

Heritage Happenings

Heritage Christian Reformed Church • 2857 S 11th Street • Kalamazoo MI 49009

Worship

Summer Sermon Series: The ancient feasts, commanded by God at Mt. Sinai, created an important rhythm to God's people. Linking them to their sacred history, the feasts provided a tangible way for them to celebrate the past by remembering what they had experienced, to rejoice in the present and God's provision, and to point them forward to things yet to come.

Through the Summer Sermon Series, Pastor Simon will look at these seven holidays that God established in Leviticus 23-24. Together we will see how the hope of each feast was either fulfilled in Jesus' life, death and resurrection or will be fulfilled in Jesus' second coming. The series begins Sunday, June 19.

Special Note: As we enter Summer many of our members are making plans for vacations and/or weekend getaways. As we experienced last Summer, the shepherding elders anticipate that there will be times when few or any children are present for the children's sermon. In light of this, we have decided that children's sermons will not take place during the Summer months. *The Shepherding Elders*

As **the summer heat** rolls in we want to let you know our *new chiller* is planned to be delivered on June 8 and then installed in the following weeks. Thank you for your patience as we endure the warm weather until then.



Fellowship

Birthdays...

- Angie Schippers ~ June 5 ~ 84 years young!
- Jack Bruinwood ~ June 8
- Barb Nieboer ~ June 8
- Evie Wenke ~ June 9



Anniversaries...

- Ken & Ellen Byle ~ June 10
- Bruce & Ruth Fletcher ~ June 10 – 51 years!!!

Thank You's

Thank you to all of you who attended Todd & Jennifer DeKryger's presentation of their work in Togo, West Africa, a few weeks ago or who talked to them before or after church. Your support was so much appreciated. If any of you are interested in getting Todd's prayer updates and missionary reports throughout the year, let Marilyn or Ferrel Stremler know. They will let Todd & Jennifer know. These reports are also posted on the missionary board in the Education hallway. *Marilyn & Ferrel Stremler*

As another year of G.R.O.W. Group ends, we say thank you to Heather Tuin for her leadership of this women's small group Bible study. Thanks for all you do Heather!

Ministry

Prayer Guide for June, 2011 of the Christian Reformed Church is available at the Information Center.

Summer Office Hours: my summer office hours will begin *THIS Tuesday, June 7* through the end of August. They are; Tuesday & Wednesday, 8-1 pm and Thursday, 8-11 am. Thanks!



Sue will be out of the office the week of June 21-23. Therefore, there will be no newsletter on Sunday, June 26. Please plan accordingly with your announcements. Thank you!

Church Directory Update: With most of the information sheets turned in, the directory will be updated, proofed, new pictures put in place, proofed again and hopefully in mailboxes by the 4th of July!

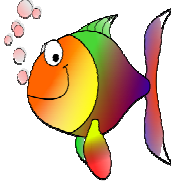
(If you still need to turn in your information sheet, please do so soon!)



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: In 2012 Heritage Church will celebrate 25 years of God's faithfulness and ministry together. As part of our preparations for this celebration the Administrative Board is seeking volunteers to help update the bathrooms by removing the wallpaper and prepping them for painting. If interested, please contact Grover Brussee or Mike Baljeu.

A day of fun & fellowship at Selkirk Lake!

Ladies grab your sunglasses & suntan lotion and meet here at church at 10:30 am on Tuesday, June 14. Sign up today in the Narthex if you plan on going. ***And if you are able please bring a dish to pass!*** Any questions can be directed to Betty Vlietstra.



Life Line Screening is coming to Heritage again on Wednesday, July 6, 2011. There are 4 screening packages available. Discount pricing is available through the registration sheet located on file cabinet just inside church office door. Stop by today & pick one up!

Loaves & Fishes: *Wish list:*

June: *Macaroni & Cheese*

July: *Canned fruits & vegetables*

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



Evangelism & Missions

2011 – 2012 Faith-Promise Update: The total commitment for the current Faith-Promise Year is now \$12,350.00. Additional commitment slips will be accepted today. There are extras slips in the Faith Promise brochures at the Information Center in the Narthex. We are grateful to God for his wonderful provision!

Letters to Missionaries

- Bill & Ruth Vroegop ~ Rachel Brink
- Glen & Ruth Wagner ~ David Heath
- Teri Wagner ~ Larry Spalink
- Jack & Evie Wenke ~ Frank Sawyer

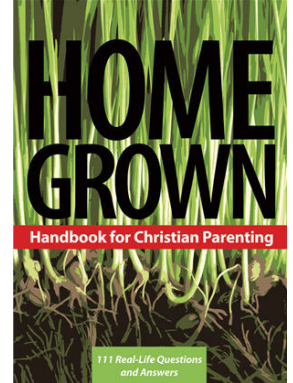
Envelopes are on the Missionary table outside the south door of the sanctuary for your use.

