Praise God in Song:

*How Marvelous (I Stand Amazed)*  
*Wonderful, Merciful Savior*  
Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God

Announcements  
Congregational Prayer

To Proclaim God's Word

Children's Message: Pastor Jim DeZeeuw  
Song of Preparation: *My Jesus I Love Thee*

**Scripture: Daniel 3:13-27**

**Title: *Even If***

Prayer of Response  
Song of Response/Offertory: *Behold Our God*

Today's Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: Josh & Mandy Shaarda

To Go in God's Name

God's Blessing  
Closing Song: *My Friends May You Grow in Grace*  
Postlude

**Nursery** is available year-round downstairs for children ages 0 - 3 years old.  
**Children's Church** (for children age 3 – Kindergarten) is takes place downstairs following the Children's Message. **\*\*Children must be picked up at their classroom following the worship service.**  
**Children's Bulletins** are available on the information table in the Fellowship Hall.

**COUNCIL CORNER:**

**Next Council Meetings:**

Monday, December 9, 2024  
6:30 pm Elders  
7:00 pm Deacons  
7:30 pm Full Council

**Preaching Schedule:**

Nov 17 – Rev. Jim DeZeeuw  
Nov 24 – Rev. Mark Bonnes  
Nov 28 – Rev. Mark Bonnes (Thanksgiving)  
Dec 1 – Rev. Ashley Bonnes  
Dec 8 – Rev. Mark Bonnes  
Dec 15 – Rev. Mark Bonnes

**Fall Congregational Meeting:**

Sunday, November 24 at 10:40 am

**HIGHLAND COUNCIL:**

**Officers for 2024:**

<b>President</b>	Don Eisenga	<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>	Bob Vennema	
<b>Clerk</b>	Alan Baas	
<b>Sec. of Deacons</b>	Kyle Meyering	
<b>Vice Treas.</b>	Curt Wemple	

**Districts for 2024:**

Elders	District	Deacons
Jerry Nemeth	<b>#1, A-C</b>	Carrie Thompson
Alan Baas	<b>#2, D-E</b>	Kyle Meyering
Bob Vennema	<b>#3, F-L</b>	Curt Wemple
Mark Eisenga	<b>#4, M-O</b>	Gary Hesselink
Don Eisenga	<b>#5, P-T</b>	Scott Oeverman
Don Ellens	<b>#6, U-Z</b>	Anne Thomas

OFFICE CONTACT INFO:	MINISTRY LEADERS:
Phone: (231) 825-2171 Email: <a href="mailto:office@highlandcrc.org">office@highlandcrc.org</a> Mon - Thurs: 8:30 am - 2:00 pm Fri. – Sun: Office Closed  **All bulletin announcements must be submitted to the church office by <u>noon</u> on Thursdays.	<b>Care &amp; Fellowship Team</b> – Cindy Vennema <b>Education Team</b> – Megan Pluger <b>Facilities Team</b> – Greg Hesselink <b>Outreach Team</b> – Jodi DeHate <b>Prayer Team</b> – Sandy Rice <b>Service Team</b> – Carrie Thompson <b>Worship Team</b> – Bonnie McBride

**Text Messaging Opt-in:** One way we are now communicating with our various groups and volunteers (youth groups, nursery, ushers, etc.) is through a program called Breeze. Our office and group leaders will be using this to remind volunteer of upcoming dates of service. We will also use this to remind our various youth groups of upcoming information. If you are a volunteer or a part of the applicable groups, you will receive a text in the coming week stating: *“Highland Christian Reformed Church ... is verifying you want to receive reminders & alerts from Breeze ChMS. Reply YES to opt-in, STOP to cancel. Msg&data rates may apply. Unless you reply YES to this message you will no longer receive messages from Breeze ChMS on behalf of Highland Christian Reformed Church.* \*\*Please reply with YES to continue receiving our reminder notices. Schedules will still be posted in the bulletin; Breeze is simply another tool to help us improve communication.

