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

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:
Thursday by 10:00 am. Call,
leave a note, or e-mail to
churchoffice@heritagecrc.org.

OFFICE HOURS:
Wednesday: 10:00 am—3:00 pm
Thursday: 10:00 am—3:00 pm


Volunteer Schedule...
NURSERY: April 15: Barb Razenberg & Ellen Byle
April 22: Teri Wagner & Gert Nieboer
COFFEE SERVERS:
April 15/22: Phil & Barb Nieboer, Jack & Evie Wenke, Bob & Barb Razenberg
April 29/May 6: Pat & Carol Schewe, Nick & Ann Nieboer, Ken & Judy Fletcher
HALLMARK LIVING
(Services begin at 3:30 pm & last approximately 30 minutes)
April 15: Dave Bickle & Phyllis Triezenberg
April 22: Glen Wagner

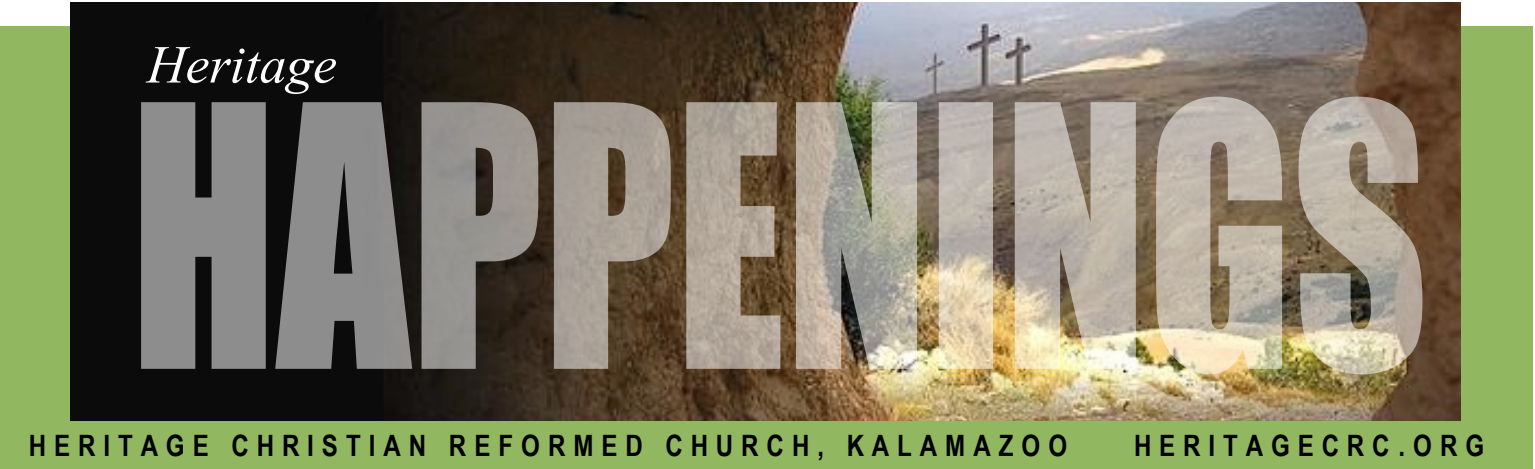
PRAYER LINE MINISTRY: Glen Wagner/Judy Fletcher

PRAYER EMAIL MINISTRY: prayerline@heritagecrc.org

SERVICE MINISTRY: April: Betty Vlietstra

MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY: April 15: Paul Booden April 22: Ferrel Strempler
PM: Gary Broekhuizen

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
15 9:30 am Pastor Simon “From Antagonist to Evangelist” Acts 9:1-19 ~Potluck~ 5 pm Rev. Chet Carlson “The Christian Response to Evil in the World” Ephesians 6:10-20	16	17 Shepherding Elders 3 pm Council Meeting 7 pm	18 P.U.S.H. Prayer Meeting 7 pm	19	20	21
22 9:30 am Pastor Simon “Behold, I Am Coming Soon” Revelation 22:7-21 5 pm Pastor Simon “The Forgotten Ending” Colossians 3:1-4	23	24 ~ Sue on vacation ~	25 Book Club 2 pm	26	27	28 Mobile Food Initiative At Centerpoint 8 am set up 9 am food delivery
29 MISSION EMPHASIS 9:30 am Rev. George Vink “Loving One Another: Accepting” Romans 15:1-13 James 2:1-4 5 pm Pastor Simon “The Return of the King” 2 Thessalonians 1:3-12	30	1 	2 Men's Bible Fellowship 8 am	3	4	5
6 MISSION EMPHASIS 9:30 am Rev. Nate Bull 5 pm Pastor Simon “God the Holy Spirit” John 14:15-17	7	8 Admin Board Meeting 7 pm	9	10	11	12



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What’s up in Worship
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, expanding God’s Kingdom, and bringing many into a saving relationship with Jesus Christ.

