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SUNDAY WORSHIP:@ 10:00 AM

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:
Thursday by 8:00 am. Call,
leave a note, or e-mail to
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OFFICE HOURS:
Wednesday: 8:00 am —12:00 pm
Thursday: 8:00 am —12:00 pm

Volunteer Schedule...

COFFEE SERVERS:

April 14 & 21 Bob & Mary Deters/Bob & Barb Razenberg
Apr. 28 & May 5 Dorothy Broekhuizen & Rose Dame/Glen & Ruth Wagner

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY: Glen Wagner/Donnie Waterhouse

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SERVICE MINISTRY: Judy Wieringa/Kathy VanderMeer

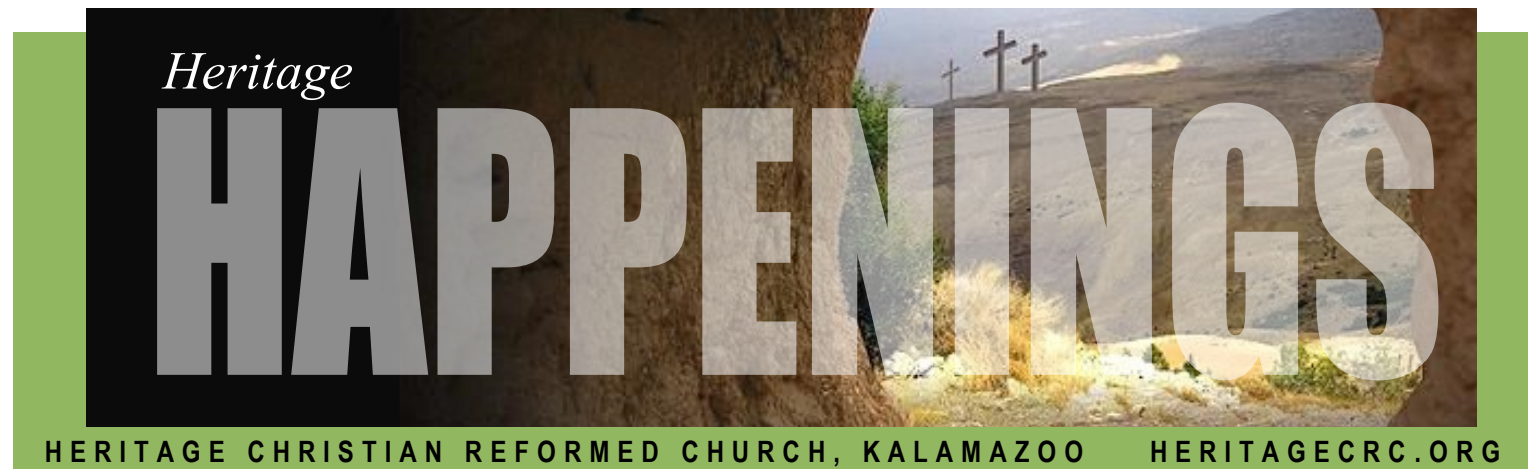
MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY:

Apr. 14 - LillieAnn Durian
Apr. 21 - Paul Booden
Apr. 28 - Lisa Durian
May 5 - Ian Tuin

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:

4/14 - Nancy Vandenberg & Sharon Stryd
4/21 - Pam Gould & Sue Mejeur
4/28 - Cheri Gavin & Joy Knurr
5/5 - Mary Deters & Melissa Piontek

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				11 9:30 GROW Group	12	13
14 10:00 am Pastor Simon "What is Faith?" Hebrews 11	15	16 3:30 Shepherding Elders	17	18 9:30 GROW Group	19	20
21 10:00 am Pastor Simon "The Race Marked Out for Us" Hebrews 12:1-13	22	23 10:00 Book Club	24 10 am Bible Study on Heaven	25 9:30 GROW Group	26	27 7:45 Mobile Food Initiative 
28 10:00 am Rev. Joshua Amaezechi "Unite for the Mission" Psalm 133	29	30	1 <i>May</i> 8 am Men's Bible Study 10 am Heaven Bible Study	2 9:30 GROW Group	3 5:30-7:30 Razenberg Adop- tion Fundraiser	4

