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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: May 15: Sue Mejeur & Pam Gould

May 22: McKena Razenberg & Teri Wagner

COFFEE SERVERS: May 15/22: Harold & Phyllis Triezenberg, Teri Wagner, Norm & Bonne Langeland
May 29/June 5: Glen & Ruth Wagner, Donna Penning, Dick & Nadine VanDam

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

May 15: Harold Triezenberg & Phyllis Triezenberg

May 22: Gary Broekhuizen & Judy Wieringa

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY: Glen Wagner/Judy Fletcher

PRAYER EMAIL MINISTRY: prayerline@heritagecrc.org

SERVICE MINISTRY: May: Judy Wieringa

MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY: May 15: Paul Booden
PM: Gary Broekhuizen
May 22: Zach Razenberg

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
15 PENTECOST 9:30 am Pastor Simon “The Call to Christian Living” 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12 5 pm Rev. Phil Kok “What’s Going on Here?” Acts 2:1-13 BREAKOUT: 6:30—8:30 PM	16	17 Shepherding Elders 7 pm	18 P.U.S.H. Prayer Meeting 7 pm	19	20	21
22 9:30 am Pastor Simon “Hope is Not Wishful Thinking” 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 5 pm Pastor Simon “The Sanctification of Sinners” Titus 2	23	24 Council Meeting 7 pm	25 Book Club 2 pm	26	27	28 Food Giveaway at Prairie Ridge 7:30 am set up 9 am Food drop
29 9:30 am Pastor Simon “Children of the Day” 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 No Evening Worship BREAKOUT: 6:30—8:30 PM	30	31	1 June	2	3	4
5 COMMUNION 9:30 am Pastor Simon “A Healthy Church” 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28 5 pm Pastor Simon “Christ: The Fulfillment of the Law” Matthew 5:17-20	6	7	8	9	10	11 Breakout Breakfast Fundraiser 8-10 am



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What’s Up In Worship

Today is Pentecost Sunday. It is a day designated by Synod for Christian Reformed churches to pray for and to receive an offering for Christian Reformed World Missions (CRWM). On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit moved among the apostles and the people gathered there heard the wonders of God in their own tongues. Today, CRWM missionaries and partners speak in over 25 different languages. People around the world, still to-day, are hearing the wonders of our Lord in their own tongues.

It is the Holy spirit that empowers us in mission. Our theme for Pentecost this year is “Let it Shine” and it reflects the call that we have to testify to the power of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit shines through us as we answer that call.

The Spirit descended on individual followers and gathered them together to be the very first Christian Church. We join in this gathering still today. Believers in Japan are part of the same Church as believers in Nicaragua. Though so many of us are spread across the globe, we have unity in the Spirit, we have unity in the church.

Thank you

A big thank you to all who helped with the Kalamazoo Classis Meeting held here at Heritage this past Tuesday. Thank you for giving of your time to help in this ministry.

From Rev. Kurt Selles, BTGMI Director: Thank you for your faithful support of Back to God Ministries International. Your gifts make it possible to proclaim the Gospel, disciple believers and strengthen the church worldwide through media ministries. Because of you, people like Mohammed in India heard the Gospel for the first time, gave his life Jesus Christ, and is growing in faith through our discipleship resources.

Celebrations

Birthdays

Shania Taibu ~ May 16
Ruth Wagner ~ May 19
Donna Penning ~ May 20

Ministry

Ladies our day in Amish Country is this week Tuesday, May 17. Please sign up today at the table in the Narthex if you plan to attend and check what you plan on doing; flea market, lunch, and/or able to drive. If you have any questions, please see Betty Vlietstra.

Summer is coming! The BLESS Group is asking for prayers as we plan for another season of Sunday afternoon story time.

Breakout Fundraiser Breakfast will take place on Saturday, June 11 from 8-10 am in our Fellowship Hall. Please watch future newsletters for more details.

Building Hope Campaign for the Gospel Mission: There is a new campaign launched to try and raise awareness and funds to support a new women and children’s shelter being built for the Gospel Mission. Please go to www.kzoobuildinghope.org for more information. Let’s all pitch in to help show Christ’s love to these women and children in need.





Book club meets again on Wednesday, May 25 at 2 pm to discuss the book “Flight Behavior” by Barbara Kingsolver. See you there!

Council News...

Today the names of those affirmed as deacon nominees will be placed in a basket at which time two names will be drawn and announced to the congregation. Following the “casting of lots” the congregation will be asked to affirm the entire slate of nominees. The installation of new office-bearers will take place during the morning service on Sunday, May 22.

Please keep this process in prayer as we place those nominated before God’s throne and ask for the Holy Spirit to lead and guide us in the ministry of Heritage Christian Reformed Church.

From the Resource Committee: If you notice something that needs repair in the church building or have a concern related to the facilities please drop a note in the mailbox by the office door or contact Dave Bon-selaar so we can take care of them.

Jesus Loves Kalamazoo!
The JLK Catalyst week is planned for July 9-16, 2016! JLK started in 2008 and has grown to become a movement that unites the Body of Christ in Kalamazoo to share the love of Jesus to our community. This will be our 3rd year participating in JLK but this year we are not serving as the host coordinators for a site. Instead, we are encouraging our members to sign up to volunteer and serve at a designated Prayer & Grill Sites. Go to <http://jesusloveskzoo.org/> to fill out a volunteer registration form. They are also accepting donations to support this ministry effort. This can also be done online or check out the printed list available in the lobby. Please join us in praying for this opportunity and consider where God might be calling you to get involved.



