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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:
Thursday by 8:00 am. Call,
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OFFICE HOURS:
Wednesday: 8:00 am —12:00 pm
Thursday: 8:00 am —12:00 pm

Volunteer Schedule...

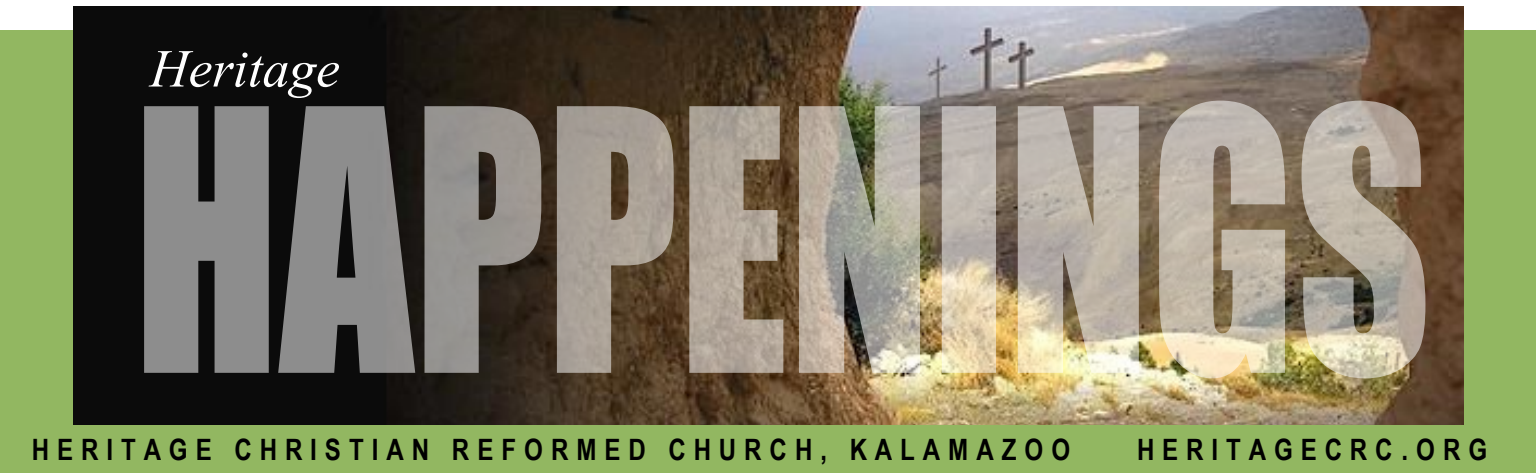
COFFEE SERVERS:
Apr 27 & May 4 Matt & Lisa Durian/Bonnie Colvin & Teri Wagner
May 11 & 18 Bob & Jane Pangle/Nick & Melissa Piontek

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY: Glen Wagner/Donnie Waterhouse
PRAYER EMAIL MINISTRY: hcrctrayer@gmail.com
SERVICE MINISTRY: Judy Wieringa/Kathy VanderMeer

Districts	Elder	Deacon
A-M	Glen Wagner	Cheri Gavin
N-Z	Rick Lingbeek	Roger Selles

MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY:
Apr. 27 - Lisa Durian
May 4 - Ian Tuin
May 11 - Chris VandenBerg

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:
4/27 - Joy Knurr & Wendy Rose
5/4 - Pam Gould & Sue Mejeur
5/11 - John Bruinwood & Sue Florian



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What’s up in Worship

This week is the first Sunday of our Mission Emphasis Week, please welcome Rev. Kurt Selles as he leads us in worship this Sunday. His sermon is titled “**Two Banquets**” based on Mark 6:30-44.



Upcoming Sermon Series

2 Peter: A Precious Faith – In a culture that celebrates easy-going tolerance, the truth of the Gospel matters if we are to “grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.” (2 Peter 3:18). In this 3-part series on the book of 2 Peter we will see how God calls us to hold fast to His truth and guard against false teaching and false teachers. The series will begin on May 11.



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

Celebrations...

Birthdays...
April 28 ~ Dena Corstange
April 30 ~ Barb Razenberg
May 1 ~ Marian Razenberg *100*



Anniversaries...
April 28 ~ Matt & Lisa Durian



Church Calendar for April 26-May 3:

Saturday 7:45 am Mobile Food Initiative

Sunday 10:00 Sunday Worship

Thursday 9:30 GROW Group





Saturday 9-12 Go & Tell Seminar



Mobile Food Initiative is
Saturday, April 26.

