

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

GREETERS – Please arrive by 9:15 am	
Dec 7	South: Dave & Linda Wing; North: Todd & Jackie Schmid
Dec 14	South: Scott & Karen Oeverman; North: Greg & Laura Hesselink
Dec 21	South: Larry & Marilyn Visser; North: Lindsay & Amara Beerens
Dec 24 (pm)	South: Matt & Carrie Thompson; North: Devon & Hillary Dracht
Dec 28	South: Bob & Cindy Vennema; North: C.J. & Sara Bruno
NURSERY – Please arrive by 9:15 am	
Dec 7	Kasey McQuestion, Shari Benthem, Penny Bruno
Dec 14	Jan Rivera, Dana Baas, Amara Beerens
Dec 21	Karen Oeverman, Jennifer Peterson, Khloe McQuestion
Dec 24 (pm)	Becky Wemple, Diane Eisenga, Aubrynn Bazuin
Dec 28	Stephanie VanHouten, Ruth Kulhawick, Claire Thompson
CHILDREN’S CHURCH – (September – May; Sundays Only)	
Dec 7	Teacher: Amanda Lutke; Helper: Sam VanHouten
Dec 14	Teacher: Miranda Dykhouse; Helper: Bentley Dracht
Dec 21	Teacher: Megan Pluger; Helper: Charlotte, Thomas
Dec 28	***Christmas Break***
SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT	
Dec 7	Kyle Meyering, Kaylie Benthem, Tami Eisenga
Dec 14	Matt Thompson, Jon Ouwinga, Jodi DeHate
Dec 21	Cary Sikkema, Dan Ouwinga, Deborah Ouwinga
Dec 24 (pm)	Kyle Eisenga, Kaylie Benthem, Tami Eisenga
Dec 28	Cary Sikkema, Jon Ouwinga, Jodi DeHate
USHERS – Please arrive by 9:15 am	
December:	Matt Thompson, Lars Fredin, Ken VanPolen Jr., Gary Hesselink
January:	Greg Hesselink, Kerwin Huttenga, Den Kamphouse, Jerry Nemeth
2ND OFFERINGS:	
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**



December 7, 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
December 7, 2025

Second Sunday of Advent

The People of God Gather:

Prelude: *Advent Medley*
Welcome & God’s Greeting
Greet One Another

To Praise God in Song:

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus (vs 1 & 2)
Angels We Have Heard on High (vs 1 & 3)
O Come, All Ye Faithful (vs 1 & 2)
Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God

Update from Single MOMM
Announcements
Congregational Prayer

To Proclaim God’s Word

Children’s Message: Pastor Mark Bonnes
Song of Preparation: *Awesome God*
Scripture: Exodus 13:17-22 & 40:34-38
Sermon: “Being Led Day and Night”

Prayer of Response
Song of Response/Offertory: *Christmas Blessing*
Today’s Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: Booster Club

To Go in God’s Name

God’s Blessing
Closing Song: *Find Us Faithful*
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 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 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:	MINISTRY LEADERS:
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	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

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:

Winter Clothing Drive: The Service Team is holding a Winter Clothing Drive through the months of November, December, January. We are accepting new and gently used (in good condition) items. Needed items: coats, snow-pants, boots and gloves. Please placed donated items on the table in the east wing.

Single MOMM is a local, non-profit organization that "addresses the core issues of single motherhood and provides innovative and diverse solutions for families desiring to reach self-sufficiency." More information can be found at their website: www.singlemomm.org. ***Highland Church will once again be helping to provide this organization with Meijer gift cards that they can then hand out to their clients, depending upon their specific need/situation. Cards can be used for general merchandise, food or gas. The Christmas tree in the fellowship hall is full of tags. Each tag represents a \$25 gift card that they need. Please take a tag if you are willing to buy a \$25 Meijer gift card. Gift cards should be turned in to either Carrie Thompson, Sara Bruno or Pastor Ashley Bonnes. Our goal is to gather 50 gift cards by **December 14th** to donate to this great organization!! **Please note that we will NOT be calling to request the purchase of gift cards over the phone or online. If you receive one of those calls, hang up. There will be a monetary offering taken on December 14th.

AREA EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Calling all 20 Somethings! (Post high school to age 29) - Rehoboth Reformed Church is kicking off a brand-new group on January 14 at 6:30 PM, and we’re starting strong—with corn-hole, competition, and copious amounts of pizza. Bring your best bean-bag toss skills (or just your appetite). Questions? Contact Kendrick & Katelyn Smallegan or Drew Vana.