**NMCS Major Drive Match:** Exciting news! As part of the annual major drive fundraising campaign for Northern Michigan Christian School, there is a match setup on all of your donations through December 13th! Every dollar that you give will be matched! Thank you to our gracious donors for supporting Christ-centered education! Donations are being accepted via check or via our online portal at [nmcs.us/support](http://nmcs.us/support). Please contact Scott Curell at (231) 825-2492 if you have any additional questions.

**Project Canefire Update:** We have successfully sent our container filled with pump supplies, lumber, tools, fabric, sewing machines and Bibles after a busy summer of ordering, cleaning and packing the needed supplies for the next three years for Project Canefire's mission trip projects. This Jan/Feb, 21 volunteers will work to place 10 new wells, and maintain numerous others, build one house, build church benches, pour cement in many dirt floored homes, paint a home, and teach sewing classes to various groups throughout the Dominican Republic. Please support us through prayer for safety for our workers and through donations to make these projects happen. Thank you!

**Save the Date - Lake City CRC** is excited to announce the return of the **Christmas Worship Extravaganza** on Friday, December 6 & Saturday, December 7 at 7:00 pm: We have over 45 musicians from the surrounding area joining together to share their God-given talents celebrating the birth of Christ through a wide variety of music! In addition to those 45 musicians, the Lake City CRC kids will sing a couple songs both nights, and the McBain Highlighters will be joining us on Saturday evening for a special piece. You won't want to miss it! Lake City CRC is located at 1657 S. Morey Rd., Lake City.

**Save the Dates: Grief Share** sessions for 2025 at Vogel Center CRC 1789 E. Stoney Corners Rd McBain, MI will begin on Saturday, January 4 – March 29 from 9-11AM. For more information please contact the Vogel Church Office [vcrc@outlook.com](mailto:vcrc@outlook.com) or (231)825-2053 or Pastor Adam Barton (616) 566-7937

## THANK YOU:

**THANK YOU COMET NATION!** With your help and the faithfulness and provision of God, we have raised over \$125,000 in our auction! There are still payments and donations to process so this number will continue to increase. Thank you for your support of our Christ-centered programs and the tuition assistance program! ~Trey Reed on behalf of Northern Michigan Christian School

## PRAYER CONNECTIONS:

- ✚ Barb Dore would appreciate prayers for her son-in-law, **Rolando Sarat**. (Erica's husband). Rolando has been battling lymphoma. Please pray that the right treatments can be found and that side effects will be kept to a minimum without causing further damage.
- ✚ **Dale & Faye Fredin** appreciate your continued prayers for healing and strength each day and that Dale's symptoms will be kept to a minimum.
- ✚ **Mary Karsten** has been on oxygen for the past couple months. She would appreciate prayers for healing & patience as they await additional testing.
- ✚ **Council Nominees:** Please pray over the nominees for incoming Council (see Council Highlights for names).

## OUR MISSIONARIES:

\*Prayer Letters and Updates are available on our Missions bulletin board:

- ✚ **Josh & Mandy Shaarda & Family** (Serving in Uganda)  
Email: [jshaarda@crnapartners.org](mailto:jshaarda@crnapartners.org); Blog: <http://shaarda.blogspot.com>
- ✚ **George & Sarah de Vuyst & Family** (Serving in Ukraine & the U.S.)  
Email: [gdevuyst@crna.org](mailto:gdevuyst@crna.org); Website: <http://www.devuysts.com>
- ✚ **Matthew & Emily Slack & Family** (Serving in Asia).

## OUR ACTIVE MILITARY:

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

**OUR CHURCH WEEK: NOVEMBER 17-23**

<b>SUN 11/17</b>	9:15 AM Prayer 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:40 AM Sunday School & Catechism - dismissed at 11:30 4:30 PM Highland Hymn-sing & Potluck
<b>TUE 11/19</b>	9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (w/ Hilda): Lesson 11 7:00 PM JUMP Practice
<b>WED 11/20</b>	6:30 PM Family Night Dinner 7:00 PM Centershot & GEMS
<b>THUR 11/21</b>	7:15 PM BIG Group Praise Team Practice
<b>SAT 11/23</b>	9-7:00 PM Fellowship Hall Use

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**TONIGHT- Highland Hymn-sing** at 4:30 pm. The Fellowship Bible Study group invites you to a night of song with Justin Sluiter followed by a time of fellowship and a light potluck supper.

