

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

### Volunteer Schedule...

#### COFFEE SERVERS:

Apr 26 & May 3 Cameron & Helen Brown, Sue, Hannah, Jonathan Mejeur  
May 10 & 17 Fred & Pam Gould, Norm & Bonnie Langeland

**PRAYER LINE MINISTRY:** Glen Wagner/Donnie Waterhouse

**PRAYER EMAIL MINISTRY:** hrcprayer@gmail.com

**SERVICE MINISTRY:** Judy Wieringa/Kathy VanderMeer

#### Districts

A-M  
N-Z

#### Elder

Glen Wagner  
Rick Lingbeek

#### Deacon



Teri Wagner  
Roger Selles

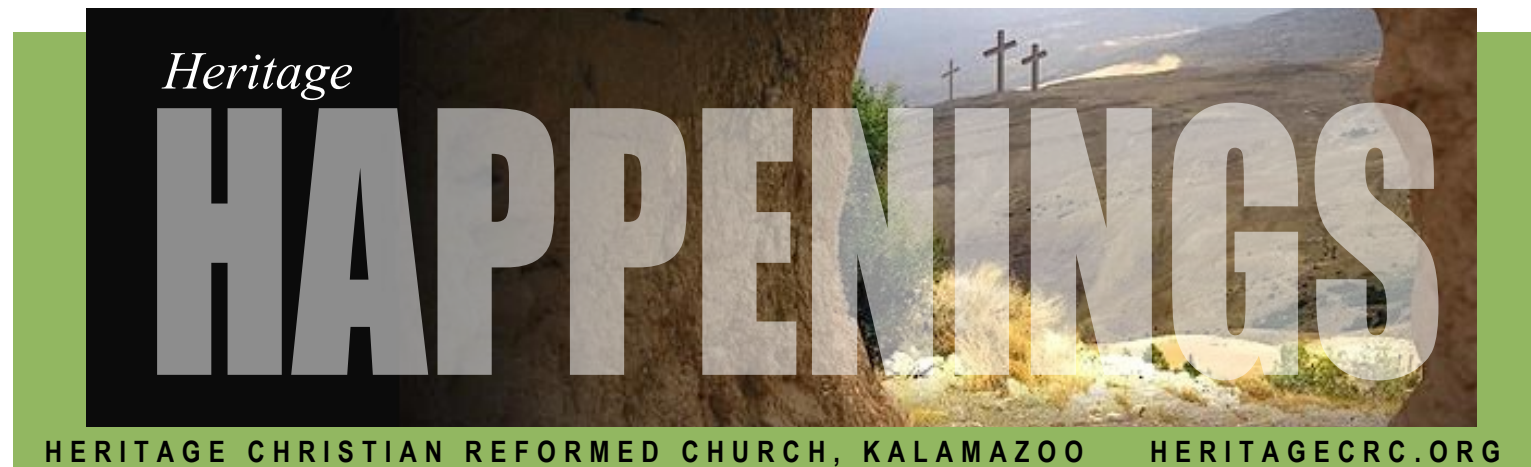
#### MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY:

Apr. 26 - Lisa Durian  
May 3 - Dorothy Broekhuizen  
May 10 - Chris VandenBerg  
May 17 - Paul Booden

#### NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:

4/26 - Cheryl Koning & Joyce Truscott  
5/3 - Michelle Koning & Joy Knurr  
5/10 - Barb Razenberg  
5/17 - Lisa & Olivia Bosch

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				23 9:30 GROW Group	24	25 7:45 am Mobile Food Initiative 
26 <i>Mission Emphasis Week</i> 10 am Rev. Scott Stark "Private Worship: Public Witness" Psalm 96	27	28 10 am Book Club	29	30 9:30 GROW Group	1 	2
3 <i>Mission Emphasis Week</i> 10 am Rev. Joshua Amaezechi "You Have the Power for Missions" Acts 1:1-11	4	5	6 8 am Men's Bible Study	7	8	9
10 10 am Pastor Simon "An Unlikely Convert" Acts 9:1-19	11	12 7 pm Admin Board	13 7 pm KCHS Senior Awards Night	14	15	16



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### What's up in Worship

This Sunday is the first Sunday of our Mission Emphasis Week. Please welcome to our pulpit, guest preacher, Rev. Scott Stark, Regional Mission Leader for Resonate Global Missions. His sermon is "Private Worship: Public Witness" based on Psalm 96.



Thank you for your prayers, cards and concerns. The past few months have been challenging with my health. The situation is improving, and I appreciate your continued prayers. May God bless you, Sincerely, Joy Hegelmann

Dear friends at Heritage. Thank you for all the cards, thought and prayers on the behalf of our family. I also want to thank those that helped me move from my condo to Park Village Pines. A special thank you to those that have been my chauffeurs and continue to be. You are truly a wonderful part of our family in Christ. Much love from my family. Sy Ellens

### Celebrations...

#### Birthdays...

April 28 ~ Dena Corstange  
April 30 ~ Barb Razenberg



#### Anniversaries...

April 28 ~ Matt & Lisa Durian

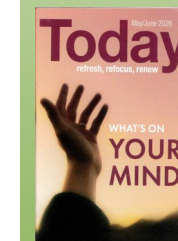


Join the Corstange family this Sunday, April 26 after the service for cake and coffee to celebrate Dena Corstange's 90th birthday.



