

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

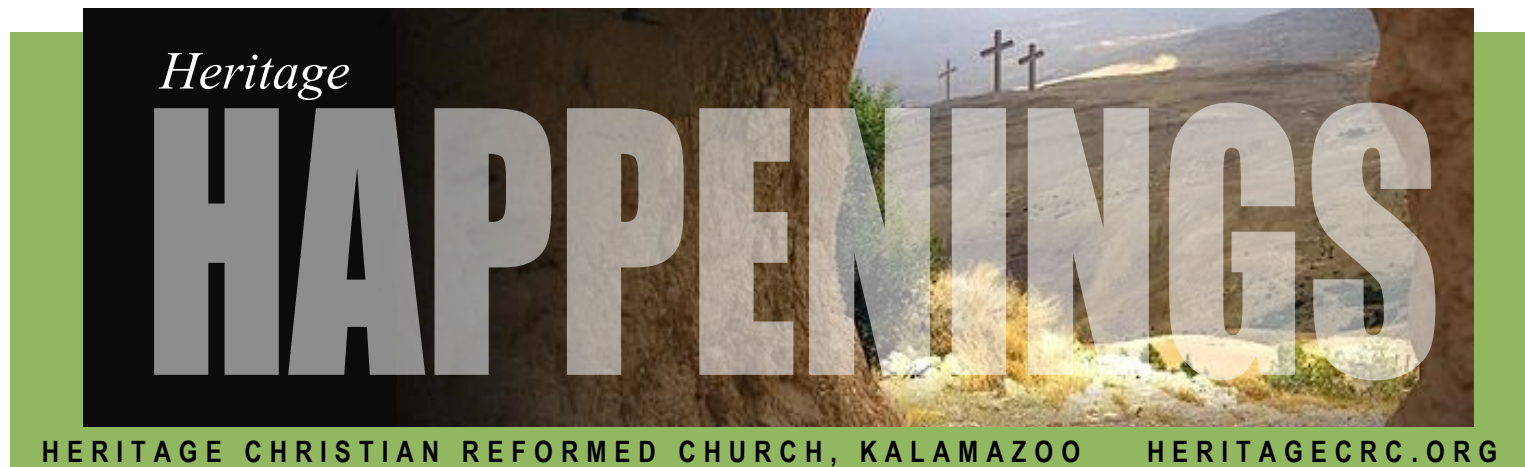
MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY:

May 3 - Dorothy Broekhuizen
May 10 - Chris Vandenberg
May 17 - Paul Booden
May 24 - Lisa Durian

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:

5/3 - Michelle Koning & Barb Razenberg
5/10 - Barb Razenberg & Joy Knurr
5/17 - Lisa & Olivia Bosch
5/24 - Sue Florian & Nancy Vandenberg

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				30 9:30 GROW Group	1 	2
3 Mission Emphasis Week 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 7:45 am Mobile Food Initiative 
17 Ascension Sunday 10 am Pastor Simon "Above All" Ephesians 1:15-23	18	19 3:30 Shep. Elders	20	21 12:00 Heritage Piecemakers	22	23

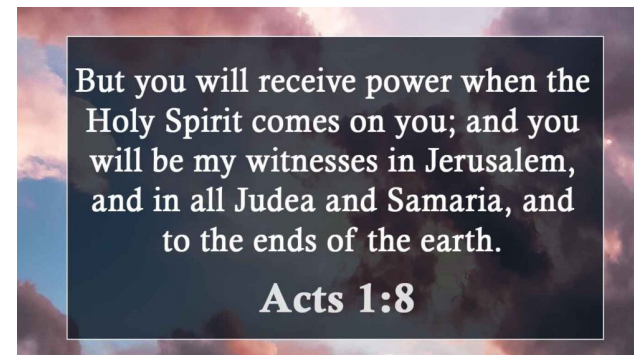


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What's up in Worship

This Sunday is the final Sunday of our Mission Emphasis Week. Please welcome to our pulpit, guest pastor, Rev. Joshua Amaezechi, Missionary Pastor at Heritage Church and President of LEMA (Leadership Education Mission Alliance). His sermon is "You Have the Power for Missions" based on Acts 1:1-11.



This Sunday, May 3, is Communion Sunday. We invite all who have been baptized in the name of the Triune God and confess Jesus as their Savior, to join us at the table of our Lord for Communion. Trays will be passed down each pew. As we prepare to celebrate holy communion, Scripture calls us to examine ourselves before God. Let us therefore ask God for the proper spirit in which to celebrate the sacrament so that we may be spiritually revived, and strengthened in faith, hope, and love, through Christ our Lord.

Celebrations...

Birthdays...

May 5 ~ Nickolas Finch



Membership Update: The shepherding elders received and accepted Linda VanGoey's request to become a member. Please join us in formally welcoming her to Heritage CRC. They also approved the request of Tara (Razenberg) Mastenbrook to transfer her membership to Southridge Reformed Church. May Jake and Tara be richly blessed as they embrace their membership in this congregation.



Church Calendar for May 3-9:

- Sunday 10:00 Worship Service
- Wednesday 8:30 Men's Bible Study

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.



There are three pianos in the last south west room of the education wing that need to be removed in the next three weeks. If you know of a new home please let a council member know. We need to clear out some areas soon. Also there will be an update on preschool happenings in next weeks heritage happenings.



The Pulitzer Prize winner of 1924 still has reliance today. The book is based on the life of Anje Wagemester Paarlberg a widowed mother of South Holland, Illinois. The book dares to celebrate quiet perseverance over flashy success. It is not just a story but a standard. We meet at 10 am on Tuesday, May 26, come join us.



Offering Schedule

- 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
- May 24 General Fund
Loose Change: Rehoboth Christian School

Offerings

Deposited for April 26, 2026

- Benevolence Fund ~ \$200.00
- Building Fund ~ \$130.00
- Christian Ed. Assistance ~ \$25.00
- Faith Promise ~ \$115.00
- General Fund ~ \$2,806.03
- Growing Hope Globally ~ \$240.00
- Kalamazoo Christian ~ \$346.00
- Ministry Shares ~ \$60.00
- Resonate Global Mission ~ \$100.00



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.



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 now available. We encourage you to pick one up and prayerfully consider the way in which God is asking you to take part in accomplishing His Mission. Just fill in the amount on the Commitment Slip (do not put your name on the slip since your commitment is only between you and God) and place it in the offering basket at the doorway.

This week, 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

This week marks Teacher Appreciation Week in the United States and Canada. One of the most significant glimpses of Jesus' teaching that we have in the Bible can be found in the Sermon on the Mount (Matt. 5-7). This week spend some time reading and reflecting on this important message as you sit under the teaching of Jesus. Then think of people in your life who have taught you about Jesus. Send them a quick note of thanks for helping you to learn about God. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive



ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner Devotions: Why Compare When You're Already You? - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Why Compare When You're Already You?" at www.kidscorner.net. God made every kid one-of-a-kind, and that's something to celebrate! When we remember that God loves us just as we are, we can use our special gifts to share His love with others. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the Bible Story coloring pages available on the KC activities page.

Groundwork: How to Live in Christ - Keeping laws and customs won't benefit our salvation at all, but that doesn't mean our actions don't matter. Join Groundwork as we study Galatians 5-6 to examine Paul's description of how we should live in Christ. Together, we'll discuss the Fruits of the Spirit and what grateful Christian living looks like as we follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.