7:45 AM at Heritage CRC.

See you there!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				24 9:30 GROW Group	25	26 7:45 Mobile Food Initiative 
27 <i>Mission Emphasis</i> 10 am Rev. Kurt Selles “Two Banquets” Mark 6:30-44	28	29	30	1 9:30 GROW Group 	2	3 9-12 Go & Tell Seminar 
4 Communion Sunday <i>Mission Emphasis</i> 10 am Rev. Jim Halstead “The Great Commission” Matthew 28:18-20	5	6	7 8 am Men’s Bible Study	8 9:30 GROW Group	9 9:30 Heritage Piecemakers	10
11 10 am Pastor Simon “Cultivating Christlike Character” 2 Peter 1	12	13 7 pm Admin Council	14	15 9:30 GROW Group	16	17 7:45 am Mobile Food Initiative 

Council News: Over the past several weeks the Council has worked diligently to put together a list of nominees for elder and deacon. We thank the congregation for your prayers. Thank you also to everyone who was nominated for giving this opportunity to serve your prayerful consideration. Here is the list of those willing to serve:

Administrative Deacon (1 needed):
Kim Bruinwood and Judy Wieringa

Shepherding Deacon: (1 needed):
Becky Smith and Teri Wagner

We are grateful to Jim Bosch (Administrative Elder) and Glen Wagner (Shepherding Elder) for their willingness to extend their term and continue to serve for another year. This does mean we were not able to find a nominee to fill the other open position of Shepherding Elder. Though several were asked to serve, they declined for valid reasons. The Council approved moving ahead with the process as they continue to work to find someone to fill this role.

On Sunday, May 11, the casting of lots will be used in the worship service to select a shepherding and administrative 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 18. 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.

Book Club: The Booklover's Library by Madeline Martin is a heartwarming story about a mother and daughter in wartime England. The power of books bring them together. Let books bring us together Tuesday April 22 at 10:00 in the church library. See Dorothy Broekhuizen with questions.



Offering Schedule

- 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 20, 2025)

- Benevolence Fund ~ \$508.00
- Building Fund ~ \$50.00
- Christian Ed. Assistance ~ \$10.00
- Faith Promise ~ \$452.00
- General Fund ~ \$4,931.00
- Growing Hope Globally ~ \$255.00
- Ministry Shares ~ \$25.00

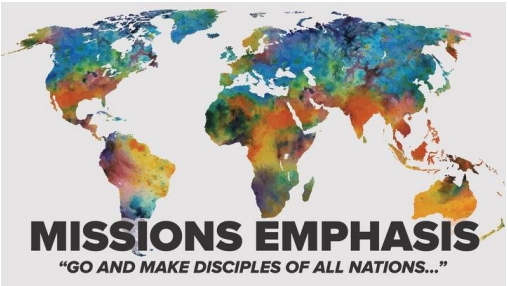


Mission Update: Thank you to everyone who has signed up to support Daisy & Maisy and Growing Hope Globally. **We only have four weeks left to fill!!**



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.

Mission Emphasis Week 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.



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. 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.

Family Faith Formation Tip

Abuse Awareness Sunday - April 27 - Thrive invites our church to imagine a more holistic approach to nurturing a safe and healthy church community where abuse itself becomes unthinkable and where survivors feel supported and safe. In preparation, learn more about Thrive's work toward safer churches and consider giving now to this valuable ministry that empowers all CRCs at their website: crcna.org/SafeChurch

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner: Needed: Grand Friendships - Check out this week’s kids’ devotion, “Needed: Grand Friendships,” at www.kidscorner.net. Spending time with mentors helps us grow in faith, share love, and remember that God is always with us. We can learn to see God’s goodness and share it with others, whatever their age. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like KC’s Earth Day Collection.

Groundwork: Christian Civility: Defending Our Faith without Being Defensive - How do we disagree without being disagreeable, or handle conflicts when people slander or talk against us? Join Groundwork as we study 1 Peter 3:8-17 and Titus 3:1-11 to seek biblical wisdom for responding to and navigating a divisive culture in faithful and Christlike ways. 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