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SUNDAY WORSHIP:@ 9:30 AM

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:  
 Thursday by 9:00 am. Call,  
 leave a note, or e-mail to  
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OFFICE HOURS:  
 Wednesday: 8:00 am —1:00 pm  
 Thursday: 8:00 am —1:00 pm

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



Thank you for your faithful support through your tithes and offerings. If you mail your contributions, the mailbox is checked each day of the week.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	31	1 January 2021	2
3 Communion 9:30 am Pastor Simon "Freedom in Christ" Romans 7	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 9:30 am Pastor Simon "Life Through the Spirit" Romans 8:1-17	11	12 7 pm Admin Board	13	14	15	16
17 9:30 am Pastor Simon "More Than Conquerors" Romans 8:18-39	18	19 7 pm Shepherding Elders	20	21	22	23 8 am Mobile Food Initiative

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# HAPPENINGS

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## Sermon Series on Romans

**Series: "Romans: The Gospel of God's Grace"**  
 The book of Romans is the Apostle Paul's longest and most theological letter. It's main theme is freedom in Christ - why we need it, how it is achieved and what it looks like in everyday life. This week's sermon title - "Freedom in Christ". Romans 7.

## Celebrations...

**Birthdays...**  
 Ginny Carlisle ~ January 2  
 Lisa Durian ~ January 2  
 Jonathon Mejeur ~ January 7  
 Nadine VanDam ~ January 8



**Severe Weather Cancellation:** In the event of severe weather and Sunday services are cancelled, closing information will be posted on Channel 3 WWMT at least 1 hour prior to the worship service start time. You can also sign up to receive text or email alerts from Channel 3. Go to WWMT website, click on weather, then closings. Then sign up to receive texts on your phone or email alerts for Heritage Christian Reformed Church.

*Happy New Year*  
**2021**

## Announcements

### Safety Items

- Please wear a mask when entering and exiting the building. Masks may be removed when seated in the sanctuary.
- It is essential that 6 feet of physical distancing be observed when entering the church prior to the service and during the time of fellowship after the service.
- Please continue to enter the building at the front entrance or the Fellowship Hall.
- Hand sanitizer and masks are available at each entrance.

The **Coffee break** ladies are again requesting winter items for Kalamazoo Gospel Ministries. Items needed are winter coats and clothing for all ages, blankets, sleeping bags. There is a box in the foyer in which to put your donations. Everything is appreciated.



THERE IS *Nothing* TOO GREAT OR TOO SMALL  
**FOR PRAYER**

**Prayer line Reminder:** If your email address has changed, you wish to have your or a friend's email added to the Prayer Line, or you wish to no longer receive Prayer Line emails, please send an email request to:  
 prayerline@heritagecrc.org or  
 jerry.oele@yahoo.com

## What's Up in Worship

**This Sunday, January 3, is Communion Sunday.** We invite all who have been baptized in the name of the Triune God and confess Jesus as their Savior, to join us at the table of our Lord for Communion. Please be sure to pick up your communion cup before you enter the sanctuary, they are located in the baskets on the table in the lobby.

### 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.



## Offering Schedule

- Jan. 3: General Fund & Christian Ed. Assistance  
Loose Change: Rehoboth Christian School
- Jan. 10: General Fund & Ministry Shares  
Loose Change: Bethany Christian Services
- Jan. 17: General Fund & Faith Promise  
Loose Change: Kalamazoo Christian Schools
- Jan. 24: General Fund & Building Fund  
Loose Change: World Renew

### Offerings (deposited for Dec. 27, 2020)

- Benevolence Fund ~ \$130.00
- Christian Education Assistance ~ \$50.00
- Faith Promise ~ \$165.00
- Forgotten Man Ministries ~ \$440.00
- General Fund ~ \$15,744.00
- Kalamazoo Gospel Ministries ~ \$20.00
- Loaves & Fishes ~ \$100.00
- Ministry Shares ~ \$85.00
- World Renew (CRWRC) ~ \$300.00

### Thank you...

Thank you Heritage Church family for the notes and cards these past several weeks. I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year in these trying times. ~ Dean Troyer

Brothers & Sisters in Christ, Merry Christmas! Thank you for your continued support for us to live on mission. You have been an encouragement to our journey. May this Christmas be meaningful as you celebrate with hope in the midst of uncertain times. With gratitude, Jason, Grace VanAnkum Family.

Dear congregation of Heritage CRC, Thank you for your support and being a blessing to Rehoboth Christian School! May you experience the love and hope of Christ this Christmas and all year long. Have a blessed and Merry Christmas. Dave Sytsma



## A New Year's Plan

I tried to think of a clever new phrase—  
A slogan to inspire the next 365 days,  
A motto to live by this coming New Year,  
But the catchy words fell flat to my ear.

And then I heard His still small voice  
Saying, "Consider this simple, daily choice:  
With each new dawn and close of day  
Make new your resolve to trust and obey."

"Don't look back, caught in regret  
Or dwell on the sorrow of dreams unmet;  
Don't stare forward anchored by fear,  
No, live in this moment, for I Am here."

"I am all you need. Everything. I Am.  
You are held secure by my strong hand.  
Give me this one thing—your all in all;  
Into my grace, let yourself fall."

So, at last, I'm ready; I see the way.  
It's to daily follow, trust, and obey.  
I enter the New Year armed with a plan,  
To give Him my everything—all that I am.

--[Mary Fairchild](#)

## Volunteer Schedule...

**PRAYER LINE MINISTRY:**  
Glen Wagner/Judy Fletcher

**PRAYER EMAIL MINISTRY:**  
[prayerline@heritagecrc.org](mailto:prayerline@heritagecrc.org)

**MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY:**  
Jan 3 - Lisa Durian  
Jan 10 - LillieAnn Durian  
Jan 17 - Paul Booden

## Family Faith Formation Tip

Eugene Peterson says of Scripture engagement, "Reading is an immense gift, but only if the words are assimilated, taken into the soul—eaten, chewed, gnawed, received in unhurried delight."

**Read your favorite Scripture passage that way today.**

Take time to savor and "gnaw" on it, noticing any new insights that come to mind.

[crcna.org/FaithFormation](http://crcna.org/FaithFormation)



## The January Series of Calvin University

The January Series cultivates deep thought and conversations about important issues of the day in order to inspire cultural renewal and make us better global citizens in God's world. Our long tradition of offering a **free** 15-day lecture series continues, but 2021 will look different.

This year the January Series will be a completely **virtual** experience. You can watch each presentation (12:30 to 1:30 p.m. EST) on your own devices in your own location, or you can gather at one of our small remote sites available across the continent. And if you can't join us live, the presentation will be available for the entire day. The link, however, will only be live until midnight, so don't delay. We are only able to permanently archive a handful of this year's presentations on our website, so it will be important to plan ahead and watch the day-of.

The January Series is completely free, but **you will need to register** to watch. The simplest way is to sign up now to receive a daily email reminder with a link for viewing that day's presentation. Or, beginning January 6, come back to this page on the day(s) you'd like to tune-in and simply click on the Watch Now button. You'll be asked to fill out a simple form that will redirect you to the daily presentation.