

Heritage CRC

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

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:
Thursday by 9:00 am. Call,
leave a note, or e-mail to
churchoffice@heritagecrc.org.

OFFICE HOURS:
Wednesday: 8:30 am—12:30 pm
Thursday: 8:30—12 pm

Volunteer Schedule...

NURSERY

October 13: Ellen Byle & LilliAnn Durian
October 20: Ruth Wagner & Matthew Carlisle

COFFEE SERVERS

Oct 13/20: Ferrel & Marilyn Stremmer, Norm & Bonnie Langeland, Pat & Carol Schewe
Oct 27/Nov 3: Will & Gert Nieboer, Norbert & Joy Hegelmann, Gary & Dorothy Broekhuizen

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY: Glen Wagner/Judy Fletcher

PRAYER EMAIL MINISTRY: prayerline@heritagecrc.org

SERVICE MINISTRY: October: Gretchen Vanders

MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY: October 13: Pat Schewe October 20: Paul Booden
PM: Gary Broekhuizen

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
13 9:30 am Pastor Simon "Noah: God's Justice & Mercy" Genesis 6-8 5 pm Pastor Simon "Rend Your Hearts" Joel 2:12-17	14	15 Coffee Break Bible Study 9:30—11 am Shepherding Elders Meeting 7 pm	16	17 G.R.O.W. Bible Study 9:30—11 am	18	19
20 9:30 am Rev. Mark Scheffers "Face to Face" Genesis 32:22-32 5 pm Pastor Simon "A Famine of Hearing" Amos 8:11-14	21	22 Coffee Break Bible Study 9:30—11 am	23	24	25	26 Mobile Food Initiative Centerpoint 8 am set up 9 am food delivery
27 9:30 am Mr. Joey DeKoekkoek "The Throne" Revelation 4 5 pm Mr. Joey DeKoekkoek	28	29 Coffee Break Bible Study 9:30—11 am	30	31 G.R.O.W. Bible Study 9:30—11 am	1 	2
3 COMMUNION 9:30 am Pastor Simon "The Sign in the Clouds" Genesis 9:1-28 5 pm Pastor Simon "What Have You Done?" Jonah 1:1-17	4	5 Coffee Break Bible Study 9:30—11 am	6 Men's Bible Fellowship 8 am Book Club 2 pm	7	8	9



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What's up in Worship

Sermon Series: The book of Genesis is where God's story of redemption begins. The word Genesis itself means "beginnings." In this sermon series on Genesis 1-11, we will see the good news of God's grace and faithfulness from the very beginning, even when the people God made become the greatest threat to the fulfillment of His promises. Join us as we continue this series today.

Missionary Update: Today we will receive a Mission Update from Jason & Grace VanAnkum, missionaries we support at Action International Ministries and their work at Beauty for Ashes Transformation house, a residence for women exiting human trafficking, the sex trade and addiction into a stable lifestyle, working alongside already existing long term community programs.

 **Welcome** to all who come to share this Lord's Day with us at Heritage Church. May you find inspiration and joy in the time we spend together. After worship, please stay for refreshments, served in the Fellowship Hall.

Celebrations

Birthdays...

Donn Carlisle ~ October 13
Jackie Croy ~ October 18
Barb VanDalen ~ October 18 ~ 85 years young!

Anniversaries...

Ferrel & Marilyn Stremmer ~ October 16

Ministry

Budget 2020: As we move into the Fall season it's time to prepare the 2020 Budget. All ministries that need to be supported by the upcoming budget are asked to have their requests turned in to Matt Durian no later than October 27, 2019.

Office Hours: Sue will be out of the office on Wednesday, October 16 and Thursday, October 17. She will, however, be in the office on Friday, October 18.

Book Club meets again on Wednesday, November 6 at 2 pm to discuss the book titled "Forty Autumns" by Nina Willner. See you there!

Pastor Appreciation Month is here!

In the busyness of ministry it's easy to miss opportunities to express appreciation for those who work so hard for God's Kingdom—our pastors. Take a moment this October to thank Pastor Simon with a note, phone call, batch of cookies, lunch, chocolate, etc.



Donations for Mississippi can be brought and put in the box in the Narthex before Wednesday, October 16 or you may drop them off at Ken & Judy Fletcher's home. Special needs include shoes, linens, household goods of any kind, knickknacks, small appliances, and toys! But all donations of any kind including clothing are needed and appreciated. Thank you!

Security...