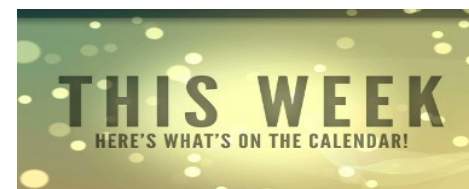
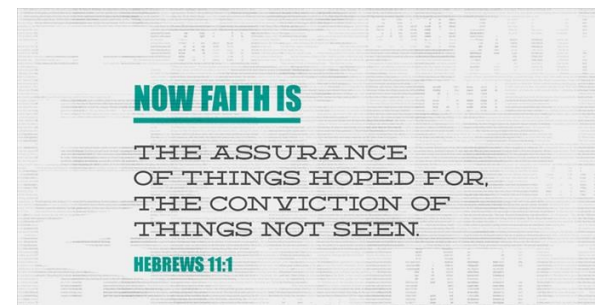


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What's up in Worship

Better: A Journey Through Hebrews – There has always been pressure on those who belong to Jesus to deny Him and find something better. Join us in this series on the book of Hebrews as we discover its re-sounding message that Jesus is better than everything we might try to satisfy the deepest longing of our hearts. This week's sermon title is: "What is Faith?", based on Hebrews 11.



Church Calendar for April 14-20:

- Sunday 10:00 Worship Service
- Wednesday 3:30 Shepherding Elders
- Thursday 9:30 GROW Group

Birthdays...

Norm Langeland ~ April 15
Allan Bickle ~ April 16



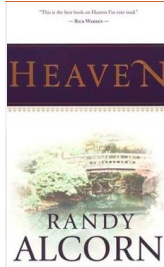
Faith-Promise ~ Mission Emphasis Week (and more!)

What is Faith-Promise? Faith-Promise is a ministry fund we use to support individuals and agencies, both locally and globally, who are actively involved in sharing the Good News of Jesus so that, through the Holy Spirit, those who are far from God may come into a saving relationship with Jesus Christ.

At the launch of a new year of Faith-Promise support we host Mission Emphasis Week (April 28-May 5, 2023) and invite missionaries and agencies we support to share what they are doing in their work of reaching the world for Christ. Every year, we are also invited to show our support of God's Mission in this world through prayer, writing letters of encouragement to the missionaries and their families, and making a financial commitment toward Faith-Promise.

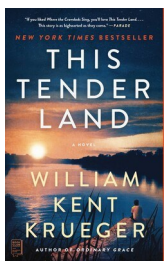
Brochures explaining the purpose of Faith Promise will be available soon in your mailbox. We encourage you to pick this up and prayerfully consider the way in which God is asking you to take part in accomplishing His Mission.

If you have questions, or would like more information, please contact our Faith Promise Coordinator, Jerry Oele.



A new Bible study is coming starting April 17 through May 22, every Wednesday at 10 am. The study is based on the Randy Alcorn book "Heaven". All are invited to attend this 6-week study on what we can know about heaven even before we get there. There are flyers at the welcome center.

For April read with us This Tender Land by William Kent Krueger. It tells of four orphans who canoe along the Gilead, Minnesota, and Mississippi Rivers, escaping from a dark, abusive place and searching for a home in depression era America. We meet Tuesday, April 23 at 10am. Books are available in the church library.



Attention: Coffee Break ladies, we will meet for breakfast/lunch during the summer. Our first meeting will be at Colonial Kitchen on May 7 at 10:00 am. Call Kathy VM with any questions.

Adopt Daisy and her sister Maisy! We only need two weeks filled for Daisy and three weeks filled for Maisy and our donation board will be complete! Take a look at the poster. Thank you!



