

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

GREETERS – Please arrive by 9:15 am

Dec 28	South: Bob & Cindy Vennema; North: C.J. & Sara Bruno
Jan 4	South: Jean Venema; North: Kevin & Tami Eisenga
Jan 11	South: Sam & Steph VanHoute; North: Jim & Bev Ouwinga
Jan 18	South: Jason & Shari Benthem; North: Paul & Carole Shaarda

NURSERY – Please arrive by 9:15 am

Dec 28	Stephanie VanHouten, Ruth Kulhawick, Claire Thompson
Jan 4	Maggie Southwick, Donna Veddler, Jayden Benthem
Jan 11	Esther Bode, Cam Mulder, Charlotte Thomas
Jan 18	Sue Meeuwenberg, Diane Nemeth, Lilly Schoch

CHILDREN'S CHURCH – (September – May; Sundays Only)

Dec 28	***Christmas Break***
Jan 4	***Christmas Break***
Jan 11	Teacher: Jordyn Richardson; Helper: Gracyn Swiler
Jan 18	Teacher: Jodi DeHate; Helper: Harrison Tossey

SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT

Dec 28	Cary Sikkema, Jon Ouwinga, Jodi DeHate
Jan 4	Matt Thompson, Deb Eisenga, Tami Eisenga
Jan 11	Cary Sikkema, Dan Ouwinga, Jodi DeHate
Jan 18	Kyle Meyering, Jon Ouwinga, Micah Chrispell

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 MOMM
21 st : Marion Food Pantry
28: Capital Improvement Fund

JANUARY:

4 th : Booster Club
11 th : Project Canefire
18 th : Right to Life
25 th : Capital Improvement Fund

Parking Lot Pledges can be turned in at any time using the pledge envelopes available on the information table



December 28, 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

Sunday Worship 9:30 am

9034 23 Mile Rd; Marion, MI

Sunday School & Catechism

(231) 825-2171

10:40 - 11:30 am (Sept-May)

www.highlandcrc.org

LIVE stream via YouTube: www.youtube.com/@HighlandCRCLIVE

Facebook: www.facebook.com/highlandchristianreformedchurch

Welcome to
HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
Morning Worship Service – 9:30 am
December 28, 2025

This morning, we welcome Pastor David McBride as he leads our time of worship together.

The People of God Gather:

Welcome & God's Greeting

Greet One Another

To Praise God in Song:

Agnus Dei

Angels We Have Heard On High

Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God

Announcements

Congregational Prayer

To Proclaim God's Word

Children's Message: Pastor David McBride

Song of Preparation: *Joy to the World*

Passage: **John 1:1-14**

Sermon: ***The Love of Christmas***

Prayer of Response

Song of Response/Offertory: *O Holy Night*

Today's Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: Capital Improvement Fund

To Go in God's Name

God's Blessing

Closing Song: *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

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:

2026 Council Installation:
 Sunday, January 4, 2026

Next Council Meetings:
 Monday, January 12, 2026
 6:30 pm Elders
 7:00 pm Deacons
 7:30 pm Full Council

Next Communion:
 Sunday, January 11, 2026

Preaching Schedule:
 December 21: Rev. Mark Bonnes
 December 24: Rev. Mark Bonnes
 December 28: Rev. David McBride
 January 4: Rev. Mark Bonnes
 January 11: Rev. Mark Bonnes

HIGHLAND COUNCIL

Council Officers for 2025:

President	Mark Eisenga	Pastor Mark Bonnes
Vice President	Ken Meyering	Pastor Ashley Bonnes
Clerk	Bob Vennema	*Please contact the church office for contact information (231) 825-2171
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

**Office Hours during the weeks of 12/21 and 12/28 are subject to adjustment.
 Please call (231) 825-2171 for office-related assistance.

Notes:

PRAYER CONNECTIONS:

Mark Eisenga had right shoulder replacement surgery this past Tuesday in Traverse City. Your continued prayers for complete healing are greatly appreciated.

Lynn Rice will be having left knee replacement surgery on Tuesday, December 30th. Prayers for healing and relief from any discomfort would be greatly appreciated.

Colter Bailey is done with stem-cell transplant #1 and was able to come for the holidays. Please continue to pray for protection from any secondary infection. They expect to start stem-cell transplant #2 this coming week. Please continue to pray for reinforced 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: DECEMBER 28 – JANUARY 3

SUN 12/28	9:15 AM 9:30 AM ----- -----	Prayer Worship Service No Sunday School/Catechism – Christmas break No Fellowship Bible Study – Christmas break
MON 12/29	5-7 PM	Youth Building Use
TUES 12/30	-----	No Ladies Bible Study – Christmas Break
WED 12/31	6-9:00 PM	Youth Building Use
THUR 1/1	-----	New Year's Day (offices closed)
SAT 1/3	11:50 AM 11:30 PM	Youth Building Use Fellowship Hall 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>. Links can also be found on our Facebook page and under “sermons” on our website.

Fellowship Bible Study is on break for the remainder of December and will begin Season 2 of Ray Vander Laan’s “The Study” near the end of January. More details to follow in January. Contact Sandy Rice to reserve your Season 2 participant guide.

The Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study will be on break December 23rd and 30th and resume regular lessons on January 6.

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 pm, beginning January 15. Each lesson is video-led followed by a time 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.

Modified Office Hours: The office will be closed on Thursday, January 1 for New Year's Day. Please have all bulletin announcements to the office by 2:00 on Wednesday, 12/31.

Lost & Found: Are you missing a favorite casserole dish or those handy to-go containers? How about a coat? They're probably here. Please take a moment to check the table in the fellowship hall this morning.

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 place donated items on the table in the east wing.

Community Hope's “LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR” Food Drive is coming soon! This year, the drive runs from January 31 – February 13. This food drive is the primary way we put food on the shelves of area food pantries that provide much-needed resources to the people of our community. More details to follow!

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 VanHaitsma	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	

****Poinsettia Pick-up**** Thank you to everyone that provided the beautiful flowers for the front of church throughout the month of December. We now ask that you take them home for your continued enjoyment. Please grab one after this morning's service. All remaining poinsettias will be cleared out by January 4.

AREA EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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.

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.