

GREETERS – Please arrive by 9:15 am	
Dec 29	South: Jason & Shari Benthem; North: Paul & Carole Shaarda
Jan 5	South: Dale & Bev Taylor; North: Bonnie Veddler
Jan 12	South: Den & Bev Kamphouse; North: Jon & Michelle Dracht
Jan 19	South: Ken & Jodi Meyering; North: Kevin & Jodi DeHate
NURSERY – Please arrive by 9:15 am	
Dec 29	Nicole Schultz, Cam Mulder, Jodi DeHate, Owen Wemple
Jan 5	Barb Dore, Tami Eisenga, Jodi Meyering, Alan Thomas
Jan 12	Addean Oeverman, Mikayla Powers, Mary Rees, Gracyn Swiler
Jan 19	DaNay Tossey, Bev Taylor, Jackie Schmid, Emma Lee
CHILDREN’S CHURCH	
Dec 29	Christmas Break – No Children’s Church
Jan 5	Christmas Break – No Children’s Church
Jan 12	Teacher: Megan Pluger; Helpers; Hillary Dracht, Emma Lee
Jan 19	Teacher: Jodi DeHate; Helpers; Sam VanHouten, Charlotte Thomas
SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT	
Dec 29	Kyle Meyering, Jon Ouwinga, Deborah Ouwinga
Jan 5	Matt Thompson, Deb Eisenga, Tami Eisenga
Jan 12	Cary Sikkema, Dan Ouwinga, Jodi DeHate
Jan 19	Kyle Meyering, Kaylie Benthem, Deborah Ouwinga
USHERS – Please arrive by 9:15 am	
December	Ryan McQuestion, Todd Schmid, Kendyn Meyering, Kerwin Huttenga
January	Kevin Huttenga, Den Kamphouse, Butch Karsten, Aaron Koetje
2ND OFFERINGS:	
December: 1 st : Booster Club 8 th : Single MOMMS 15 th : Friendship Bible Ministry 22 nd : Right to Life 25 th : No 2 nd Offering (Christmas Day) 29 th : Capital Improvement Fund	January: 5 th : Booster Club 12 th : Project Canefire 19 th : Right to Life – Michigan 26 th : Capital Improvement Fund



December 29, 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 29, 2024

The People of God Gather:

Prelude
Welcome & God’s Greeting
Greet One Another

To Praise God in Song:

Love Has Come (vs 1 & 3)
The First Noel (vs 1-3 & 5)
How Great Thou Art (vs 1 & 3)
Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God

Announcements
The Lord’s Prayer & Congregational Prayer

To Proclaim God’s Word

Children’s Message: Al Thomas
Song of Preparation: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness (vs 1 & 2)*

Scripture: Matthew 2.1-12

Title: Why Some Wise Men?

Prayer of Response
Song of Response/Offertory: *We Praise Thee O God, Our Redeemer (vs 1-3)*
Today’s Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: Capital Improvement Fund

To Go in God’s Name

God’s Blessing
Closing Song: *The Doxology*
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 currently on Christmas break but will resume January 12.*

COUNCIL CORNER:

Council Installation:
Sunday, January 12, 2025
Next Council Meetings:
Monday, January 13, 2025
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	Pastor Mark Bonnes Pastor Ashley Bonnes *Please call the church office for contact information (231) 825-2171
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
Office Hours: 12/29-1/4
12/30 Monday 8:30 am – 2 pm
12/31 Tuesday 8:30 am – 2 pm
1/1 Wednesday CLOSED
1/2 Thursday 8:30 am – 2 pm
1/3 Friday - CLOSED
1/5 Sunday
**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

Christmas Shoebox. Thank you again for all the ongoing support and donations you have given for our recent Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection for 2024—it was a great year! We would like to ask the congregation for ongoing support and donations for this year as well. Once again, we will be collecting these items on a monthly basis. For **January/February** we would like to start out with **CRAFT ITEMS**—if you have a skill/talent with making dolls, or marble bags or toiletry bag this will be greatly appreciated! There will be a “Christmas Shoebox Tote” labeled for the donations needed each month located in the Fellowship Hall. Please feel free to purchase any of these items at any time as we greatly appreciate all the support. If you would like to give monetary donations that will be accepted as well! Thank you again for your ongoing support and generosity!

