

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

NURSERY

- Dec 31 am** Maggie Southwick, Karianne Smith, Donna Veddler, Gracyn Swiler
Dec 31 pm Bonnie McBride, Diane Nemeth, Jodi DeHate, Aubrynn Bazuin
Jan 7 Barb Dore, Tami Eisenga, Jodi Meyering, Claire Thompson
Jan 14 Mikayla Powers, Mary Rees, DaNay Tossey, Addean Oeverman
Jan 21 Bev Taylor, Jackie Schmid, Megan Plugger, Jayden Benthem

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

- Dec 31** No Children's Church: Christmas/New Year's Break
Jan 7 Teacher: Miranda Dykhouse; Helpers: Lindsay Beerens, Emerson Tossey
Jan 14 Teacher: Kasey McQuestion; Helpers: Nicole Schultz, Steph VanHouten
Jan 21 Teacher: Sara Bruno; Helpers: Hillary Dracht, Emma Lee

SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT

- Dec 31 am** Kyle Meyering, Roger Hagerman, Deborah Ouwinga
Dec 31 pm Matt Thompson, Deb Eisenga
Jan 7 Cary Sikkema, Kaylie Benthem, Jodi DeHate
Jan 14 Matt Thompson, Jonathan Ouwinga, Deborah Ouwinga
Jan 21 Kyle Meyering, Deb Eisenga, Tami Eisenga

USHERS

- December:** Steve Meeuwenberg, Isaac Baas, Dale Taylor, Aaron Plugger
January: Kevin Eisenga, Bob Lee, Mike Southwick, Kendyn Meyering,

GREETERS – PLEASE ARRIVE BY 9:15 AM

- Jan 7** Paul & Jan Rivera - South; Curt & Becky Wemple – North
Jan 14 Kevin & Jodi DeHate – South; Kyle & Abby Meyering – North
Jan 21 Al & Anne Thomas – South; Marlin & Jean Venema - North

2ND OFFERINGS:

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| December: | January: |
| 3rd: Booster Club | 7th: Booster Club |
| 10th: Lydia Shaarda | 14th: Project Cane Fire |
| 17th: Existing Building Fund | 21st: Right to Life |
| 24th: Benevolence | 28th: Existing Building Fund |
| 31st: Marion Food Pantry | |

****If you are unable to serve on your scheduled date, please find a replacement.
For additional assistance, please call the church office (231) 825-2171.**



December 31, 2023

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)

HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
Morning Worship Service – 9:30 am
December 31 2023

The People of God Gather:

Prelude
 Welcome & Call to Worship
 God's Greeting
 Greet One Another

To Praise God

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You
I Sing the Mighty Power of God
Great and Mighty
 Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God

Announcements
 Congregational Prayer

To Proclaim God's Word

Children's Message
 Song of Preparation: *That Beautiful Name*

Scripture: Luke 2: 22-35

Sermon: Recognizing Jesus

Prayer of Response
 Offertory: *Star of the East*

Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: Marion Food Pantry

To Go in God's Name

God's blessing
 Closing Song: *Revive Us Again*
 Postlude

***Our **Nursery** is available downstairs for children ages 0 - 3 years old.*

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NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:

Tuesday, January 9
 6:30 pm -Elders
 7:00 pm -Deacons
 7:30 pm -Council

PREACHING SCHEDULE:

December 3 – Rev. Ashley Bonnes
 December 10 – Rev. Mark Bonnes
 December 17 – Rev. Mark Bonnes
 December 24 am – Rev. Mark Bonnes
 December 24 pm – Rev. Mark Bonnes
 December 31 am – Rev. Mark Bonnes
 December 31 pm – Rev. Mark Bonnes

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

<p><u>Church Office</u> (231) 825-2171 office@highlandcrc.org <u>Normal Office Hours:</u> Mon-Thurs 8:30 am – 2:00 pm Fri-Sun: Closed **All Bulletin announcements must be submitted to the office by <u>noon</u> on Thursdays.</p>	<p><u>Ministry Team Leaders</u> 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 (DaNay Tossey)</p>
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OUR CHURCH WEEK: DECEMBER 31 – JANUARY 6

SUN 12/31	9:15 AM	Prayer
	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	-----	No Sunday School or HS Catechism, Dec. 31
	-----	No Fellowship Bible Study (December & January)
	6:00 PM	Community New Year's Eve Worship & Communion Service
WED 1/3	6:30 PM	Family Night Meal
	7:00 PM	Centershot, GEMS, & Prayer Meeting
SAT 1/6	11-5:00 PM	Youth Building Use

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Children's Church, Sunday School & Catechism is on break today, December 31. Classes will resume January 7, 2024.

Poinsettias: Those who purchased a poinsettia are asked to take it from the sanctuary immediately after the church service this morning. There are additional poinsettias that anyone may take after fellowship time. We would like them all taken home today.

New Year's Eve Service: Area CRC Churches invite you to a Community New Year's Eve Worship & Communion Service this evening at 6:00 pm, here at Highland Christian Reformed Church. Let us join together for a time of worship, prayer and reflection on the past year and in eager anticipation of God's plans for the year ahead.

Reminder: Our regular office hours will be modified until further notice. Sara is out of the office. Please continue to submit all bulletin announcements via the church email, office@highlandcrc.org. For any urgent church matters, please call either Pastor Mark or Pastor Ashley directly.

Our Fellowship Bible Study group will be on break through January. Details on their next study will be posted in mid-January.

Greeters: Beginning next Sunday, we are planning to have greeters once again at the sanctuary doors. If you are interested in serving Highland CRC in this way, please sign-up at the information table.

Family Night: Dinner this week will be tater tot casserole served with French bread and applesauce starting at 6:30 pm. GEMS, Centershot and Prayer Meeting will begin at 7:00 pm.

Messiah Sing-Along: The annual sing-along of Handel's Messiah will be hosted by the First Congregational Church of Cadillac at 3pm today, December 31. There will be a rehearsal (not mandatory) at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, December 27, and it is helpful to have singers then too. Eight soloists will sing also. A good number of scores are available to use for singers. Listeners are most welcome.

PRAYER CONNECTIONS:

12/28/23 Prayer Chain: Please pray for **Brad Pluger** who fell from a roof on Thursday afternoon. Please pray for good test results and healing.

WEEKLY PRAYER EMPHASIS:

During the month of December, we focused on Peace and Reconciliation:

- **This Sunday**, we pray for the New Year Service.

✚ Our Missionaries:

- **Josh & Mandy Shaarda & Family**
Email: jshaarda@crnapartners.org; Blog: <http://shaarda.blogspot.com>
- **George & Sarah de Vuyst & Family**
Email: gdevuyst@crcna.org; Website: <http://www.devuysts.com>

✚ Our Active Military:

- **SSgt, Tyler Bode** (US Airforce; currently stationed in Italy).