Last Chance TONIGHT: You’re invited to a Christmas Program by **The AMEN Chorus, Women's Philharmonic Chorus and Bells of Peace Handbell Choir** TONIGHT, December 7 at 4:00 pm. We invite you to join us for this wonderful time of fellowship through music. Free will offering.

GriefShare 2026 sessions will begin at Vogel Center CRC 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.

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@crnapartners.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: DECEMBER 7-13

SUN 12/7	9:15 AM 9:30 AM 10:40 AM -----	Prayer Worship Service SS & MS Christmas Program Practice/HS Catechism Fellowship Bible Study is on winter break.
MON 12/8	5-7 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM 7:30 PM	YB Use Elders Meeting Deacons Meeting Council Meeting
TUES 12/9	9:30 AM 12:30 PM	No Ladies Bible Study J.O.Y. Group's Christmas Dinner
WED 12/10	1-6:30 PM	Versiti Blood Drive
FRI 12/12	9-3:00 PM	Youth Building Use
SAT 12/13	10 AM-8 PM	Youth Building Use

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

****New LIVE Stream Platform**** As of November 30th, our LIVE stream has moved from our Facebook page over to our YouTube channel, **Highland CRC LIVE** (make sure it says LIVE) <http://www.youtube.com/@HighlandCRCLIVE>. There is also a direct link posted on our Facebook page, the Sermon section of our website or simply search for the channel directly through the YouTube app. This will also make it easier to view our LIVE stream directly on your Smart TV/devices as long as they are connected to the internet. Please reach out to our church office if you have any difficulty finding our YouTube Channel. As always, we appreciate your patience as we work to make this switch a positive experience for everyone.

Readers Needed for Christmas Eve: We are looking for a handful of volunteers to serve as scripture readers for our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service on December 24 at 7pm. Please contact Pastor Mark or Pastor Ashley yet this morning if you are interested.

Fellowship Bible Study has finished Season 1 of Ray Vander Laan's "The Study". We will begin Season 2 near the end of January. More details will be posted in January. Please contact Sandy Rice to reserve your participant guide for Season 2.

Remaining practices for the Sunday School Christmas Program & MS Light Show will be December 7 and 14 from 10:40-11:30 am. Please ensure your child is present for these practices. Please contact Anita Kvasnak with any questions. **HS Catechism** will meet as normal.

Ladies Bible Study: Please contact Hilda Cruz with any questions.

- December 9: No Lesson; JOY Group at 12:30 pm
- December 16: Ladies Bible Study Christmas Brunch
- Bible Study will be December 23 & 30 off and resume weekly study on January 6.

SAVE THE DATE:

J.O.Y. Group will gather this Tuesday, December 9 at 12:30 p.m. for a Christmas dinner along with some fun and fellowship. A sign-up sheet is on the information table in the fellowship hall. If anyone is willing to make a nice salad for our dinner, please contact Cindy Vennema or Bev Taylor. We will also be playing Christmas Bingo and ask that each person brings a wrapped white elephant gift for the Bingo prizes.

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!!

Freedom in Christ Bible Study: All are invited to join a Bible study recommended by Josh and Mandy Shaarda. This 11-week study will be held on Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm, beginning January 8. We will be watching videos and having times of discussion. The course focuses on how to believe, not how to behave and will help you clear away the spiritual cobwebs and connect with Jesus in a deeper way. This course will help you grasp the amazing truth of your new identity in Christ and teach you to uncover and resist the enemy's deception. Homework is not required, but is optional to review what we are learning. Please contact Linda Wing with any questions and to reserve your participant workbook.

Poinsettias at the front of the sanctuary have been placed in loving memory of:

Minard & Mary Ouwinga	John Dracht	Jerry Eisenga
Bill & Mary Dracht	William Rice	Dave Westmaas
Brenda VanHouten	Joseph Peterson	Jim Taylor
Helen VanHouten	Marlin Venema	Josie Thompson
Henry & Reka Eisenga	Jake & Jo Eisenga	Bernard Eisenga
John & Margaret Keen	Whip Koetje	Marvin Veddler
Elton & Hilda Sikkema	Ben Eisenga	Al & Tena Medendorp
Ralph & Marie Brinks	John & Anne Vennema	Tom & Shirley Boven
Abe & Freda Kamphouse	Bob & Rhea Dore	June & Ada Oeverman
Dick & Brenda Dorman	Bud & Nettie Agema	