PICK UP THE LATEST COPY OF MICHEALS' MEMOIRS TODAY AT THE MISSIONARY TABLE!

Faith Formation

~ A note from the Shepherding Elders

Faith Formation Resource: The elders at Heritage Church seek to encourage parents and our faith community in the faith formation journey of our children. Recently, Faith Alive, the publishing company of the CRC, published "Home Grown: Handbook for Christian Parenting." Author Karen DeBoer's practical approach to Christian parenting makes this book a valuable resource for how to build a home where the whole family can grow in faith together. Anyone concerned with the challenge of nurturing children in the Christian faith will appreciate this resource.



Topics include:

- How can I help my kids trust God when they're worried or bad things happen?
- How do I explain tough things like death and divorce?
- Is it okay that we don't have family devotions?
- How can I make our home a place where my kids' faith will grow?

This book can be ordered online from Faith Alive Christian Resources at www.faithaliveresources.org or by calling 1-800-333-8300. As an incentive, if you place an order for this book through the church you can purchase it for ½ the price or \$7.50/book for members of Heritage Church. For more information, please contact one of the shepherding elders or Pastor Simon.

Offerings and Tithes

PM	<i>Offering is always for the General Fund</i>	
June 5:	General Fund	Christian Education
	Loose Change	Vineyard Outreach
June 12:	General Fund	Ministry Shares
	Loose Change	Pine Rest Chr Hospital
June 19:	General Fund	Faith Promise
	Loose Change	Luke Society
June 26:	General Fund	Debt Reduction
	Loose Change	Dordt College

Offerings deposited for May 29...

Benevolence Fund ~ \$158.00
Faith Promise ~ \$200.00
General Fund ~ \$2,320.00
Ministry Shares ~ \$255.00
Rental deposit ~ \$40.00
Yearbook ~ \$3.00

Preparing for Pentecost: Next Sunday is Pentecost, a time to celebrate the Holy Spirit. On the first Pentecost, through the gift of speaking in tongues, God made clear His desire to extend the Good News to all people. Next Sunday you'll find an insert in your mailbox with examples of how a gift of \$10 to World Missions is reaching the world with the power of the Gospel. Consider making a gift to World Missions during this Pentecost season.

Requested Announcements

The Kalamazoo Christian School Association Classic has moved! This fun event played in a simple scramble will now be held at the *Moors Golf Club* on Monday June 13 at 12:30 pm. We will offer play from both Regulation tees and Par 3 tees. Mixed teams of Regulation & Par 3 golfers are welcome to play together. Cost is \$125 (\$80 spouse) for golf & dinner. If you do not wish to golf but like to putt, we will have a 9-hole putting tournament available. Cost for this & dinner is \$45. Registration and business sponsorship forms are available in all the school offices, or you may call Marge at 381-2044 ext 112 or email mbooden@kcsa.org.

Detroit Tiger Ball Game: The Kalamazoo Christian School Alumni Association will be sponsoring a trip to Comerica Park to watch the Detroit Tigers and the Cleveland Indians on Thursday, June 16 at 1 pm. Check-in will begin at 8 am with the charter buses leaving from the high schools at 8:30 am. Tickets are \$55 per adult and \$52 for students (need not be an alumnus to attend). Seats are limited so make your reservation today by calling Marge at 269-381-2044 or emailing her at mbooden@kcsa.org.

Christian Worldview Behind Bars: This week's letters from prison show how God's people are learning that successful living is tied to the lordship of Christ in all of life. Go to www.cbi.fm to listen to *Crossroad Connection* ~ a restorative justice ministry of Crossroad Bible Institute.

