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SUNDAY WORSHIP  
@ 9:30 AM (Nursery provided)  
SUNDAY EVENING @ 5:00 PM

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:  
Wednesday at noon. Call,  
leave a note, or e-mail to  
churchoffice@heritagecrc.org.

OFFICE HOURS:  
Wednesday : 8:00 am—2 pm  
Thursday : 8:00 am—Noon

**Volunteer Schedule...**

**NURSERY:** February 7: Pam Gould & Sue Mejeur  
February 14: Barb Razenberg & Ruth Wagner

**COFFEE SERVERS:** Feb 7/14: John & Kim Bruinwood, Herm & Gretchen Vanders, Gary & Dorothy Broekhuizen Feb 21/28: Dave & Carol Bonselaar, Sue Mejeur, Fred & Pam Gould

**HEARTLAND HEALTHCARE CENTER**  
(Services begin at 3:30 pm & last approximately 30 minutes)  
February 7: Glen Wagner & Marilyn Stremler  
February 14: Herm Vanders & Ellen Byle

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

**PRAYER EMAIL MINISTRY:** prayerline@heritagecrc.org

**SERVICE MINISTRY:** February: Gretchen Vanders

**MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY:** February 7: Ferrel Stremler February 14: Lisa Durian  
PM: Gary Broekhuizen

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>7 COMMUNION</b> 9:30 am Pastor Simon "The Heart of the Matter: Workmanship" Ephesians 2:8-10 & Colossians 3:12-17 10:50 Sunday School 5 pm Pastor Simon "The Doctrine of Original Sin" Romans 5:12-21 <b>BREAKOUT: 6:30-8:30 pm</b>	8	<b>9</b> Kalamazoo Classis Prayer Meeting 7 am  Coffee Break Bible Study 9:30-11am  Admin Bd Mtg—7 pm	10	<b>11</b> G.R.O.W. Bible Study 9:30—11 am  International Student Luncheon Drop off at church by 10:30 am	12	13
<b>14 LENT</b> 9:30 am Pastor Simon "Because of the Lord's Anger" Lamentations 1 10:50 Sunday School 5 pm Pastor Simon "Chosen" Ephesians 1:3-14	15	<b>16</b> Coffee Break Bible Study 9:30—11 am	<b>17</b> P.U.S.H. Prayer Meeting 7 pm	<b>18</b> G.R.O.W. Bible Study 9:30—11 am	19	20
<b>21 LENT</b> 9:30 am Pastor Simon "Mourning and Meaning" Lamentations 2 10:50 am Sunday School 5 pm Seminarian James Lee <b>BREAKOUT—6:30—8:30 pm</b>	22	<b>23</b> Coffee Break Bible Study 9:30—11 am  Shepherding Elders—7 pm	<b>24</b> Book Club 2 pm	<b>25</b> G.R.O.W. Bible Study 9:30—11 am	26	<b>27</b> Food Giveaway at Prairie Ridge Elementary 7:30 am setup 9 am food drop
<b>28 LENT</b> 9:30 am Pastor Simon "A Rekindling of Hope" Lamentations 3 10:50 am Sunday School 5 pm Pastor Simon	29	<b>1</b> Coffee Break Bible Study 9:30—11 am  <b>March</b>	<b>2</b> Men's Bible Fellowship 8 am	<b>3</b> G.R.O.W. Bible Study 9:30—11 am	4	5



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**What's Up In Worship**

"Out of the Depths: A Series on the Book of Lamentations." The Book of Lamentations goes into the dark places of human suffering. It probes the depths of human despair and the often seeming silence of God in such moments. In doing so, it reminds us that God is the One to whom we bring our anger, pain and protest as well as our penitence and prayer. Join us this Lenten season beginning next Sunday, February 14 as we remember and embrace the One in whom alone our hope can be ultimately secure.



**Celebrations**

**Birthdays**  
Teagan Miller ~ February 9  
Gretchen Vanders ~ February 10  
Rich VanMaaren ~ February 10 ~ 89 years young!  
Dan VanderBerg ~ February 11  
Francis Blank ~ February 13 ~ 82 years young!



Seek Me and live  
Amos 5:6

**Ministry**

We have been asked by the Red Cross to purchase cookies for the Veterans. All cookies must be purchased from the bakery department of grocery stores. Please mark cookies for Veterans and have in the kitchen by February 21. If you have any questions, please see Evie Wenke.



Men's Bible Fellowship Bible Study will resume meeting on Wednesday, March 2 at 8 am! See you then!

**A Time of Prayer**

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths" Proverbs 3:5-6. A time of prayer and praise is being planned by Classis Kalamazoo for area churches on Tuesday February 9, 2016 @ 7:00 am. At Heritage Christian Reformed Church. Please join this time of prayer as we focus on trusting in the Lord "with all our heart"

**Thank you**

Thank you for all the beautiful Christmas cards I received from the congregation. Grace Visser

## Ministry continued...

**International Student Luncheon** is this Thursday, February 11. If you can help provide a casserole (meat or vegetarian), fruit, juice, or a salad, please sign up at the table in the Narthex. Disposable pans are available on the table for your use. Please have all food in the Kitchen on Thursday, February 11 by 10:30 am. Thank you!