Mississippi Trip 2025: The Mississippi Trip will be March 21-29, 2025. We are planning our area church youth and adult mission trip to Port Gibson, Mississippi. The vision of this trip involves stewardship and loving others through Christ. As adult leaders and youth participants, we strive to encourage one another in our walk of faith, grow closer to God, and serve wholeheartedly with Christian Volunteer Services to the physical and spiritual needs of any of God's people we encounter. The total cost of this year's trip is \$125. If interested, please contact Dennis Anderson or Ross Vrieze. Youth and Adult application forms are available on the Information table in the Fellowship hall.

Notes:

THANK YOU:

Thank you to all our Highland friends & family for all the cards and prayers surrounding our recent tests and procedures. Your continued prayers are appreciated as [Mary] awaits a referral to a specialist regarding her breathing. ~Butch & Mary Karsten

PRAYER CONNECTIONS:

- We lift up those in prayer that are battling long-term and recent health concerns. We pray for healing and strength and wisdom through those journeys and for the caregivers walking alongside.
- We also pray for those struggling with the loss of loved ones, especially during the holiday season. We pray that they are wrapped in God's love and comfort.

OUR MISSIONARIES:

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

- **Josh & Mandy Shaarda & Family** (Serving in Uganda)
Email: jshaarda@crcnapartners.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).

OUR CHURCH WEEK: DECEMBER 29 - JANUARY 4		
SUN 12/29	9:15 AM	Prayer
	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	-----	No Sunday School / Catechism – will resume 1/12
	-----	No Fellowship Bible Study – will resume late January?
WED 1/1	-----	New Year’s Day - Offices Closed
SAT 1/4	11-5:00 PM	Youth Building Use

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Communion: We will have the privilege of celebrating the Lord’s supper together next Sunday, January, 5.

Installation for incoming Council members will be Sunday, January 12. Please continue to pray over these individuals as they prepare for the next 2 years of service. Incoming Elders are Jason Benthem, Joe Kulhawick, Ken Meyering. Incoming Deacons are James Bazuin, Ryan McQuestion & Jon Ouwinga.

Bible Promises for You: “For every circumstance and season of life, God has promises that offer direction, peace, perspective, and wisdom. *Bible Promises for You* is a collection of promises taken from the New International Version of the Bible and is categorized by topic for easy reference”. As a blessing to you in the New Year, the Highland Prayer Team has placed a copy of this little book in each mailbox. Feel free to either keep or share this helpful resource with someone who could use some encouragement from the Bible for any circumstance in their life. If you don’t have a church mailbox or would like additional copies, please contact the church office or Sandy Rice.

1989 Highland Cookbooks: Looking for the perfect gift? Highland CRC Booster Club did a reprint of the classic 1989 Highland CRC cookbook with the recipes that everyone loves (this is the one with vegetables on the cover). They are \$22 each. Available at McBain Grain and Highland CRC. Shipping available for a higher rate. Any questions, please contact Laura Swiler or the Highland Church office at (231) 825-2171.

Attention HS: Winter Retreat at Spring Hill Camp is scheduled for January 17-19. The cost for the retreat is \$189 to cover travel, lodging, 5 meals, the speaker, worship and activities. However, half of the cost has already been paid, bringing the fee down to \$95 per student. Visit <https://my.springhillexperiences.com/camper/express/446> to register. Please contact Alan of Dana Baas with any questions.

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.

Grief Share sessions for 2025 at Vogel Center CRC 1789 E. Stoney Corners Rd. McBain, MI will be held on Saturdays, January 4 - March 29 from 9-11 AM. For more information contact the Vogel Center CRC office at Office@outlook.com or call (231) 825-2053.

The Messiah sing-along takes place January 5, 2025 at 3 PM, at the First Congregational Church of Cadillac. People are invited to attend as audience or as singers for the choruses. Those planning to sing are also invited to join for the final rehearsal 6 PM on Thursday January 2 at the same venue.

Memorial Poinsettias: Thank you to everyone that helped provide the beautiful poinsettias once again at the front of church during the Christmas season. If you purchased a plant, you are welcome to take one home today. Any unclaimed poinsettias will be up for grabs next Sunday, January 5.

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