At the launch of a new year of Faith-Promise support we host Mission Emphasis Week (April 29-May 6, 2018) and invite missionaries and agencies we support to share what they are doing in their work of reaching the world for Christ.

On Sunday, April 29 we are pleased to have with us *Rev. George Vink*, who volunteers with World Renew as part of Disaster Response Services (DRS) and *Jenninah Kabiswa*, a County Director for World Renew in Kenya. On Sunday, May 6 we are pleased to have with us *Rev. Nate Bull*, who is active in street ministry in the inner city.

Every year, we are challenged to show our support of God’s Mission in this world through prayer, by writing letters of encouragement to the missionaries and their families, and by making a financial commitment towards Faith-Promise.

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




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

April 15, 2018

Celebrations Birthdays
Norm Langeland ~ April 15
Allan Bickle ~ April 16



Out of the office:
 Sue will be out of the office the week of April 23-27. Therefore there will be no newsletter on Sunday, April 29. Please plan your announcements accordingly.

Ministry items...
Potluck is today immediately following morning worship. Please plan to stay even if you didn’t bring a dish to pass! There is always room for one more! Tableware and drinks will be provided.

Ladies ~ Save the date! Tuesday, May 15 we are heading to Shipshewana. Sign up sheets and details coming soon!

P.U.S.H. Prayer meeting is this Wednesday, April 18 at 7 pm. Won’t you plan to join us?

Thank you...
The Smeda family wants to extend our deep gratitude to Heritage CRC for allowing us to honor and remember John R. Smeda on Saturday, April 7. We also want to extend thanks to the volunteers that prepared and served the lunch in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Tuin was an inspiration for the hope that we have in Christ and we appreciate the words he shared. May God bless your church in the way that you have blessed our family.

The Smeda Family

Ministry...

Bringing God’s Word to Latin America: Each year Bible League International Volunteers send out a Love Letter to the members of their respective congregations. The people in Latin America are seeking and waiting. Bible League Volunteers have chosen this needy part of the world on which to focus our efforts in providing Bibles, biblical resources, and training. Together, we are enabling Christians and churches in Latin America to be equipped with God’s Word to help people meet Jesus Christ. As a result, God’s kingdom is growing. Please look for this letter in your mailbox soon. Read it, pray about it, and contribute as God leads and enables. Won’t you please help transform lives for Him?

Mobile Food Initiative this Saturday, April 28 at Centerpoint Church. 8 am set up 9 am food deliveries



Five Minutes - this is all it takes to make a positive or negative impression on guests to our worship services. Those first impressions often determine if guests will return. Because those first five minutes are so important, we want to do everything we can to make sure our guests are sought out, greeted and made to feel welcome.

We are asking **ALL** our members to take one simple step to help make sure our guests feel welcome. For the **first five minutes** after each worship service is dismissed, we want you to look for guests to greet. After five minutes, everyone is free to visit with whomever they wish and conduct any “church business.”

This is the most important thing we can do to be seen as a friendly and warm congregation. Will you invest five minutes in eternity?

Missions & Missionaries...