Missions & Missionaires...

Loaves & Fishes wish list:
May: Low or no salt canned vegetables

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

Emails or Letters to Missionaries...
Bonnie DeHaan ~ Van Ankum family
Matt & Lisa Durian ~ Kathleen Lauder
Si & Jan Ellens ~ Jerry An

Please note: Rev. Larry Spalink will be in the States through summer so if you write him it should be by email, not snail mail.

→ *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 mail-boxes*

Offering Schedule

May 15	General Fund: Faith Promise Loose Change: Elim Christian Sch
May 22	General Fund: Building Fund Loose Change: Benevolence Fund
May 29	General Fund: Loose Change: Kzoo Deacons Conf
June 5	General Fund: Christian Education Loose Change: Jesus Loves Kzoo

Offerings (for May 1 and May 8)

Adopt a Cow ~ \$160.00
Back to God Hour ~ \$180.00
Benevolence Fund ~ \$5.00
Building Fund ~ \$300.00
Christian Education Assistance ~ \$150.00
Faith Promise ~ \$205.00
General Fund ~ \$10,007.00
Memorial Fund ~ \$120.00
Ministry Shares ~ \$516.00
World Missions ~ \$177.00

Exciting News!

Oshtemo Area Churches (OAC), a ministry group representing several churches in the Oshtemo community, was nominated by the Communities in Schools directors at Prairie Ridge Elementary to receive a “CHAMPS” award for our collaboration with the school in making a difference in kids’ lives. At a special event on Tuesday, May 17th, Pastor Simon and other representatives from OAC will receive this award along with several other CHAMPS being recognized in this community.

Requested Announcements

Detroit Tiger Game—June 23, 2016: The Kalamazoo Christian High School Alumni Association will be sponsoring their 15th annual trip to Comerica Park to see the Detroit Tigers in action against the Seattle Mariners on June 23, 2016. The game will take place in the afternoon at 1:08 pm. Charter buses will leave Kalamazoo Christian High School parking lot at 8:30 am. Tickets are \$70. Please call Connie VanDerSlik at 269-381-2044 or email at cvanderslik@kcsa.org to reserve your ticket. Don’t delay! Put your reservations in today!

Kalamazoo Christian Schools Spring Recycle Drive 2016... This year’s Metal Recycle Drive will be held on June 2-4 in the High School parking lot. All proceeds will benefit the Kalamazoo Christian School’s debt reduction effort. Now is a great spring clean up time. Clean out and safely get rid of all those metal recyclables: clothes hangers, clean tin cans, Christmas tree lights, electrical cords, appliances, scrap metal, metal tools, equipment, metal bed frames and even engines. Please no TV’s and computer monitors. We also accept laptops, computer towers, keyboards, plasmas and LCD’s, printers, copiers, fax machines and all business/office electronics, medical equipment with NO biohazards, cell phones & telecom equipment, DVD players & stereo equipment, network equipment & servers.

Check with school office at 381-2044 with questions.
Drop off hours with onsite unloading assistance:
Thursday June 2: 7 to 10 am and 4 to 7 pm
Friday June 3: 7 to 10 am and 4 to 7 pm
Saturday June 4: 7 am to noon

Park Village Pines, a Christian assisted living community, invites those who support its mission to attend their Annual Meeting on Tuesday, May 17 at 6:30 pm in the Community Room on their campus at 2920 Crystal Lane in Kalamazoo. The agenda will include ratification of the membership of the board and reports on their operations and finances. An opportunity will be given to ask questions about the senior care that is provided at Park Village Pines. Refreshments and hors d’oeuvres will be offered throughout the evening. Please indicate your intentions to attend by calling Allison Phelps at (269) 364-6062.

CRCNA Synod 2016 will be meeting from June 10 -17 on the campus of Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan (see <https://www.crcna.org/synod> for live webcast information). Synod will be dealing with many items. Highlighted below are three committee reports for your attention, study and reflection.

- Committee to Provide Pastoral Guidance re Same-sex Marriage (majority and minority) (2016): www.crcna.org/sites/default/files/same-sex_marriage.pdf
- Committee to Study Religious Persecution and Liberty (2016): www.crcna.org/sites/default/files/religious_persecution.pdf
- Doctrine of Discovery Task Force (2016): https://www.crcna.org/sites/default/files/doctrine_of_discovery.pdf

The Agenda for Synod can be found at https://www.crcna.org/sites/default/files/2016_agenda.pdf. The agenda and reports are important especially for local issues that these reports may have bearing on. Councils are encouraged to take some time at their May meetings to reflect, discuss and pray that the Holy Spirit may lead the delegates in their deliberations, and that a common bond in our Lord and Savior may come forth from Synod that will lead our denomination.

Please remember the delegates in your prayers. Classis Kalamazoo will be represented by: Minister Delegate: Ken Baker, Third CRC; Minister Delegate: Simon Tuin, Heritage CRC; Deacon Delegate: John Terpstra, Comstock CRC; Elder Delegate: Roger Klok, Grace CRC.

Celebrate Transformation!
Love INC’s Annual Fundraising Banquet will be held on Thursday, May 19, 2016 at 6 pm at Westwood CRC (620 Northampton Road). Dinner & dessert catered by Maggie’s Café. Please RSVP by calling (269) 353-6798 or emailing at admin@kzooloveinc.org

