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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:
Thursday by 9:00 am. Call,
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OFFICE HOURS:
Wednesday: 8:00 am —1:00 pm
Thursday: 8:00 am —12:00 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!



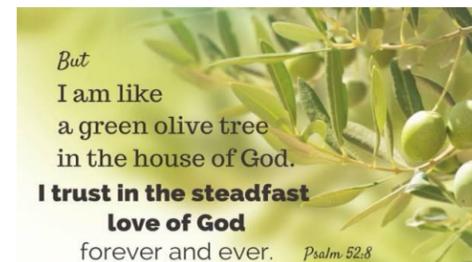
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What's up in Worship

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 - "In Whom Do I Trust". Psalm 52



Upcoming Sermon Series

One of the great biblical description of a person who belongs to God is that of a child of God. But how 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.

VOLUNTEER

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.

Celebrations...

Birthdays...

Frances Smeda ~ August 29
Mike Gavin ~ September 1
Heather Tuin ~ September 1



Anniversaries...

David & Bonnie Colvin ~ September 4

Book Club

All women are invited to join us for the heritage Book Club discussion. We meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month (September 28 will be the first meeting). We meet in the church library at 2:00. Feel free to bring your own beverage if you wish. This month we are reading a fiction book "Where the Forest Meets the Stars" by Glendy Vanderah. If you need a book see Dorothy Broekhuizen.

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.

Men's Bible Study

The first meeting of the Heritage Men's Bible study will be Wednesday morning, September 8 at 8:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will be studying lesson 8, The Wise and Foolish Virgins, in the book, Parables. The lesson will be led by Gary Broekhuizen. If you would like to join the group, please contact Gary or Ken Byle so materials can be obtained. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
22	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  September	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 8 am Men's Bible Study	9	10	11
12 9:30 am Pastor Simon "Why Love Matters" 1 John 2:3-17 All Church Potluck	13	14 Classis Meeting 7 pm Admin Board	15	16	17	18

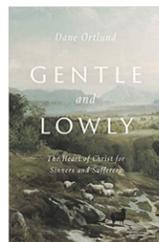
Sunday Worship

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.



If you are interested in reading this book please pick one up at the table in the lobby. There are a few copies left and available to anyone who wants one. Click on this link to read a review by Tim Challies. <https://www.challies.com/book-reviews/gentle-and-lowly/>



On behalf of our entire Park Village Pines community thank you so much for your financial support of our ministry. We are greatly encouraged by your partnership as we honor the "fathers and mothers" the Lord has brought us to care for and serve in His name. Our mission at PVP is to provide affordable housing options for seniors in our community who require assistance with their care. We focus on excellence and compassion in all aspects of the care we provide, and our entire ministry is based upon biblical principles. If there would be any way that we could serve your congregation of your members we would be honored to do so. Thank you once again for joining us in the ministry of Park Village Pines.

Offering Schedule

- 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
- Sept 19: General Fund & Faith Promise
Loose Change: Calvin Theological Seminary

Offerings (deposited for August 22, 2021)

- Benevolence Fund ~ \$25.00
- Building Fund ~ \$185.00
- Calvin University ~ \$164.00
- Faith Promise ~ \$70.00
- General Fund ~ \$2,380.00
- Ministry Shares ~ \$10.00



For anyone interested in Tai Chi this fall, there will be a class (beginners welcome) on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00 p.m. starting on September 22 here at

Heritage CRC. This is a non-aerobic exercise. Class will be outside while weather permits and then move into church gym. Cost is \$40 for the Fall. In order to be responsible for all participants, I request everyone be vaccinated. If this is not possible for you, please contact me to talk through options. Brian Hoff 269-382-1209 or taichibri@gmail.com. For any other questions, please talk to Pat Schewe.

Mobile Food Initiative is this Saturday, August 28.



8 AM at Centerpoint Church.

See you there!

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

FAITH FORMATION MINISTRIES
crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices

NOW, WHO IS WILLING TO
CONSECRATE THEMSELVES
TO THE LORD TODAY?

—1 Chronicles 29:5

Volunteer Schedule...

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY:
Glen Wagner/Judy Fletcher

PRAYER EMAIL MINISTRY:
prayerline@heritagecrc.org

MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY:
Aug 29 - Gary Broekhuizen
Sept 5 - Lisa Durian
Sept 12 - LillieAnn 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.