

HERITAGE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH, KALAMAZOOHERITAGECRC.ORG

Heritage CRC

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SUNDAY WORSHIP:@ 10:00 AM

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:
Thursday by 8:00 am. Call,
leave a note, or e-mail to
churchoffice@heritagecrc.org.

OFFICE HOURS:
Wednesday: 8:00 am —12:00 pm
Thursday: 8:00 am —12:00 pm

Volunteer Schedule...

COFFEE SERVERS:
April 13 & 20 Bill & Joyce Truscott/Yvonne DeHollander/Ron & Sharon Stryd
Apr 27 & May 4 Matt & Lisa Durian/Bonnie Colvin & Teri Wagner

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY: Glen Wagner/Donnie Waterhouse
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SERVICE MINISTRY: Judy Wieringa/Kathy VanderMeer

Districts

A-M
N-Z

Elder

Glen Wagner
Rick Lingbeek

Deacon

Cheri Gavin
Roger Selles

MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY:
Apr. 20 - Paul Booden
Apr. 27 - Lisa Durian
May 4 - Ian Tuin

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:
4/20 - Barb Razenberg
4/27 - Joy Knurr & Wendy Rose
5/4 - Pam Gould & Sue Mejeur

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HAPPENINGS

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What’s up in Worship

This week is Easter Sunday, Pastor Simon will preach on 1 Peter 1 3-9, “Of Greater Worth Than Gold”.

Invite someone to Easter Sunday! The truth of the matter is, there are A LOT of people who would come to church on Easter Sunday if they were simply invited. They are also more likely to accept invitations from those they know, making personal invitations crucial. Please pick up a few postcard invitations at the information center this Sunday and invite a friend, neighbor, co-worker or someone in your family to join us Easter Sunday as we celebrate the Resurrected Christ.

Celebrations...

Birthdays...

April 21 ~ Julia Audo

What’s Happening This Week

Church Calendar for April 20-26:

Sunday 10:00 Easter Sunday Worship

Tuesday 10:00 Book Club

Thursday 9:30 GROW Group

Saturday 7:45 am Mobile Food Initiative

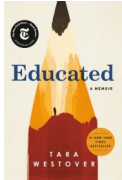
Mobile Food Initiative is
Saturday, April 26.

7:45 AM at Heritage CRC.

See you there!



We will be reading a memoir Educated by Tara Westover for our April 22, 10:00am meeting. Tara details her journey from an isolated Mormon life to completing a PhD program in History at Cambridge. She started college at 17 with no formal education. See Dorothy Broekhuizen for a book or questions.



Go & Tell Workshop: GO & TELL is an easy and practical way to equip you to become a fisher of men (Matthew 4:19). Plan to join others on Saturday, May 3 from 9am-noon as we discover how to share the Gospel with others. The cost of the event (\$20/person) will be covered by the church. A sign-up sheet is available in the church lobby. Please sign up soon so we know how much material is needed. For questions, please talk to Pastor Simon.



Alternatives Care invites you to celebrate LIFE as together we raise awareness and funding needed to sustain the mission of promoting the value of human life. Registration is now open. Go to alternativescc.support/events

Offering Schedule

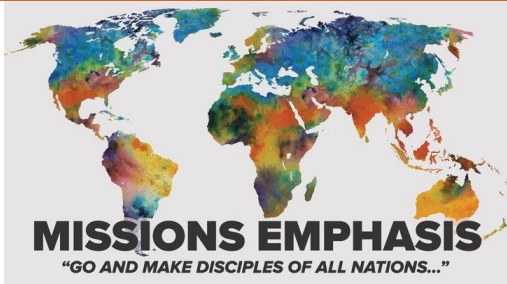
- April 20 General Fund & Faith Promise
Loose Change: Benevolence Fund
- April 27 General Fund & Faith Promise
Loose Change: Benevolent Fund
- May 4 General Fund & Christian Ed. Assistance
Loose Change: Elim Christian Services
- May 11 General Fund & Ministry Shares
Loose Change: Alternatives of Kalamazoo

