

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

GREETERS – Please arrive by 9:15 am

- 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
- Dec 22** South: Kevin & Tami Eisenga; North: Steph & Sam VanHouten

NURSERY – Please arrive by 9:15 am

- Dec 1** Brooke Benthem, Lizelle Bazuin, Bev Kamhouse, Franklin Baas
- Dec 8** Kasey McQuestion, Shari Benthem, Jan Rivera, Ben Thompson
- Dec 15** Karen Oeverman, Dana Baas, Jennifer Peterson, Kendyn Meyering
- Dec 22** Becky Wemple, Diane Eisenga, Ruth Kulhawick, Evan Wemple

CHILDREN’S CHURCH

- 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
- Dec 22** Teacher: Jodi DeHate; Helpers: Hillary Dracht, Emma lee

SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT

- Dec 1** Cary Sikkema, Deb Eisenga, Deborah Ouwinga
- Dec 8** Matt Thompson, Kaylie Benthem, Kendra Jenema
- Dec 15** Kyle Meyering, Jon Ouwinga, Jodi DeHate
- Dec 22** Cary Sikkema, Dan Ouwinga, Kendra Jenema

USHERS – Please arrive by 9:15 am

- Dec** Ryan McQuestion, Todd Schmid, Kendyn Meyering, Kerwin Huttenga
- Jan** Kevin Huttenga, Den Kamhouse, Butch Karsten, Aaron Koetje

2ND OFFERINGS:

December:

- 1st: Booster Club
- 8th: Single MOMMS
- 15th: Friendship Bible Ministry
- 22nd: Right to Life
- 25th: No 2nd Offering (Christmas Day)
- 29th: Existing Building Fund

Thank you to all of our dedicated volunteers that so graciously give of their time and skills each week to serve Highland Church



December 1, 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
December 1, 2024
1st Sunday of Advent**

The People of God Gather:

Prelude
Welcome & God's Greeting
Greet One Another

To Praise God in Song:

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (vs 1,2)
Let's Worship And Adore Him (vs 1,2)
O Little Town of Bethlehem (vs 1,3,4)
Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God

Confession & Lighting of the Advent Candle
Announcements
Congregational Prayer

To Proclaim God's Word

Children's Message: Pastor Mark Bonnes (no Children's Church)
Song of Preparation: *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*

Scripture: Isaiah 5:18-25

Title: "Mirror, Mirror on the Wall"

Prayer of Response
Song of Response/Offertory (Special Music)
Today's Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: Booster Club

To Go in God's Name

God's Blessing
Closing Song: *Take The Name of Jesus With You*
Postlude

Nursery is available year-round downstairs for children ages 0 - 3 years old.
Children's Bulletins are available on the information table in the Fellowship Hall.
Children's Church is on Thanksgiving break this week

COUNCIL CORNER:

Next Council Meetings:

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

Preaching Schedule:

Dec 1 – Rev. Ashley Bonnes
Dec 8 – Rev. Mark Bonnes
Dec 15 – Rev. Mark Bonnes
Dec 22 – Rev. Mark Bonnes
Dec 25 – Rev. Mark Bonnes
Dec 29 – Rev. Mark Bonnes

HIGHLAND COUNCIL:

Officers for 2024:

President	Don Eisenga	499-9661	Pastor Mark Bonnes (765) 532-4612 hcrccpastor@gmail.com Pastor Ashley Bonnes (765) 532-0331 bonnes.ashley@gmail.com
Vice President	Bob Vennema	920-5032	
Clerk	Alan Baas	878-4125	
Sec. of Deacons	Kyle Meyering	846-6075	
Vice Treas.	Curt Wemple	878-5452	

Districts for 2024:

Elders		District	Deacons	
Jerry Nemeth	920-2413	#1, A-C	Carrie Thompson	250-7517
Alan Baas	878-4125	#2, D-E	Kyle Meyering	846-6075
Bob Vennema	920-5032	#3, F-L	Curt Wemple	878-5452
Mark Eisenga	942-1076	#4, M-O	Gary Hesselink	388-2661
Don Eisenga	499-9661	#5, P-T	Scott Oeverman	878-3290
Don Ellens	920-9597	#6, U-Z	Anne Thomas	878-2131

OFFICE CONTACT INFO:

