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OFFICE HOURS:  
 Wednesday: 8:00 am —12:00 pm  
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**Volunteer Schedule...**

**COFFEE SERVERS:**

Apr. 28 & May 5 Dorothy Broekhuizen & Rose Dame/Glen & Ruth Wagner  
 May 12 & 19 Ferrel & Marilyn Stremmer & Bill & Joyce Truscott

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

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

**MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY:**

Apr. 28 - Lisa Durian  
 May 5 - Ian Tuin  
 May 12 - LillieAnn Durian  
 May 19 - Paul Booden

**NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:**

4/28 - Cheri Gavin & Barb Razenberg  
 5/5 - Mary Deters & Wendy Rose  
 5/12 - John Bruinwood & Nick Piontek  
 5/19 - Sue Florian & Barb Razenberg



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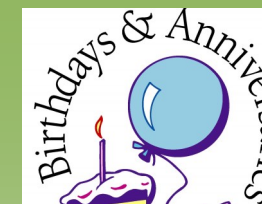
**April 25, 2024**

**What's up in Worship**

This week we welcome Guest Preacher, Rev. Joshua Amaezechi to lead us in worship. This week is the first Sunday of our mission emphasis week. His sermon is based on Psalm 133, "Unite for the Mission."

**Birthdays...**

Dena Corstange ~ April 28  
 Barb Razenberg ~ April 30  
 Marian Razenberg ~ May 1  
 Nick Nieboer ~ May 3



**Anniversaries...**

Matt & Lisa Durian ~ April 28



**Church Calendar for April 28-May 4:**

- Sunday 10:00 Worship Service
- Wednesday 8:00am Men's Bible Study  
10:00 Heaven Bible Study
- Thursday 9:30 GROW Group

**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!**



**Faith Promise Commitment Sunday:** On Sunday, May 5 we begin our 31st year of Faith Promise, a ministry fund we use to support individuals and agencies actively involved in sharing the Gospel with others both locally and around the world. On this Commitment Sunday, everyone is invited to fill out a Faith Promise commitment slip and place it in the offering as you leave the sanctuary. These commitment slips will be accepted through the month of May. Thank you in advance for your support of God's mission. If you have any questions, please contact Jerry Oele, chair of the Faith Promise Team.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				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 am Pastor Doug Cupery "I See You and You Are Important To Me" Matthew 25:35-40 11 am Congregational Mtg	6	7	8 9:30 am Bible Study on Heaven	9 9:30 GROW Group	10 9:30 Heritage Piecemakers  Final Day of KCHS Fine Arts Showcase	11
12 Ascension Sunday 10:00 am Pastor Simon "A Call to Holiness" Hebrews 12:14-29	13	14 7 pm Admin Council	15 10 am Heaven Bible Study	16 9:30 GROW Group	17	18 7:45 am Mobile Food Initiative

**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 on May 5 with the hope of bringing this matter to a congregational vote 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.



**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.

**Offering Schedule**

- 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
- May 19 General Fund & Faith Promise  
Loose Change: Wings of God

**Offerings (deposited for April 21, 2024)**

- Benevolence Fund ~ \$390.00
- Building Fund ~ \$10.00
- Christian Ed. Assistance ~ \$35.00
- Faith Promise ~ \$405.00
- General Fund ~ \$3,116.00
- Growing Hope Globally ~ \$55.00
- Ministry Shares ~ \$35.00

**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.

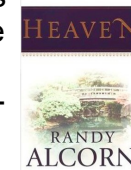
Brochures explaining the purpose of Faith Promise will be available soon in your mailbox. We encourage you to pick this up and prayerfully consider the way in which God is asking you to take part in accomplishing His Mission.

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, with the exception of May 8 when we will meet at 9:30 am. All are welcome!



**Today Booklets:** The May/June booklets have arrived. Please pick up a copy outside the southeast sanctuary doors if you so desire a copy.

**Kids Corner: Push Pause** - Check out this week's kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Rest can take many forms. As long as we slow down, pay attention, and enjoy God's blessings, we receive the benefits of rest. Try it! Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net), like The Spring Scavenger Hunt, and go for a hike!

**Groundwork: Our Hearts and God's Character in Nahum and Zephaniah** - Nahum and Zephaniah urge God's people to examine their hearts and act in ways that honor God and reflect his character. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study Nahum 1-3 and Zephaniah 1-3 to remember that God longs for our repentant hearts and for us to live as his ambassadors bringing justice, transformation, and reconciliation to this world. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

*Family Faith Formation Tip*

**Pastor Rich Villodas observed, "Prayer is not about throwing holy words at God to see what sticks; it is, rather, entrance to a new way of seeing reality, the opening of ourselves to God's presence, and an act that trains us in love."** Learn more at [crc-na.org/FaithPracticesProject](http://crc-na.org/FaithPracticesProject)

**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](mailto: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](http://www.kazoogospel.org/wow-brunch).