## From the Council...

Meeting of January 26, 2016

- ◆ President Gary Broekhuizen opened the meeting with prayer.
- ◆ The minutes of Council from November 24, 2015 were approved.
- ◆ The council welcomed Youth Director, Dave Ericks. Dave shared a ministry idea that will create a connection with the youth in our area through an after school care program once a week under the auspice of impact Kalamazoo. The council has been asked to reflect and discuss this idea further. Dave Ericks also gave notice that he is leaving his position as Youth Director at the end of July so as to begin to work full time for Impact Kalamazoo.
- ◆ The Shepherding Deacons and Shepherding Elders shared a verbal report on their work.
- ◆ The minutes of the Administrative Board were reviewed and approved by the Council. Included in this report was a notice in regard to the nomination process to replace 5 members completing their term of service in May. The nomination process will begin Sunday, February 21. The council was also asked to complete the annual Pastor Evaluation form.
- ◆ Council received Pastor Simon's written report of his activities.
- ◆ Deacon Rick Lingbeek closed the meeting in prayer.

## Missions & Missionaries...

Loaves & Fishes wish list:  
**February:** Rice

*Please place your donations in the grocery cart in the fellowship hall*

### Emails or Letters to Missionaries...

Chad & Jenny Scheel ~ David Heath  
Emma Schering ~ Joseph Mutebi  
Pat & Carol Schewe ~ Jairo Solano

*If you do not have a copy of our missionaries' email addresses, both their most current newsletter and email addresses are on the Missionary table next to the mailboxes*

## Offering Schedule

Feb 7	General Fund: Christian Education Loose Change: World Renew
Feb 14	General Fund: Ministry Shares Loose Change: Love, INC
Feb 21	General Fund: Faith Promise Loose Change: Benevolence
Feb 28	General Fund: Building Fund Loose Change: Park Village Pines

## Offerings (for January 31)

Benevolence Fund ~ \$500.00  
Building Fund ~ \$300.00  
Christian Ed Assistance ~ \$186.00  
Faith Promise ~ \$250.00  
General Fund ~ \$3,259.00  
Initial offering ~ \$5.00  
Memorial Fund ~ \$90.00  
Ministry Shares ~ \$50.00  
Organ Fund ~ \$350.00

## Impact Kalamazoo's

Polar Bear 5k Fun Run on Saturday, February 13th. Our slogan is walk, run, hibernate. If you would like to run & support Impact Kalamazoo or if you would like to support Impact but you're not crazy enough to run in the snow, then contact Dave Ericks, buy a T-shirt and join in fellowship and cheering on the runners.



## Requested Announcements

Plan now to join the Kalamazoo Christian School Booster Club in their annual **golf outing**. Proceeds for this year's golf outing will be used towards the resurface of the track, they are approximately 2/3 of the way toward the goal of \$150,000. The annual golf outing will be on Monday, June 6, 2016 at 8 AM at Thornapple Golf Course. Registration forms available on the [kchristiansports.com](http://kchristiansports.com) website, under the Booster Club tab or by contacting Dave Doorn by phone 269-665-9622 or email [dave.doorn@hp.com](mailto:dave.doorn@hp.com).

**Park Village Pines**, a Christian assisted living community in Kalamazoo, will be hosting its annual Spring Gala Banquet on Thursday, April 14 at the Bernhard Center of WMU. The featured speaker will be **Cal Thomas**, syndicated columnist, author, and conservative political commentator who is sure to bring an interesting perspective in this presidential election year. For more information or to indicate your desire to attend this no-cost event (and bring friends) call Allison Phelps at (269) 364-6062.

**Kalamazoo Christian High School** International Program is now seeking Host Families for the 2016/2017 school year. Host families act as the international student's family while the student is in the United States. Through interaction with host families, students learn language, customs, and culture more quickly and first-hand. Currently we have five international students at KCHS living with five different KCHS families. We have requests for more students to come to our school, but we can not accept them without having host families in place. The international student pays for their own tuition, they have medical insurance, and their own spending money. Host families are given a monthly stipend to help with room and board. Sue VanHammersveld is the director of the International Program at KCHS and would love to talk with you and answer your questions. Please email [svanhamersveld@kcsa.org](mailto:svanhamersveld@kcsa.org) to start the conversation!

HIGHLIGHTS of Classis  
Kalamazoo (January 26):

1. Classis heard and affirmed the examination of ministerial candidate Karis Mpindi. Karis will serve as a minister on loan to St. John Reformed Church of Montreal, QC from his calling church, Grace CRC.

2. Classis received a "state of the church" report from Comstock CRC and Grace CRC. Each congregation shared the blessings and growth opportunities they experience as they live out Christ's mission for His church.

3. Classis reviewed and adopted a recommendation to reduce the number of meetings annually from 3 to 2 (March & September) beginning in 2017.

4. Classis designated delegates for Synod 2016: Rev. Ken Baker (Third CRC), Rev. Simon Tuin (Heritage CRC), Elder Roger Klok (Grace CRC), and Deacon John Terpstra (Comstock CRC); Synod 2016 will take place June 10-17 at Calvin College.

5. Classis Home Mission invited churches interested in participating in the next Luminex Collaborative, a church planting initiative, to contact Rev. Dan Sarkipato.

6. The next meeting of Classis is scheduled for May 10 at Heritage CRC.

# Kalamazoo Classis Meeting

*To Everything  
there is a Season,  
and a time  
to every Purpose  
under Heaven.  
Ecclesiastes 3:1*