Offerings (deposited for April 13, 2025)

- Building Fund ~ \$15.00
- Christian Ed. Assistance ~ \$275.00
- Dordt College ~ \$30.00
- Faith Promise ~ \$1,335.00
- General Fund ~ \$6,256.00
- Growing Hope Globally ~ \$120.00
- International Campus ~ \$265.00
- Memorial Fund ~ \$310.00
- Ministry Shares ~ \$404.00
- Trinity Christian College ~ \$25.00



Mission Update: Thank you to everyone who has signed up to support Daisy & Maisy and Growing Hope Globally. **We only have four weeks left to fill!!!** One of the World Renew projects we are funding this year is in Igembe, Kenya where farmers have experienced repeated crop failures as a result of droughts and erratic rainfall. This program is working to improve the food security situation in the Igembe area. For more information, check out this link: <https://www.growinghopeglobally.org/program/kenya-igembe/>



Mission Emphasis Week is coming soon and again we have two speakers scheduled to be with us. Sunday morning, April 27, Rev. Kurt Selles, Executive Director of ReFrame Ministries (formerly Back to God Ministries) will be bringing the message, along with an update on ReFrame Ministries. Then, both Saturday and Sunday, May 3 & 4, Pastor Jim Halstead, founder of Go & Tell Ministries and former pastor of Community CRC, Ft. Wayne, IN, will be with us. On Saturday morning he will be presenting a workshop on sharing the Gospel to the lost, then Sunday morning he will bring the message. There will be more information about this workshop later. We are asking if anyone would be willing to host Pastor Jim Halstead overnight on Friday and Saturday, May 2-4. If you are willing to do so, or have questions before deciding, please contact Pastor Simon or Jerry Oele."

Calvin University

Calvin University Choir Concert - Come and join the Calvin University Capella and Alumni Choir with conductors Mark Stover and Sean Ivory in an evening of sublime choral music culminating in a performance of Gabriel Fauré's Requiem. Join us April 26th at 7:30 pm in the Covenant Fine Arts Center Auditorium at Calvin University! To order tickets, visit: <https://calvin.universitytickets.com/?cid=180>

Paul's Missionary Journeys in Greece - October 13-24, 2025 - Travel by motor coach (6 days) and cruise ship (4 days) to sites connected with Paul's second and third missionary journeys, as well as visit other major sites of biblical, archaeological, and cultural interest. Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading Pauline scholar, hosts this inspirational tour. For more information, contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or weimje@calvinseminary.edu.

Family Faith Formation Tip

Children learn best through story, so create a special time this week to share the Easter story with the kids in your life. Use a picture book like The Garden, the Curtain, and the Cross: The True Story of Why Jesus Died and Rose Again (Good Book Co., 2016), or read stories from Jesus' ministry, Holy Week, and Easter from a children's Bible. Show kids that God's story is full of hope and joy! (Tip from Faith Formation Ministries; crcna.org/FaithFormation)

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner: Good News at Easter - Check out this week's kids' devotion "Good News at Easter" at www.kidscorner.net. Just like we know the voice of someone we love, Mary Magdalene knew it was Jesus when he called her name outside the empty tomb on Easter morning. That special moment changed everything for her! It reminds us to share the amazing news that Jesus is alive and loves us so much. Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](https://www.kidscorner.net), like KC's Lent and Easter Collection.

Groundwork: Easter: Jesus is Risen! - Christians around the world celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study the story of Jesus' resurrection in Mark 16:1-8, Matthew 28:1-10, Luke 24:1-12, and John 20:1-10 to grow in faith by remembering and celebrating Christ's victory over death, and to see how we're invited to participate in telling the gospel story again. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

CRC Communications

40 Days of Prayer for Synod - You're invited into 40 days of intentional, guided prayer leading up to Synod 2025. The theme, Journey With Jesus, has been engaged with by a wide variety of CRC contributors. Learn more and sign up for either daily Scripture and prayers OR a week's worth of Scripture and prayers that will be emailed to you. crcna.org/synod/prayer