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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 1: Nadine VanDam & Ruth Wagner
May 8: Dorothy Broekhuizen & Tara Razenberg

COFFEE SERVERS: May 1/8: Rick & Donna Lingbeek, Pat & Carol Schewe,
Joy & Norbert Hegelmann **May 15/22:** Harold & Phyllis Triezenberg, Teri Wagner, Norm &
Bonne Langeland

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

May 1: Bill Vroegop
May 8: Glen Wagner & Ellen Byle

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY: Glen Wagner/Judy Fletcher

PRAYER EMAIL MINISTRY: prayerline@heritagecrc.org

SERVICE MINISTRY: May: Betty Vlietstra

MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY: May 1: Lisa Durian **May 8:** Pat Schewe
PM: Gary Broekhuizen

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 MISSION EMPHASIS 9:30 am Mr. Ron Geerlings "Prepared to Share Hope" Acts 8:26-40 <i>Potluck Immediately Following Worship</i> 5 pm Pastor Simon "The Justification of Sinners" Romans 5:1-11 BREAKOUT: 6:30—8:30 PM			4 Men's Bible Fellowship 8 am			
8 ASCENSION SUNDAY 9:30 am Pastor Simon "Standing Firm" 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12 5 pm Mr. Joey DeKoekkoek		10 Kalamazoo Classis Prayer Meeting 7am Kalamazoo Classis Meeting 9 am—3 pm Administrative Board Meeting 7 pm				
15 PENTECOST 9:30 am Pastor Simon "The Call to Christian Living" 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12 5 pm Rev. Phil Kok (post classis pulpit exchange) BREAKOUT: 6:30—8:30 PM		17 Shepherding Elders 7 pm	18 P.U.S.H. Prayer Meeting 7 pm			
22 9:30 am Pastor Simon "Hope is Not Wishful Thinking" 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 5 pm Pastor Simon		24 Council Meeting 7 pm	25 Book Club 2 pm			28 Food Giveaway at Prairie Ridge 7:30 am set up 9 am Food drop

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HAPPENINGS

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What's Up In Worship

Series Title: Standing Firm in the Faith

What makes for a good church? In the book of 1 Thessalonians, God reveals through Paul an excellent primer of what constitutes a healthy and thriving church, even amid adversity. We will continue this series next week, May 8.



Celebrations

Birthdays

Marian Razenberg ~ May 1 ~ 91 years young!
John Razenberg ~ May 2 ~ 93 years young!
Annetta Apotheke ~ May 3 ~ 86 years young!
Vicki Kinens ~ May 3
Greg Mejeur ~ May 3
Nick Nieboer ~ May 3 ~ 84 years young!
Rex Taibu ~ May 3
Nick Finch ~ May 5

Anniversaries

Grover & Eileen Brussee ~ May 6 ~ 61 years!
Gerrit & Betty Visser ~ May 6 ~ 55 years!



Thank you

I would like to thank you for your show of concern for me after my recent surgery. All the cards and especially the prayers are appreciated. I am very blessed to be a part of the family of God and this congregation. Thank you very much!

Dave VanderMeer

Ministry



Please join us for a potluck **TODAY** immediately following the morning worship. See you there!

SAVE THE DATE: Ladies please mark Tuesday, May 17 on your calendar for a fun day away down in Amish country. Enjoy lunch at the Essenhuis, strolling through the flea market and/or shopping in the stores. Watch future newsletters for more information.

Men's Bible Study WILL meet again on Wednesday, May 4 at 8 am. Hope to see you all there!

Next week's offering will be for Back to God Ministries International, the media ministry of the CRC. Thanks to your gifts, offerings and ministry shares, Back to God Ministries proclaims the Gospel in ten major world languages, using radio, TV, Internet, and mobile apps, bringing God's Word to people in nearly every country of the world. To learn more, visit www.BackToGod.net.

The May prayer guides from the Christian Reformed Church are now available at the Information Center.

The May Birthday/Anniversary calendars can be picked up at the Information Center for your use.