Loving the Jerk Next Door: We all know people who are easy to get along with and others who can be just plain difficult. As Christians we know Jesus'

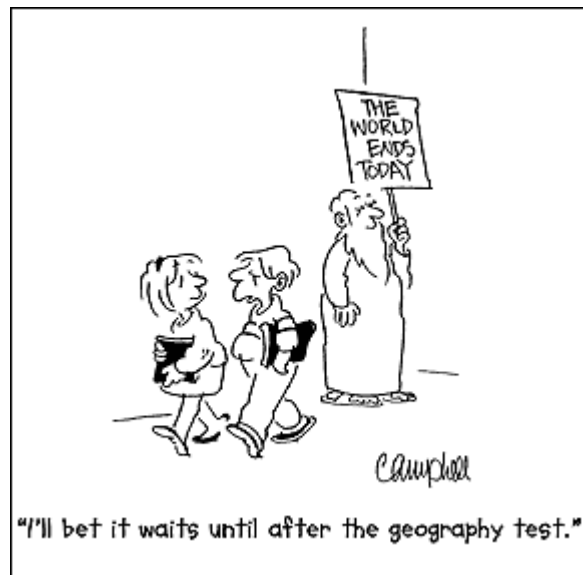
commands to "Love your neighbor as yourself" and "Love your enemies." So how far does that love stretch, and what does it look like in practice. Join the June 12th Groundwork conversation on Colossians 3:12-14. Go to www.GroundworkOnline.com to find a local station or listen online.

All the News That's Fit to Print! Could Liz's all-time favorite war hero really be a fake? Find out on this week's Kids Corner. Then write to Kids Corner at Box 506, Worth, IL 60482 or email kids@kidscorner.net for your very own Bible study.

Charity Putt Off: Top putter has a chance to sink a 50 foot putt to win \$10,000 benefiting *Vineyard Outreach Ministry*. Check out the flyer posted in the Fellowship Hall for more details.

The Christian Reformed Conference Grounds presents The Heritage Singing Men in concert on Saturday, June 11 at 7 pm. The Heritage Singing Men are based in Grand Rapids, and as Christian men, enjoy taking part in worship services and programs, singing songs both old & new, spreading the "good news" of God's love and mercy as shown to us through His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Please join us as we worship the Lord together! Dinner will be available from 5-6:30 pm. If you have questions, please call 616-842-4478.

The Christian Reformed Conference Grounds still has summer camping open from June 11-25 and August 20-September 5. Enjoy a week of camping on beautiful Lake Michigan and enjoy Bible Study, Bible School, and activities for the whole family! See our website www.crcg.org for more information or call 616-842-4478.



NURSERY June 5: Lyndsay Berkenpas & Ellen Byle **June 12:** Joyce Truscott & Nadine VanDam

COFFEE SERVERS : June 5: Pat & Carol Schewe, Norm & Bonnie Langeland, Herm & Gretchen Vanders
June 12 & 19: Mike & Lashell Baljeu, Angie Newell, Lisa Vlietstra, Joy Hegelmann, Jim & Marian Razenberg

HEARTLAND HEALTHCARE CENTER (Services begin at 3:30 pm & last approx 30 minutes)

June 5: Gary Broekhuizen & Donna Penning **June 12:** Jim Triezenberg & Ellen Byle

If you can't speak or play on the date you are scheduled, please trade with someone else on the list.

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY ~ June: Glen Wagner



PRAYER EMAIL MINISTRY ~ jloele@juno.com

SERVICE MINISTRY ~ June Gretchen Vanders

MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY ~June 5: Lisa Vlietstra **June 12:** Pat Schewe
 PM: Gary Broekhuizen



Calendar of Events...

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5  HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN Communion 9:30 am Pastor Simon "Lift Up Your Hearts" Ephesians 1:15-23 5 pm Pastor Simon "Honoring Authority" Lord's Day 39	6	7 Deacon's Meeting 7 pm	8	9	10 Synod begins at Calvin College & goes through June 16	11
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12 9:30 am Rev. Fritz Kruithof 5 pm Rev. Don DeYoung	13	14 Administration Board Meeting 7 pm	15 P.U.S.H. Prayer Meeting 7 pm	16	17	18
19 Father's Day 9:30 am Pastor Simon "The Holidays of God: The Passover" Leviticus 23:4-5 5 pm Pastor Simon "Getting Away with Murder" Lord's Day 40	20	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px auto; width: 60%;"> <i>Sue on vacation June 21-23</i> </div>			24	25
26 9:30 am Rev. Fritz Kruithof 5 pm Pastor Simon "The Fight Against Lust" Lord's Day 41	27	28 Elders Meeting 3 pm Worship Team Meeting 7 pm	29	30	1  JULY	2

Newsletter DEADLINE

Newsletter articles need to be submitted by Wednesday at noon. Call, leave a note, or e-mail your announcement to churchoffice@heritagecrc.org.

Cancellations A tornado watch or warning in effect 1 hour prior to a worship service or meeting will result in the worship service or meeting being cancelled. Announcements regarding worship services will be announced on WWMT channel 3, WOODTV channel 8 and WOTV channel 4.

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