

GREETERS – Please arrive by 9:15 am	
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
Dec 14	South: Scott & Karen Oeverman; North: Greg & Laura Hesselink
NURSERY – Please arrive by 9:15 am	
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
Dec 14	Jan Rivera, Dana Baas, Amara Beerens
CHILDREN’S CHURCH – (September – May; Sundays Only)	
Nov 23	Teacher: Makayla Powers; Helper: Briggs Tossey
Nov 30	**Thanksgiving Break**
Dec 7	Teacher: Amanda Lutke; Helper: Sam VanHouten
Dec 14	Teacher: Miranda Dykhouse; Helper: Bentley Dracht
SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT	
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
Dec 14	Matt Thompson, Jon Ouwinga, Jodi DeHate
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: 2nd: Booster Club 9th: World Renew 16th: Love INC 23rd: Benevolence 27th: Thanksgiving Envelopes & Food Drive 30th: Capital Improvement Fund	DECEMBER: 7 th : Booster Club 14 th : Single Moms 21 st : Marion Food Pantry 28: Capital Improvement Fund
Parking Lot Pledges can be turned in at any time using the pledge envelopes available on the information table	



November 23, 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 23, 2025

The People of God Gather:

Prelude
Welcome & God’s Greeting
Greet One Another

To Praise God in Song:

Praise
Gratitude
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: *Graves Into Gardens*

Scripture: Revelation 21:1-8

Sermon: *The Real Victory*

Prayer of Response
Song of Response/Offertory: *Trust in God*
Today’s Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: Benevolence

To Go in God’s Name

God’s Blessing
Closing Song: *Trust in 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:

Congregational Meeting:
Sunday, November 23, 2025

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

Preaching Schedule:
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 – Committee
Prayer Team – Sandy Rice
Service Team – Carrie Thompson
Worship Team – Bonnie McBride

AREA EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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.

You're invited to a Christmas Program by **The AMEN Chorus, Women's Philharmonic Chorus and Bells of Peace Handbell Choir** at the Cadillac Auditorium on Saturday, December 6 at 7:00 and Sunday December 7 at 4:00. We invite you to join us for this wonderful time of fellowship through music. Free will offering.

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.

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 for all of the kind words of comfort, visits, cards, food and emotional support through [Brenda's] mom's illness and passing. We've been absolutely BLESSED to have Highland as our church family. ~ Brenda & Dan Ouwinga & Family

Christmas Shoeboxes: Thank you Highland Church for your ongoing support in purchasing the shoebox items as well as covering the shipping costs. We filled and delivered a total of **53 boxes** to the Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Cadillac this week. The Sunday School and Middle School kids were able to help with our packing party and seemed to enjoy choosing items for a specific age and gender. A special THANKS to Arla Roede who made all of the shower/travel bags and small pouches as every box was able to have at least one this year. These bags are very helpful to children to carry personal hygiene and/or school supplies. Just to give you some world data: Since 1993 more than 232 Million shoeboxes in more than 170 countries and territories have received and Operation Christmas Child shoebox. Thank you again for all your support! ~Becky Wemple on behalf of the Highland Service Team & Samaritan's Purse

PRAYER CONNECTIONS:

Colter Bailey is done with stem-cell transplant #1 and currently home for the holidays. Please continue to pray for protection from any secondary infection and for pain management & relief from any side effects of the chemo & transplant process. They expect to start stem-cell transplant #2 after Christmas. Please continue to renewed strength and healing through this process.

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.

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 23-29

SUN 11/23	9:15 AM 9:30 AM 10:40 AM 4:30 PM	Prayer Worship Service Sunday School & Catechism (Dismiss at 11:30 am) Fellowship Bible Study – RVL’s “The Study”
MON 11/24	5-7 PM	YB Use
TUES 11/25	9:30 AM	Ladies Bible Study – Lesson 11
THUR 11/27	9:30 AM 12-4:00 PM	Thanksgiving Day Worship Service (see details below) YB Use

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

TODAY:

“**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.

Highland’s Fall Congregational Meeting will be held immediately following this morning’s worship service 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.

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

Highland’s Annual Thanksgiving Potluck will begin at 12:30 pm. Meat, coffee/juice and table service will be provided. Please bring a dish or two to share. Please contact Bev Kamphouse or Dollene VanPolen.

Fellowship Bible Study will resume this evening at 4:30 pm in the fellowship hall for Ray Vander Laan’s “The Study”. November 30 will be our last meeting for this year but we will begin Season 2 at the end of January. Please contact Sandy Rice to reserve your participant guide for Season 2.

THIS WEEK:

Modified Office Hours for 11/23-11/29:

Monday & Tuesday 8:30 am – 2:00 pm;

Wednesday: 8:30 am – 12:00 pm; (bulletin announcements due by 11:00 am)

Thursday-Saturday: Closed

Ladies Bible Study will meet this Tuesday at 9:30 am for Lesson 11 of the Life-Guide Bible study on the book of Genesis. Contact Hilda with any questions.

Join us this Thursday for a Thanksgiving Day Worship Service at 9:30 am. 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 their behalf on December 21st.

Lost and Found: Please take a moment to check the shelf above the North coat racks for any containers, travel cups, and misc. items that have been left behind. There are also a few smaller items being kept in the office. Please check with Sara.

SAVE THE DATE:

Practices for the Sunday School’s Christmas Program & MS Light Show will be held on 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 from last week. Additional copies are available on the information table.

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!!

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:

Sleep in Heavenly Peace: Thank you to those who attended the Sleep in Heavenly Peace Core Team virtual meeting. For planning purposes, we need to know if you desire to serve on the Core Team as soon as possible. Please either see Al Thomas after church or call/text him at 231-879-6468 by Tuesday, November 25.

Single MOMMS Group: The Service Team will be organizing a Gift Card Tree again this year. More details 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.