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SUNDAY WORSHIP
@ 9:30 AM (Nursery provided)
SUNDAY EVENING @ 5:00 PM

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:
Wednesday at noon. Call,
leave a note, or e-mail to
churchoffice@heritagecrc.org.

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

Volunteer Schedule...

NURSERY: April 2: Teri Wagner & Evie Wenke
April 9: Ellen Byle & Barb Razenberg

COFFEE SERVERS: April 2/9: Phil & Barb Nieboer, Jack & Evie Wenke, Bob & Barb Razenberg April 16/23: Rick & Donna Lingbeek, Norbert & Joy Hegelmann, Gary & Dorothy Broekhuizen

HALLMARK LIVING
(Services begin at 3:30 pm & last approximately 30 minutes)


April 2: Bill Vroegop & Marilyn Stremmer
April 9: Glen Wagner & Ellen Byle

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY: Glen Wagner/Judy Fletcher

PRAYER EMAIL MINISTRY: prayerline@heritagecrc.org

SERVICE MINISTRY: April: Betty Vlietstra

MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY: April 2: Lisa Durian April 9: Ferrel Stremmer
PM: Gary Broekhuizen

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 COMMUNION 5th SUNDAY OF LENT 9:30 am Pastor Simon “Encounters with Jesus: The Blind Man” John 9:1-41 5 pm Rev. Brian Seifert “TODAY” Psalm 95	3	4	5 Men’s Bible Fellowship 8 am	6	7	8
9 PALM SUNDAY 9:30 am Pastor Simon “The Encounters with Jesus: The Grieving Sisters” John 11:1-45 5 pm Pastor Simon “The Reformation Solas: Grace Alone Ephesians 2:1-10	10	11 Administrative Board Meeting 7 pm	12	13 G.R.O.W. Bible Study 9:30—11 am	14 Good Friday Worship 	15
16 EASTER SUNDAY 9:30 am Pastor Simon “Encounters with Jesus: The First Christian” John 20:1-18 No evening worship	17	18 Shepherding Elders 3 pm	19 P.U.S.H. Prayer Meeting 7 pm	20 G.R.O.W. Bible Study 9:30—11 am (last one until Fall)	21	22 Mobile Food Initiative Prairie Ridge Elementary 8 am set up 9 am food drop
23 9:30 am Pastor Simon “Encounters with Jesus: The Doubter” John 20:19-31 5 pm Pastor Simon “The Reformation Solas: By Faith Alone” Titus 3:3-7	24	25	26 Book Club 2 pm	27	28	29



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What’s up in Worship

Encounters With Jesus: A Lenten Series ~ The Gospel of John records several encounters individuals had with Jesus Christ. In these encounters, Jesus addresses the big “meaning of life” questions: Why am I here? What’s wrong with the world? What (if anything) can make it right, and how? Join us today as we continue in this Lenten sermon series as we discover how Jesus presents himself as the answer to these questions and discover the beauty of who Jesus is and what he has done.



Mark your calendars: Plan to join us at Heritage CRC on May 21 at 5 pm for an inspirational service of the word, music and song! The King’s Choraliers, a singing group of men from Grand Rapids will join with Proclamation Brass from Kalamazoo in presenting great hymns of the faith that celebrate Ascension Day and the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Including time for congregational hymns, this promises to be an uplifting event with a social time to follow. You’ll want to be there!



Celebrations

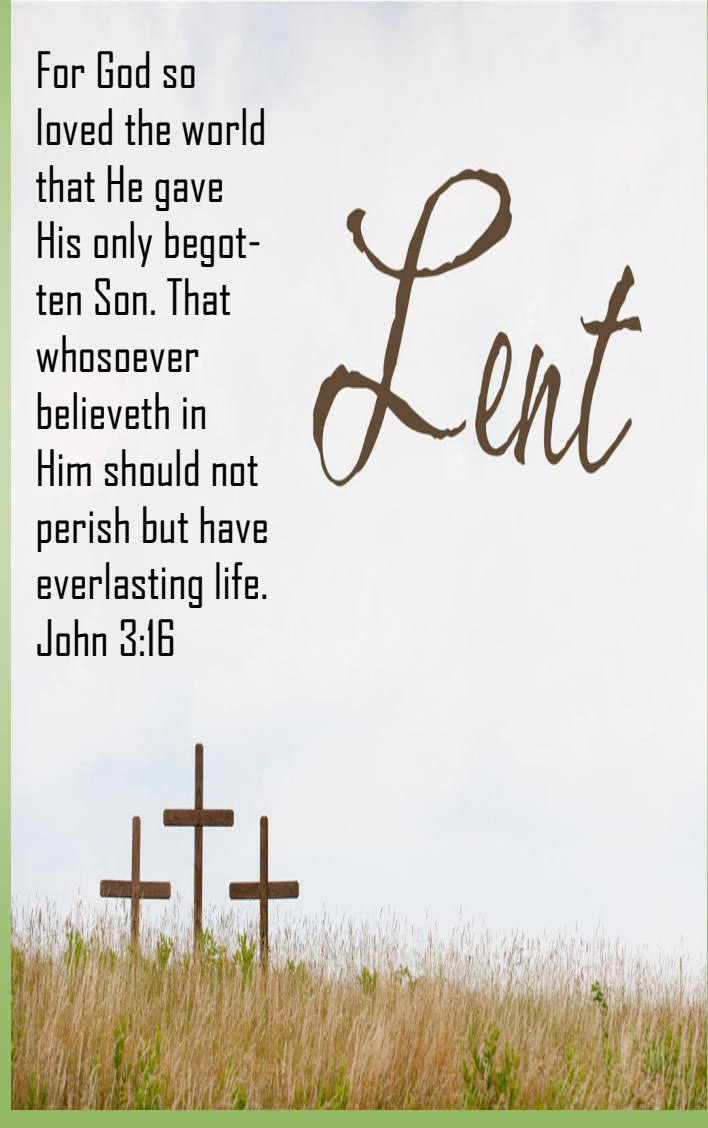
Birthdays
Dick VanDam ~ April 6
Irene VanderBerg ~ April 7