Council News...

The Church Council met on March 22 at 7 PM. The Council opened with the reading of Scripture and with prayer.

The first order of business was the review of correspondence which was primarily summary information for the upcoming Synod meeting. Reports from the Denominational Ministries were received into record.

The Shepherding Elders reported on the pastoral needs of the church over the last month. The Deacons reported on available benevolence funds and noted that church giving to benevolence had been very good.

The Council Clerk had recently conducted evaluation interviews with the Pastor and church staff, and reported these evaluations to the Council. The evaluations were all very positive.

The Admin Board reviewed the financial statements from January and February, and reported to the Church Council that a person had been identified who would conduct an audit of the church books for the past year. The Admin Board also reported on its deliberations of the need for a "who does what" document concerning the church properties and facilities. Once compiled, this document will be shared with the church. The Admin Board also noted that church organ repairs were proceeding on schedule and that the church facility was in generally good condition.

The Council reviewed the nominations that had been received for church office and set the schedule for the final selection of officers.

The Pastor reported on his activities over the past month noting that there had been much need for pastoral care.

The meeting came to an end with members noting that the terms of office for several members were now coming to an end. People expressed appreciation for having been given the opportunity to serve and were thanked for their service.

The Council closed with prayer at 8:31 PM.

Missions & Missionaires...

Faith Promise Information & Commitment Brochures can be found in your mailboxes this morning and extras at the Information Center. Please pray how you can partner in this ministry of supporting others in various parts of the world and place your commitment slip in offering basket.

Back to God Material: Pastor Jerry An, our mission speaker from last week Sunday, left some reading material with us which can be found on the missionary table in the Narthex.

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...

Gene Brussee ~ Kathleen Lauder
Grover & Eileen Brussee ~ Jerry An
Ken & Ellen Byle ~ David Heath

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 mailboxes*

Offering Schedule

May 1	General Fund: Christian Education Loose Change: CRC World Misns
May 8	General Fund: Ministry Shares Loose Change: Back to God Min
May 15	General Fund: Faith Promise Loose Change: Elim Christian Sch
May 22	General Fund: Building Fund Loose Change: Benevolence Fund

Offerings (for April 17 & 24)

Building Fund ~ \$435.00
Christian Education Assistance ~ \$50.00
Faith Promise ~ \$935.00
General Fund ~ \$9,092.00
Initial Offering ~ \$5.00
Kalamazoo Christian Schools ~ \$171.00
Kids Alive ~ \$182.00
Memorial Fund ~ \$25.00
Ministry Shares ~ \$404.00

Requested Announcements

Kalamazoo Christian High School Athletic Booster Club will hold their annual **Flower Sale** on Saturday, May 7. The sale will be held at Second Impressions, 3750 S. Westnedge from 10 am to 2 pm. Annual flowers in flats and hanging baskets are available. Remember Mother's Day is Sunday, May 8. The sale supports all sports at Kalamazoo Christian High School.

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. Unloading assistance will be available at the site at scheduled times. If you have a lot of heavy items, call to see if we have been able to arrange an option for large heavy item pick up.

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

More Council News...

Over the past several weeks the Council has worked to put together a list of nominees for the offices of elder and deacon. Here is the list of those who are willing to serve:

Administrative Elder (1 needed):

Jerry Oele

Shepherding Elder (2 needed):

Ferrel Stremmer and Bill Vroegop

Shepherding Deacon (2 needed):

Zach Razenberg, John Bruinwood, Emma Schering, Betty Vlietstra, Lisa Durian, and Taylor Bruinwood.

On Sunday, May 8, at a moment in the service, members will have the opportunity to mark a form approving or disapproving each nominee. This form will be handed out by the council as members enter the sanctuary and collected during the offering. Following the service, the Council President and Clerk will collect the sheets and determine which nominees have received more than 50% approval. The final list will be known only to the Council President and Clerk.

The following Sunday, May 15, the names of those affirmed as 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.

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