### Church Calendar for April 26-May 2:

Sunday 10:00 Worship Service  
Tuesday 10:00 Book Club  
Thursday 9:30 GROW Group



**Today Booklets:** The May/June booklets are here, you can pick one up by the southeast sanctuary doors if you desire a copy.

### Council News

Over the past several weeks the Council has worked to put together a list of nominees for elder and deacon. We thank the congregation for your prayers and the prayerful consideration of those who were nominated. Here is the list of those willing to serve:

Administrative Deacon (1 needed): Matt Durian

Shepherding Deacon (1 needed): Judy Wieringa

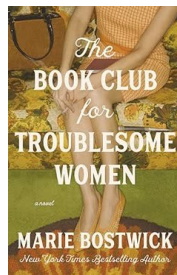
Shepherding Elder (1 needed): Bruce Goethe and Bill Vroegop

We are grateful to Bob Razenberg (Administrative Elder) and Glen Wagner (Shepherding Elder) for their willingness to extend their term and serve for another year.

On Sunday, May 10, during the worship service the congregation will be asked to affirm the slate of nominees by a voice vote. The casting of lots will then be used to select a shepherding elder. The installation of office bearers will take place on Sunday, May 17.



You do not have to be a troublesome woman to meet with us on Tuesday, April 28 at 10:00 to discuss The Book Club of Troublesome Women by Marie Bostwick. Margaret Ryan, a stay at home mother in 1963, starts a book club to explore ideas beyond domestic life. She is struggling with her discontent amidst societal changes for women.



### Offering Schedule

- Apr. 26 General Fund  
Loose Change: Kal. Christian Schools
- May 3 General Fund  
Loose Change: Elim Christian Services
- May 10 General Fund  
Loose Change: Alternatives of Kalamazoo
- May 17 General Fund  
Loose Change: Wings of God

### Offerings

#### Deposited for April 19, 2026

- Benevolence Fund ~ \$638.00
- Faith Promise ~ \$730.00
- General Fund ~ \$3,732.00
- Growing Hope Globally ~ \$120.00
- Ministry Shares ~ \$105.00



**Adopt Daisy and Maisy!** Over the past 19 years, Heritage CRC has partnered with Growing Hope Globally (<https://www.growinghopeglobally.org/>) and 2 other churches in Kalamazoo (Grace and Third CRC) to tackle world hunger through the Dairy Project!

**We just need 10 more weeks filled in** to have Daisy and Maisy fed for the whole year. It's \$60 per week. Check out the poster by the office for more information. Thank you.

**FIVE MINUTES:** Here's the challenge: When the service ends, let's do our utmost to give the first five minutes to someone we don't know or to someone we don't know well. There will be time to catch up with the people you know. But first we can make a difference in someone's day if we will make the most of the moments following that final "amen." The power of a sincere welcome matters!



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

What is Faith-Promise? Faith-Promise is a ministry fund we use to support individuals and agencies 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 26-May 3 2026) and invite missionaries and agencies we support to share what they are doing to reach 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 April 26. 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.

\*\*This week is the beginning of Mission Emphasis Week and again we have two speakers scheduled to be with us. Sunday morning, April 26, Rev. Scott C. Stark, Resonate Global Mission Great Lakes Regional Mission Leader will be bringing the message, along with an update. Then Sunday, May 3, our own Missionary President of LEMA (Leadership Education Mission for Africa), Rev. Joshua O. Amaezechi, will greet our congregation and bring God's Word.

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

### Family Faith Formation Tip

**Jesus is our model for true servanthood. What characteristics and practices of Jesus could each of us emulate to help us develop a servant heart? Learn more at [crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject](http://crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject)**



### ReFrame Ministries

**Kids Corner Devotions:** How Do We Care for God's World? - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "How Do We Care for God's World?" at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Discover how amazing God's world is and why it matters how we treat it. Learn simple ways you can enjoy the outdoors, care for nature, and help keep our world clean and beautiful! Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net), like KC's Earth Day collection.

**Groundwork:** Understanding the Purpose of God's Law - After emphatically teaching that salvation comes by grace through faith in Jesus Christ, Paul explores the contrasting paths of legalism and freedom in faith. Join Groundwork as we study Galatians 3-4 to hear Paul's encouragement to stay focused on Christ, to embrace our identity as God's children, and to find our unity as believers in Christ. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

**Groundwork 15th Anniversary** - Groundwork is celebrating its 15th anniversary! For more than 15 years now, this radio show and podcast has been digging into the richness of God's Word as the foundation for our lives. Come celebrate God's faithfulness with us! Register online at [reframeministries.org/events](http://reframeministries.org/events).