As an annual reminder, here is a summary of a letter on what steps to take should an emergency arises.

- The first step is to be aware of your surroundings. Know the location of the closest exit to the building. Be alert to unusual occurrences as members and guests arrive for services or ministry events. If you should notice something out of the ordinary, please direct your concern to an usher, greeter or a member of the Council.
- The second step we implemented is that soon after services begin every external door is locked. Signs posted on the doors indicate that the main entry is available once the doors are locked and only when opened by those who will keep watch for late-comers.
- In the unlikely event a crisis situation should occur, the Department of Homeland Security urges a "Run, Hide, Fight" response.

Run

The First priority is to remove yourself and others from the situation and to exit the building. Once outside, it is imperative that everyone move as quickly as possible to safety.

Hide

There are several "safe rooms" available in the church. Three of the restrooms (men's and women's restroom in the Education Wing and the men's restroom in the Fellowship Hall) have boards fastened to the inside of the entry door which can be used to barricade the room in the event our members and visitors need to seek shelter. Additional safe rooms are the furnace/boiler room, the room where the Council meets, and the entire nursery, making certain the doors are locked after entering. Window blockers will be available to prevent anyone from seeing people in that room.

Fight

As a last resort, and only if your life is in imminent danger, your priority should be to stop the threat. This may require you to grab whatever is available and throwing them at the attacker. A fire extinguisher could also be used as a weapon of defense.

If you have any questions, please contact a member of the Council.

Missions & Missionaries...

Loaves & Fishes wish list:

October: Soups & Stews

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

Emails or Letters to Missionaries...

Sue Mejeur ~ Larry Spalink

Tom Molenaar ~ Jairo Solano

Nick & Ann Nieboer ~ Jerry An

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

Oct 13: General Fund: Ministry Shares

Loose Change: Pine Rest

Oct 20: General Fund: Faith Promise

Loose Change: Benevolence Fund

Oct 27: General Fund: Building Fund

Loose Change: K-zoo Chr Schools

Nov 3: General Fund: Christian Ed Assistance

Loose Change: Kzoo Gospel Mission

Offerings (deposited for October 6)

Building Fund ~ \$1,310.00

Christian Education Assistance ~ \$1,150.00

Faith Promise ~ \$180.00

General Fund ~ \$4,608.00

Ministry Shares ~ \$110.00

Resonate Global Mission ~ \$216.00



Requested Announcements

Please join us for a complimentary seminar **UPDATING YOUR WILL & ESTATE PLAN** hosted by Kalamazoo Christian School Foundation. It will be held on Thursday, October 17, 2019 at Kalamazoo Country Club from 6-8 pm. Hors d'Oeuvres and refreshments served. Learn how to save money, increase income, and lower taxes through wise estate planning AND how to ensure a smooth conflict free administration of your estate and trust. Guest speaker will be Attorney John (Jack) Van Slambrouk. Please RSVP by October 7 to Istehouwer@kcsa.org or 269-760-4711. Limited seating available.

Coach Lou Holtz Fundraiser at Miller Auditorium in Kalamazoo: Save Monday, October 21 at 7:30 pm for a unique opportunity to hear former Notre Dame football coach Lou Holtz speak at a joint fundraising event. KCSA and the Catholic Schools of the Diocese of Kalamazoo have joined together for a one-time fundraiser to benefit faith-based education in SW Michigan. Go to kalmazoounitedinpurpose.com to get your \$25.00 reserved seats.

Christmas Concert: featuring guest artists Gary and Martha Matthews. Their program will include the use of piano, organ, trumpet, voices, flute and hand bells. Join us on Tuesday, December 17, 2019 at Centerpoint Church at 11 am with light refreshments offered beginning at 10:30 am. There is no charge for this event. However, a freewill offering will be received.

Prairie Edge Church's Christian Ed Tuition Assistance Families are proud to sponsor our 8th Annual Holiday Bazaar. It will be on Saturday, November 9 from 9 am—2 pm. We still have room for Vendors if you know of anyone possibly interested in having a table, please have them contact Cheryl Yonkers at 269-547-4533. The cost will be \$30 for 6 ft table and \$35 for 8 ft table.

Family Faith Formation Tip

Everyday Family Faith is a pocket-sized resource for parents and caregivers who want to weave faith into everyday family life in simple, natural ways. For each day of the week it provides fun, do-able ideas and activities for exploring small portions of Scripture, praying together, talking about God together, and living out faith. Check it out at FaithAliveResources.org.