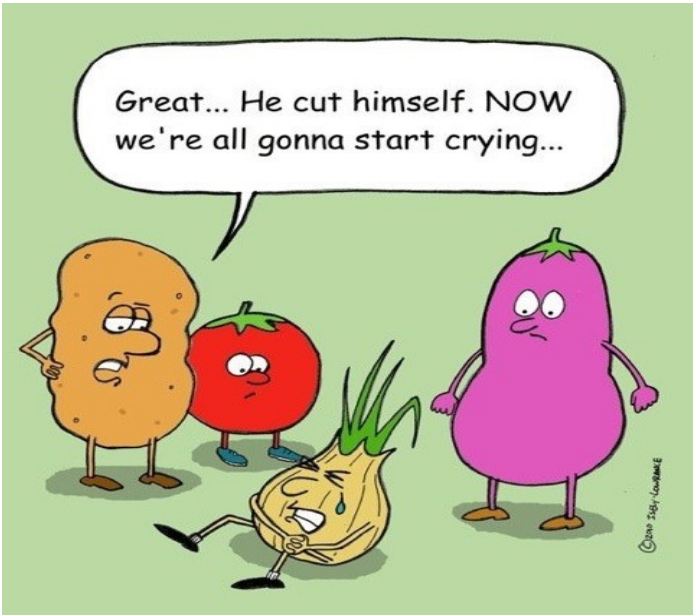
Loaves & Fishes wish list:
April: Canned tuna
Please place your donations in the grocery cart in the fellowship hall

Emails or Letters to Missionaries...
Ken & Judy Fletcher ~ Van Ankum Family
Fred & Pam Gould ~ Kathleen Lauder
Norbert & Joy Hegelmann ~ 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

- April 15 General Fund: Faith Promise
Loose Change: K-zoo Christian Sch
- April 22 General Fund: Building Fund
Loose Change: K-zoo Deacons Conf
- April 29 General Fund
Loose Change: K-zoo Gospel Miss
- May 6 General Fund: Christian Education
Loose Change: Rehoboth

Offerings (deposited for April 8)
Benevolence Fund ~ \$2,040.00
Building Fund ~ \$380.00
Christian Education Assistance ~ \$10.00
Easter Lilies ~ \$7.00
Faith Alive Resources ~ \$30.00
Faith Promise ~ \$50.00
General Fund ~ \$7,244.00
Initial offering ~ \$5.00
Ministry Shares ~ \$156.00



Requested Announcements

You are invited to Grace CRC at 7 pm on April 15 for a *Community Hymn Sing* celebrating the person and work of Jesus Christ through scripture and song. You are also invited to our evening worship service at 5 followed by a light meal.



Park Village Pines: As a caregiver have unlimited demands on your time brought your life out of balance? How can a caregiver make it through challenging times? Caregiving for a spouse or parent is rewarding, but it can take a toll. To receive support and answers, caregivers are invited to attend “Caring for the Caregiver”, an informative presentation at **Park Village Pines**, a Christian assisted living community at 2920 Crystal Lane in Kalamazoo, on Thursday, April 19 from 6:30-8 pm. Please RSVP to Kim Sandelin at (269) 364-6043.

Bronco Campus Ministries & International Student Fellowship invites you to an end of the year picnic celebration for students and friends of the ministry. It will be held on Friday, April 20 from 4:30—7 pm at Second Reformed Church (2323 Stadium Drive—The Back Door). Rain or shine. Picnic food and ice cream will be served. No need to RSVP, just come when you can! Let us thank you for all of your support for this wonderful ministry to international students at WMU!

Spring Salad Luncheon: Everyone is invited to a Spring Salad luncheon at Milwood Community Church (3306 Lovers Lane, Kalamazoo) on Thursday, May 3 from 11 am—1 pm. All you can eat of a huge variety of delicious home-made salads—donations will be appreciated. Kids 5 and under eat free. Proceeds benefit the Milwood Coffee Break Bible study program.



Food Resource Bank

There are still a few months left to sign up to feed Daisy.

Can you help?

June has three weeks open and the months of September, October & December are still available.

It is \$40/week or \$160/month. Sign up at display in the Narthex.

Thank you!

Kalamazoo Christian Schools: This year's Metal Recycle Drive will be held on May 17 – 19 in the High School parking lot. Now is a great spring clean up time. Clean out those garages/basements/barns/yards and safely get rid of all those metal recyclables: clothes hangers, clean tin cans, Christmas tree light strings, and electrical cords to appliances, scrap metal, metal tools, equipment, metal bed frames and even engines. All proceeds will benefit the Kalamazoo Christian School's capital budget needs. We also accept laptops, computer towers, keyboards and mice, plasmas & LCDs (NO TV's, NO CRT monitors), 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. Just about anything with a circuit board! 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 are able to arrange an option for large heavy item pick up.

To volunteer for our unloading/pickup crews contact Larry Stehouwer 269-760-4711. Drop off hours with onsite unloading assistance:

Thurs/Fri: May 17/18: 7 to 10 am & 4 to 7 pm
Saturday May 19: 7 am to noon