

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

GREETERS – Please arrive by 9:15 am

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

Dec 15 South: Bob & Cindy Vennema; North: Jean Venema

NURSERY – Please arrive by 9:15 am

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

Dec 15 Karen Oeverman, Dana Baas, Jennifer Peterson, Kendyn Meyering

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

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

Dec 15 Teacher: Kasey McQuestion; Helpers: Steph VanHouten, Harper Tossey

SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT

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

Dec 15 Kyle Meyering, Jon Ouwinga, Jodi DeHate

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:

November:

3rd: Booster Club

10th: Benevolence

17th: Josh & Mandy Shaarda

24th: Existing Building Fund

28th: Thanksgiving Envelopes

December:

1st: Booster Club

8th: Single MOMMS

15th: Friendship Bible Ministry

22nd: Right to Life

25th: No Offering (Christmas Day)

29th: Existing Building Fund



November 24, 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

(231) 825-2171

10:40 am – 11:30 am (Sept-May)

**Welcome to
HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
Morning Worship Service – 9:30 am
November 24, 2024**

The People of God Gather:

Welcome & God's Greeting
Greet One Another

To Praise God in Song:

Graves Into Gardens
Yes, I Will

Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God

Announcements
Congregational Prayer

To Proclaim God's Word

Children's Message: Pastor Ashley Bonnes

Song of Preparation: *Rest On Us*

Scripture: Revelation 7:9-17

Title: *Robed In White*

Prayer of Response

Song of Response/Offertory: *Who You Say I Am*

Today's Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: Existing Building Fund

To Go in God's Name

God's Blessing
Closing Song: *The Blessing*
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 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:

President	Don Eisenga	Pastor Mark Bonnes Pastor Ashley Bonnes *personal contact info is not posted online. Please call the church office.
Vice President	Bob Vennema	
Clerk	Alan Baas	
Sec. of Deacons	Kyle Meyering	
Vice Treas.	Curt Wemple	

Districts for 2024:

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

OFFICE CONTACT INFO:

Phone: (231) 825-2171
Email: office@highlandcrc.org

November 24-30:
Mon - Wed: 8:30 am - 2:00 pm
Thurs. 11/28: Office Closed for Thanksgiving
Fri. – Sun: Office Closed

**All bulletin announcements must be submitted to the church office by noon on Wednesday, 11/27.

MINISTRY LEADERS:

Care & Fellowship Team – Cindy Vennema

Education Team – Megan Pluger

Facilities Team – Greg Hesselink

Outreach Team – Jodi DeHate

Prayer Team – Sandy Rice

Service Team – Carrie Thompson

Worship Team – 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.

SAVE THE DATE:

McBain PTO's Annual Holiday Craft Market: Saturday, November 30, 2024 from 9 am – 3 pm. Three 3 gymnasiums containing a total of 175 booths of hand-crafted items. Lunch will be available along with a raffle drawing! Free admission. McBain Public School 107 E. Maple Street, McBain, MI 49657.

J.O.Y. Group will be gathering for their Christmas Dinner on Tuesday, December 10 at 12:30 pm in the Fellowship hall.

The Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study will be holding their Christmas Brunch on Tuesday, December 17 at 9:30 am.

Sunday School Christmas Program: 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!!

Concert: 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.

Concert: The A.M.E.N. Chorus, Women's Philharmonic Chorus, and Bells of Peace Hand-bell Choir will be presenting *“Hope Lives”* on Saturday, December 7 at 7:00 pm and Sunday, December 8 at 4:00 pm at the Cadillac High School Auditorium, 500 Chestnut Street, Cadillac, MI 49601. We invite you to join us for this special program. Admission is free. A free-will offering received during the concert.

PRAYER CONNECTIONS:

- ✚ **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.

OUR MISSIONARIES:

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

- ✚ **Josh & Mandy Shaarda & Family** (Serving in Uganda)
Email: jshaarda@crnapartners.org; Blog: <http://shaarda.blogspot.com>
- ✚ **George & Sarah de Vuyst & Family** (Serving in Ukraine & the U.S.)
Email: gdevuyst@crcna.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).

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 24-30

SUN 11/24	9:15 AM	Prayer
	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	10:40 PM	Fall Congregational Meeting
	-----	No Sunday School, Catechism or POF Class
	12:30 PM	Highland Thanksgiving Potluck
	-----	No Fellowship Bible Study (on break through January)
TUE 11/26	9:30 AM	Ladies Bible Study (w/ Hilda): Lesson 12
	5:45 PM	REV Moms
THUR 11/28	9:30 AM	Thanksgiving Day Worship & Food Drive
	-----	Offices Closed for Thanksgiving

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Fall Congregational Meeting will be held immediately following this morning’s worship service. The following items will be addressed and voted on during the meeting:

1. Voting on the 2025 Budget,
2. Voting on a proposal to increase the Council’s spending to \$10,000,
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 before the meeting. These are available on the desk of the church office.

No Sunday School, Catechism or Profession of Faith Class today due to Thanksgiving Break and Congregational meeting.

Highland’s Annual Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner is today & everyone is welcome! Dinner will begin at 12:30 pm in the fellowship hall. If you signed up for the specific items we requested, please have those to the church kitchen by 12:00.

Memorial Poinsettias: If you would like to order a Memorial Poinsettia for the front of church, please contact Bonnie McBride yet today. They are \$13 for an 8” plant.

Keys for Kids Advent Devotionals are now available on the information table.

The Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study will be looking at Lesson 12 of their study titled “Christian Beliefs” this coming Tuesday at 9:30 am.

REV Moms will be meeting this Tuesday, November 26 at 5:45 pm in the middle school youth room.

Modified Office Hours: Church offices will be closed this Thursday for Thanksgiving. Please have all bulletin announcements for December 1 submitted to the office by noon this Wednesday.

Thanksgiving Day Service & Marion Food Pantry: Our Thanksgiving Day Service will be held this Thursday, November 28 at 9:30 am. In addition to the Thanksgiving Offering envelopes in today’s bulletin, 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.

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

- **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.

A Harvest of Thankful Prayer- Sunday, **December 1** 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 a light potluck supper.

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.

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 **next Sunday, December 1**. We hope to have photos redone in 2026 (every 5 years).