Anniversaries
Bob & Barb Razenberg ~ April 7



Ministry

Men’s Bible Fellowship meets this Wednesday, April 5 at 8 am. *(Please note: we will also meet on Wednesday, May 3 before taking a break for the summer.)*



Council News...

- Council met Tuesday , March 28, 2017
- The membership of Melissa (Gould) Keeley was transferred to Third CRC where her husband, Bryan, is Youth Pastor.
- Home bound member visitation by the elders and Pastoral Care Ministry Assistants continues faithfully.
- Bruce Fletcher did a financial review of 2016 and found the records to be in good order.
- Work on updating our Articles of Incorporation has begun and more information will be provided in the coming months.
- Motion to reduce the terms of office for elders and deacons from 3 to 2 years was approved.
- Emma Schering has agreed to transfer from Shepherding Deacon to Administrative Deacon for the balance of her term in office.
- Decision was made to call an Administrative Elder (President) and a Shepherding Deacon to a 1 year term to facilitate orderly 'rotation' because of the newly approved 2 year terms . The list of nominees will be published April 23 and election of the new office bearers will be accomplished by means of "casting lots" on Sunday, May 14. Installation will take place on Sunday, May 21.
- Pastor Simon provided a thorough report of his work since last Council meeting.
- Emma Schering gave a report on the March 11 meeting of Classis.
- Appreciation was expressed to both Gary Broekhuizen and Bob Razenberg for their faithful years of service.
- Next Council meeting is Tuesday, May 28, 2017.

Missions & Missionaries...

Loaves & Fishes wish list:

April: Canned Tuna

Please place your donations in the grocery cart in the fellowship hall

Emails or Letters to Missionaries...

Jim & Marian Razenberg ~ Jairo Solano
Chad & Jeni Scheel ~ Larry Spalink
Emma Schering ~ Van Ankum Family

If you do not have a copy of our missionaries' email addresses, both their most current newsletter and email addresses are on the Missionary table next to the mailboxes

Offering Schedule

April 2	General Fund: Christian Education Loose Change: CRC Home Missions
April 9	General Fund: Ministry Shares Loose Change: Benevolence Fund
April 16	General Fund: Faith Promise Loose Change: Kzoo Christian Sch
April 23	General Fund: Building Fund Loose Change: Kzoo Deacons Conf

Check Out Our Church Website! Please take a some time to check out our updated church website at www.heritagecrc.org. Our website exists as a great way for us to make a first impression to those who are looking for a church or wondering who we are and what we are about before they step through the doors. It's also a great way for our members to keep in touch. The weekly Heritage Happenings newsletter is posted on the website every Friday. Missed a Sunday or would like to share a recent sermon with friend or coworker? Audio recordings of the sermons are usually posted by Tuesday morning. This is a work in progress so your feedback is welcomed.



Requested Announcements



Inspire 2017 is a new kind of CRC event created to inspire, renew, energize, and ignite ministry leaders like you. Choose from over 75 ministry workshops, listen to dynamic keynote speakers, and join people from more than 1,000 CRC congregations for a conference like no

other! It is taking place August 3-5 in Detroit, Michigan. Check out the poster displayed by the church office and the “invites” on the table in the Narthex for more information or register now at crcna.org/Inspire2017.

Kalamazoo Christian Schools Spring Recycle 2017!! This year's Metal Recycle Drive will be held from April 20-22 in the High School parking lot. Now is a great spring clean up time. Clean out those garages/basements/barns/yards/and safely get rid of all those metal recyclables: like clothes hangers, clean tin cans, Christmas tree light strings, and electrical cords to appliances, scrap metal, metal tools, equipment, metal bed frames and even engines. All proceeds will benefit the Kalamazoo Christian School's capital budget needs. We also accept laptops, computer towers, keyboards, plasmas & LCDs (NO TV'S, NO CRT monitors), printers, copiers, fax machines and all business/office electronics, medical equipment with NO biohazards, cell phones & telecom equipment, DVD players & stereo equipment, network equipment & servers. Just about anything with a circuit board! If you have a lot of heavy items, call to see if we are able to arrange an option for large heavy item pick up. Check with the school office at 381-2044 for questions. Unloading assistance will be available at the site at scheduled times. To volunteer for our unloading/pickup crews, contact Larry Stehouwer at 269-760-4711. Drop off hours with onsite unloading assistance are:

Thursday: April 20: 7 to 10 am and 4 to 7 pm
Friday: April 21: 7 to 10 am and 4 to 7 pm
Saturday: April 22: 7 am to noon

Make note...



April 9...Palm Sunday



April 14...Good Friday Worship at 7 pm



SEN April 16...Easter Celebration at 9:30 am
No Evening worship on April 16

