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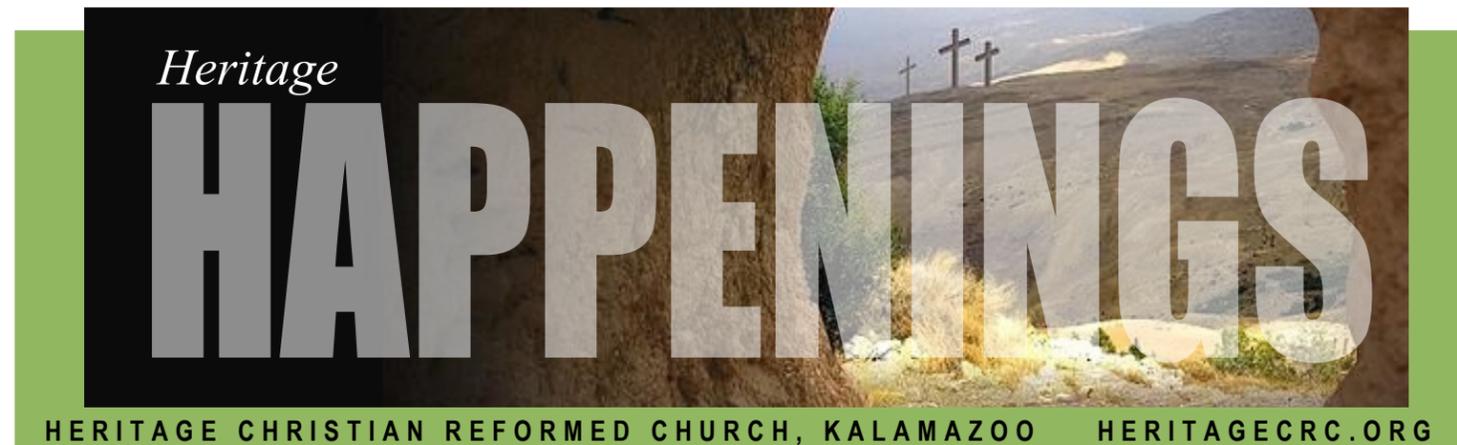
OFFICE HOURS:
 Wednesday: 7:00 am —12:00 pm
 Thursday: 7:00 am —11:00 pm

Connecting with our Community
 Please continue to reach out via phone or e-mail to our church community.



Find us on Facebook @ Heritage Christian Reformed Church.
 Look up our website at www.heritagecrc.org for past sermons and our weekly newsletter and more!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 9:30 am Pastor Simon "When Trouble Comes" Psalm 46	23	24	25	26	27	28 8 am Mobile Food Initiative
29 9:30 am Pastor Simon "In Whom Do I Trust?" Psalm 52	30	31	1 	2	3	4
5 Communion 9:30 am Pastor Simon "Walking in the Light" 1 John 1:1-2:2	6	7 9:30 am Coffee Break	8	9	10	11



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What's up in Worship

Summer in the Psalms

Every summer seems to have a soundtrack. Even when you hear just a few simple bars of "that song" you are automatically transported back. This Summer, join us as we focus in on a summer "playlist" together by setting our hearts to the Psalms. This week's sermon title - "When Trouble Comes". Psalm 46



Upcoming Sermon Series

One of the great biblical description of a person who belongs to God is that of a child of God. But ow can we tell a genuine child of God from someone who is just playing the part? Join us this Fall for a sermon series on 1 John. Together we will look at how God's Word shows us what it means to be and live as a child of God through Christ. The series begins Sunday, September 5.

Coffee Break

Ladies: Coffee Break will begin a new season on Tuesday, September 7 at 9:30. We will be meeting the first and third Tuesdays this year and we will be studying the Gospel of John. Please sign up in the narthex so we know how many study guides we need to order. All ladies are welcome.



Celebrations...

Birthdays...

Ruth Fletcher ~ August 25
 Kathy VanderMeer ~ August 27

Temporary Address for Jean Vader
 Bethesda Ranch
 Jean Vader
 3026 Whitters Court
 Portage, MI 49024



Volunteer Opportunity: There is a need for Pastoral Care Ministry Assistants to assist the pastor and shepherding elders in regularly visiting and encouraging members who are homebound, in the hospital or living in nursing homes. If you are interested a ministry description is available. Please contact Pastor Simon or one of the shepherding elders for more information.

With area schools going back to school in the next couple weeks, please be in prayer for the students and staff as they begin a new school year.

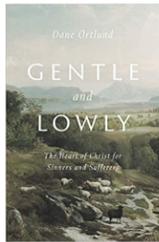
Sunday Worship

Video Recording

A video recording of the morning worship service will be posted to our church YouTube page either on Sunday or Monday. Here is the link to our YouTube page: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCutET663hVzpPohBMiCXEQA>. If you haven't already done so, be sure to subscribe to our YouTube channel and click the notification bell to receive updates whenever a new video becomes available.



