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SUNDAY WORSHIP:@ 10:00 AM

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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

PRAYER EMAIL MINISTRY: prayerline@heritagecrc.org

SERVICE MINISTRY: Judy Wieringa/Kathy VanderMeer

MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY:

Apr. 21 - Paul Booden
Apr. 28 - Lisa Durian
May 5 - Ian Tuin
May 12 - LillieAnn Durian

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:

4/21 - Pam Gould & Sue Mejeur
4/28 - Cheri Gavin & Joy Knurr
5/5 - Mary Deters & Barb Razenberg
5/12 - John Bruinwood & Nick Piontek



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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: **"The Race Marked Out for Us"**, based on Hebrews 12:1-13.



Church Calendar for April 21-27:

- Sunday 10:00 Worship Service
- Tuesday 10:00 Book Club
- Wednesday 10:00 Heaven Bible Study
- Thursday 9:30 GROW Group
- Saturday 7:45am Mobile Food Initiative

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				18 9:30 GROW Group	19	20
21 10:00 am Pastor Simon "The Race Marked Out for Us" Hebrews 12:1-13		23 10:00 Book Club	24 10 am Bible Study on Heaven	25 9:30 GROW Group KCHS Fine Arts Showcase through May 10—display in Fellowship Hall	26	27 7:45 Mobile Food Initiative 
28 Mission Emphasis 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 Bible Study on Heaven	2 9:30 GROW Group	3 5:30-7:30 Razenberg Adoption Fundraiser	4
5 Mission Emphasis 10:00 am Pastor Doug Cupery "I See You and You Are Important To Me" Matthew 25:35-40	6	7	8 10 am Heaven Bible Study	9 9:30 GROW Group	10 9:30 Heritage Piecemakers Last Day of KCHS Fine Arts Showcase	11

Birthdays...

Julia Audo ~ April 21



We appreciate all the cards and words of support from the congregation. We mourn the loss of our mother/grandmother but we are thankful she is no longer in pain and is in the comfort of her eternal home. Sue, Tyler, Jonathan and Hannah Mejeur

A special thank you for each of you who helped at our March 21 spring blood drive at Heritage. We may not have had many donors but are so thankful for those who did donate. It gave us the capability of saving 24 lives using the blood components that were donated. Please look for a future date when a fall drive will be announced where we look forward to help from the Red Cross for donors. I will place a sign up sheet as the date becomes confirmed & gets closer. Thanks to the Heritage congregation & Pastor Simon for letting us use the church. Many have mentioned that it is a very good venue! Blessings & Appreciation from Donnie Waterhouse, blood drive coordinator

Report on Congregational Meeting: At the congregational meeting on Sunday, April 14, the congregation approved the recommendation to call Rev. Joshua Amaezechi as a Missionary Pastor to his work at LEMA (Leadership Education Mission for Africa). Pastor Joshua will be installed to this position in the worship service on Sunday, May 19. We thank the Lord for His leading and trust the Holy Spirit will continue to equip Pastor Joshua for this ministry.

A conversation and time for Q&A also took place with representatives from Kalamazoo Christian Schools and their request to expand the preschool program at Heritage Church. One option being considered is to allow the school to pay for and build an addition on to our current facility. A second congregational conversation will take place soon (either April 28 or May 5) with the hope of bringing this matter to a congregational later in May.

Council News

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

Shepherding Elder (1 needed): Rick Lingbeek has agreed to serve one more year.

Shepherding Deacon (1 needed): Laura Goethe and Roger Selles

Administrative Elder (1 needed): Bob Razenberg

On Sunday, May 5, the casting of lots will be used in the worship service to select a shepherding deacon. Once selected, the congregation will be asked to affirm the slate of nominees by a voice vote. The installation of new office bearers will take place on Sunday, May 12. Please keep this process in prayer as we place those nominated before God’s throne and ask the Holy Spirit to lead us in the ministry of Heritage Christian Reformed Church.

Offering Schedule

- 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
- May 12 General Fund & Ministry Shares
Loose Change: Alternatives of Kalamazoo

Offerings (deposited for April 14, 2024)

- Building Fund ~ \$40.00
- Christian Ed. Assistance ~ \$70.00
- Faith Promise ~ \$160.00
- General Fund ~ \$7,222.00
- International Campus Ministry ~ \$240.00
- Ministry Shares ~ \$230.00

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.

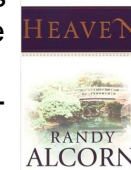
Brochures explaining the purpose of Faith Promise will be available soon in your mailbox. We encourage you to pick this up and prayerfully consider the way in which God is asking you to take part in accomplishing His Mission.

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



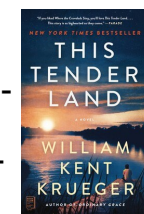
Coming this Spring! The Fine Arts department at Kalamazoo Christian High School will host a Fine Arts Showcase at Heritage this Spring (April 25-May 10). During this time, 30-40 pieces of art will be on display in the Fellowship Hall and possibly a few pieces in the lobby. Opening night is Thursday, April 25 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.

Join us on Wednesday mornings as we have a Bible study based on the Randy Alcorn book “Heaven”. All are invited to attend every Wednesday at 10:00 am in the council room.



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.

Book Club meets this coming Tuesday, April 23 at 10 am. We are reading 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.



Mobile Food Initiative is Saturday, April 27.

7:45 AM at Heritage CRC.

****Please let the office know if you can help out. See you there!**

Family Faith Formation Tip



Combined Ascension Day Service- Ascension Day is a witness and guarantee of our bodily resurrection, as well as an invitation for us to set our hearts and minds “on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God” (Colossians 3:1-2). Join us for a special multi-church service of celebration on **Sunday, May 5th at 5:00 PM at Grace Christian Reformed Church (1724 Whites Road)** to remember this important story and worship with fellow believers! *If you are interested in joining the pop-up choir, please contact Westwood CRC Director of Worship & Discipleship Kristina Jipping (kristina@westwoodcrc.org) for rehearsal details.*

The **Kalamazoo Gospel Ministries** will be hosting an event exclusive for the women staying at the shelter. This Women of Worth brunch will be held on May 17, 2024. A sponsorship of \$25 will provide each woman with a new outfit, a haircut or painted nails and a beautifully served meal. Most importantly, it will provide encouragement and bring words of hope as she discovers how God views her as a Woman of Worth. You can find more information on this event on the table in the narthex. To donate, visit their website at www.kazoogospel.org/wow-brunch.