Phone: (231) 825-2171
 Email: office@highlandcrc.org
 Office Hours:
 Mon. – Thur.: 8:30 am - 2:00 pm
 Fri. – Sun.: Office Closed
 **All bulletin announcements must be submitted to the church office by noon on Thursdays

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

SAVE THE DATE:

Center Lake Bible Camp presents: Follow the Star - A Christmas Tradition for the Whole Family. Immerse yourself in the wonder of Christmas with our Live Nativity. Walk through the biblical story, savor delicious cookies, and vote for your favorite decorated tree. The first group of each night at 6pm is transported by wagon, providing a comfortable option for those with limited mobility. Dates: December 6th-8th; Time: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

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.

Rehoboth Reformed Church Christmas Marketplace: Join us on Saturday, December 7th from 10 AM – 2 PM for our annual Christmas Marketplace with local vendors and crafters! We will have lunch and our famous cookie (bake sale) walk! We will also be serving cinnamon rolls and coffee for purchase. The purpose of the Christmas Marketplace is to raise money for local families and charities that are currently in need. If you are interested in reserving a booth, please reach out to Vickie Bosscher at (231) 825-2984.

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. Free admission with a free-will offering received.

****Highland's Sunday School Christmas Program: Attention** 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!!

PRAYER CONNECTIONS:

✚ **Don Eisenga** underwent knee replacement surgery this past Monday (11/25). Please pray for healing and relief from any discomfort.

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: DECEMBER 1-7

SUN 12/01	9:15 AM	Prayer
	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	10:40 PM	Sunday School, Catechism & Profession of Faith Class
	4:30 PM	Harvest of Thankful Prayer (& potluck) – Fellowship Hall
	6-8:00 PM	MS/HS Youth Group
THUR 12/05	7:30 PM	Praise 9 Practice
WED 12/04	6:30 PM	Family Night Dinner
	7:00 PM	Centershot & GEMS
SAT 12/07	7:00 PM	A.M.E.N. Chorus & Philharmonic Concert at Cadillac HS

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

TODAY: 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 each week as normal.

TONIGHT: A Harvest of Thankful Prayer- This evening 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.

DUE TODAY: Directory Update Sheets - 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 **the end of today (December 1)**. We hope to have photos redone in 2026 (every 5 years).

Memorial Poinsettias will be arriving December 2. Please contact Bonnie McBride if you requested a plant but have not yet turned in payment. The Poinsettias will be placed at the front of Church throughout the Christmas season.

Family Night dinner this Wednesday (Dec 4) will be chicken tenders and mashed potatoes at 6:30pm. Centershot and GEMS will begin at 7:00. If you are able to contribute a crockpot of mashed potatoes, there is a sign-up sheet on the information table. The GEMS also look forward to having our sewing mentors back for another great evening of crafting our quilted pillows.

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

J.O.Y. Group will be gathering for their Christmas Dinner on December 10 at 12:30 in our Fellowship Hall. Join us for a delicious meal and wonderful fellowship, interesting entertainment and ending with some of our favorite Christmas carols. A sign-up sheet is on the table in Fellowship Hall!

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

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.

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.

<i>The Poinsettias [arriving Dec. 2] are in Loving Memory of:</i>		
<i>Henry & Reka Eisenga</i>	<i>Whip Koetje</i>	<i>Jake & Jo Eisenga</i>
<i>Al & Tena Medendorp</i>	<i>June & Ada Oeverman</i>	<i>Dave Westmaas</i>
<i>Brenda VanHouten</i>	<i>Bonnie Oeverman</i>	<i>Tom & Shirley Boven</i>
<i>Helen VanHaitsma</i>	<i>Jon Dracht</i>	<i>Josie Thompson</i>
<i>James Taylor</i>	<i>Bill VanPolen</i>	<i>Elton & Hilda Sikkema</i>
<i>Lewis Agema</i>	<i>Minard & Mary Ouwinga</i>	<i>Ralph & Marie Brinks</i>
<i>Abe & Freda Kamphouse</i>	<i>Anna VanPolen</i>	<i>John & Anne Vennema</i>
<i>Dick Dorman</i>	<i>Bernard Eisenga</i>	<i>Bob & Rhea Dore</i>
<i>Alan Thomas Sr.</i>		