Free Resource: In April, Crossway publishing offered churches in the US free copies of Dane Ortland's best-selling book, *Gentle and Lowly*. In this book, to quote one reviewer, Dane Ortland "sets out to help weary Christians see afresh Jesus's deepest heart for his people." Pastor Simon read this book last year and jumped at the opportunity to receive free copies. (Crossway set a limit of 50 for a congregation our size.)



If you are interested in reading this book please pick one up at the table in the lobby. For this Sunday and the next (August 15 & 22), please take only one copy per family. If extra books are available after August 22 families may pick up more than one copy. Click on this link to read a review by Tim Challies. <https://www.challies.com/book-reviews/gentle-and-lowly/>

Mobile Food Initiative is Saturday, August 28.



8 AM at Centerpoint Church.

See you there!

Offering Schedule

- August 22: General Fund & Building Fund
Loose Change: Calvin University
- August 29: General Fund
Loose Change: Hospice Care of Southwest Michigan
- Sept. 5: General Fund & Christian Ed. Assist.
Loose Change: Reframe Ministries
- Sept. 12: General Fund & Ministry Shares
Loose Change: Kal. Gospel Ministries

Offerings (deposited for August 15, 2021)

- Benevolence Fund ~ \$229.00
- Building Fund ~ \$1,055.00
- Christian Ed. Assistance ~ \$105.00
- Faith Promise ~ \$576.00
- General Fund ~ \$9,165.00
- Ministry Shares ~ \$460.00
- World Renew (CRWRC) ~ \$274.00



Today Booklets: The September/October booklets have arrived. Please pick up a copy outside the southeast sanctuary doors if you so desire a copy.



On September 24, Bible League Volunteers host a conference for you called Spreading the Fragrance of Life. You will be enriched with spiritual encouragement, joyful fellowship, and musical worship. Dr. Lynn Wilder, former Mormon now Bible-believing Christian will speak in multiple sessions. Also joining the conference is Pastor Thony Ronaldo from Indonesia. The registration cost of \$25-37 covers expenses. Sign up online at bibleleague.org/tickets today. Registration closes September 15.

Council News

As we approach the end of August, our thoughts turn to the Fall ministry season. Here are a few updates on upcoming opportunities:

- If interested in joining a mid-week group, please contact Ken Byle (Men's Group meets once a month), Phyllis Treizenberg (Women's Coffee-break meets 1st & 3rd Tuesdays at 9:30am) and Irene VanderBerg (Women's GROW group meets Thursdays at 9:30am.)
- On Sunday, September 19 the high school Faith Formation class will begin meeting after the service with Pastor Simon. Plans for Sunday School for the younger grades are on hold as we evaluate the potential for this class.
- Small Groups are encouraged to start meeting this Fall whether at someone's home or, if a larger space is required, you are welcome to use the church building. Three small groups already exist, and we would like to form a few more. If you are interested in leading a group, please contact Pastor Simon.
- At this time, we are planning to hold a Church Potluck on Sunday, September 12 as our kick-off for the Fall ministry season and as an opportunity to come together over a meal for the first time in over a year and a half.
- The monthly PUSH prayer gathering will begin meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7pm. Come and join others as we spend 45 minutes to an hour in worship and intercession.
- The elders have discussed whether or not the evening service will return and have asked that council input be placed on the agenda for its September meeting. The congregation is invited to give their input as well and may share their comments with one of the elders.

As we make plans for the Fall ministry season, we recognize that concerns over COVID transmission may impact whether or not individuals feel comfortable participating. When it comes to masks, each individual is welcome to wear one, but it is not mandated for participation in these ministries. We trust each individual will make an informed decision in this regard and ask that kindness and peace shape how we support one another.

As the Council continues to discern best practices for this congregation, we covet your prayers and welcome your feedback.

Family Faith Formation Tip



Volunteer Schedule...

- PRAYER LINE MINISTRY:**
Glen Wagner/Judy Fletcher
- PRAYER EMAIL MINISTRY:**
prayerline@heritagecrc.org

- MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY:**
Aug 22 - Gary Broekhuizen
Aug 29 - Gary Broekhuizen
Sept 5 - Lisa Durian

- Coffee Servers:**
Aug 22 & 29: Fred & Pam Gould
Norm & Bonnie Langeland
Sept. 5 & 12: Bob & Barb Razenberg
Dan & Deb VanderMeer

Because of the Covid restrictions the Service Ministry was temporarily suspended. If you would like meals provided to you after a hospital stay or surgery, the Service Ministry is again available. If you would like more info on this service, please contact Judy Wieringa 269-372-1913 or Kathy VanderMeer 269-382-1455.