**Directory Update:** We will be printing updated directories (info only, no photos) after the first of the year. We ask that you take a moment to confirm your families contact information by reviewing the profile forms we've placed in mailboxes. If you don't have a mailbox, please contact Sara in the church office to get a copy of your family's profile form for review (and/or to request a mailbox). Please have all paperwork returned to the office by **December 1**. We hope to have photos redone in 2026 (every 5 years).

**The Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study** will be looking at Lesson 11 of their study titled "Christian Beliefs" this coming Tuesday at 9:30 am.

**JUMP Practice** will be this Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

**Family Night** will begin at 6:30 pm for a delicious chili dinner! Centershot & GEMS will begin at 7:00 pm. We look forward to having our sewing mentors back for another great evening of crafting our quilted pillows. If you signed up to bring a crockpot of chili, please have your chili to the church kitchen by 6:00. Thank you!

**UPDATE: BIG Group Praise Team Practice** is this Thursday, November 21 at 7:15 pm. Please contact Hilda Cruz or Linda Wing if you have any questions.

**Memorial Poinsettias:** If you would like to order a Memorial Poinsettia for the front of church, please contact Bonnie McBride by **November 24**. They are the \$13 for an 8" plant.

**Highland's Annual Thanksgiving Dinner** will be next Sunday, November 24 beginning at 12:30 pm. Please bring a dish or 2 to pass. We are also looking for volunteers to make specific items for the meal. Please check the sign-up sheet on the information table.

**Fall Congregational Meeting** will be held next Sunday, November 24, immediately following the worship service. There will be no Sunday School/Catechism due to Thanksgiving break. 1) We will be voting on the 2025 Budget, 2) voting on a proposal to increase the Council's spending to \$10,000 and 3) drawing names for three new deacons and three new elders to serve a two-year term (2025/2026) on council.

- **Confirmed Nominees for Elder:** Jason Benthem, Joe Kulhawick, Steve Meeuwenberg, Ken Meyering, Todd Schmid & Ken VanPolen, Jr.
- **Confirmed Nominees for Deacon:** James Bazuin, Kevin DeHate, Ryan McQuestion, Lori Mitchell, Jonathan Ouwinga & Joann Richardson.

\*\*if you are unable to attend in person, we ask that you fill out an absentee ballot which are available on the desk of the church office.

**Thanksgiving Day Service & Marion Food Pantry:** Our Thanksgiving Day Service will be held on Thursday, November 28 at 9:30 am. In addition to the Thanksgiving Offering envelopes, we will be collecting specific items on behalf of the Marion Food Pantry and the families they serve. 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.

**Save the Date: Parents and Grandparents,** please mark your calendar for our annual Sunday School Christmas Program on **December 15**, 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 (nearly) famous Middle School Light Show! Cookies, milk and coffee to follow!!

**\*\*\*Sunday School / Catechism Schedule Changes and Updates: \*\*\***

- **Thanksgiving Break (no Sunday School/Catechism)** has been moved up to November 24 (due to Congregational Meeting).
- **Practice for the Sunday School's Christmas Program & MS Light Show** will be December 1, 8, & 15 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 Deborah Ouwinga with any questions.
- **HS Catechism** will meet in the Youth Building for their regular lessons as normal.

**Winter Clothing Drive:** We are again having a Winter Clothing Drive on behalf of Marion Public Schools and local community resources. We need Coats (all sizes), boots (all sizes), snow pants (all sizes, preferably black in color), and gloves. We are all set in the hat department! All donations should be new or gently used. Donation can be placed by the service team table in the east wing. Items will be delivered throughout the winter months.