Offering Schedule

- April 14 General Fund & Ministry Shares
Loose Change: International Campus Ministry
- April 21 General Fund & Faith Promise
Loose Change: Benevolence Fund
- April 28 General Fund & Building Fund
Loose Change: Kal. Christian Schools
- May 5 General Fund & Christian Ed. Assistance
Loose Change: Elim Christian School

Offerings (deposited for March 24, 2024)

- Building Fund ~ \$60.00
- Christian Ed. Assistance ~ \$35.00
- Faith Promise ~ \$35.00
- General Fund ~ \$6,791.00
- Growing Hope Globally ~ \$290.00
- Kalamazoo Gospel Ministres ~ \$358.99
- Memorial Fund ~ \$50.00
- Ministry Shares ~ \$335.00

March 31, 2024

- Building Fund ~ \$2,220.00
- Christian Ed. Assistance ~ \$85.00
- Faith Promise ~ \$165.00
- General Fund ~ \$9,051.00
- Growing Hope Globally ~ \$260.00
- Hospice Care of SW Michigan ~ \$10.00
- Kal. Gospel Ministries ~ \$10.00
- Memorial Fund ~ \$140.00
- Ministry Shares ~ \$116.00
- Resonate Global Mission ~ \$10.00
- Wycliffe Bible Translators ~ \$224.00

April 7, 2024

- Building Fund ~ \$1,100.00
- Christian Ed. Assistance ~ \$70.00
- Faith Promise ~ \$755.00
- Evangelism ~ \$50.00
- General Fund ~ \$7,608.00
- Growing Hope Globally ~ \$235.00
- Ministry Shares ~ \$150.00
- Trinity Christian College ~ \$227.00



Coming this Spring! The Fine Arts department at Kalamazoo Christian High School will host a Fine Arts Showcase at Heritage this Spring (April 25-May 10). During this time, 30-40 pieces of art will be on display in the Fellowship Hall and possibly a few pieces in the lobby. Opening night is Thursday, April 27 and will include musical presentations from students from the high school. Be sure to put this on your calendar as we enjoy seeing the art of these students.

Kalamazoo Loaves and Fishes

A grocery cart in the gym/fellowship hall is available every week to collect non-perishable food items for Loaves & Fishes. They are always looking for food items that are high protein content. In addition, there are food items they look for on a monthly basis. These foods are essential and ensure that nutritional items are available, by choice, to local households. Please support this ministry!



Crossroads Prison Ministry - Crossroads Prison Ministries connects people in prisons with mentors from churches to develop Christ-centered relationships as they study God's Word together. Learn how, with your help, we will double the size of our ministry over the next five years to reach 70,000 incarcerated students with the hope of the Gospel, by joining one of the free luncheons on: April 24 in Holland, MI; April 25 in Grand Rapids, MI; or May 9 near Chicago, IL. Go to cpministries.org/events for more information and to register for an event.

Family Faith Formation Tip

Practicing celebration early in the day can help adjust our mindset and focus us on God's goodness. Consider beginning each morning by praying a Scripture passage of celebration, such as Psalm 103:1-5. Learn more at cncna.org/FaithPracticesProject

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner: Imagine When... - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. How do you like to use your imagination? Maybe you imagine the characters in a book you're reading. Perhaps you can imagine a treehouse you want to design. Though your imagination is something only you can see, it can also help you shape your ideas. New inventions, solutions, and creations can all stem from your imagination! Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like The Spring Scavenger Hunt, and go for a hike!

Family Fire - is an online community exploring Spirit-led family, marriage, parenting, in-laws, blended families, and intimacy. Find encouraging articles and devotions at familyfire.com. Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

Groundwork: Justice and Righteousness in Amos - Amos was a shepherd until God called him to deliver a searing message to Israel. Join Groundwork as we study Amos 1-9 to hear God's message of justice and righteousness and to be reminded of the strong connection between how we live our daily lives and how God sees our worship. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.