

HERITAGE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH, KALAMAZOOHERITAGECRC.ORG

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:
Aug. 17 & 24 Bob & Mary Deters/Bob & Barb Razenberg
Aug 31 & Sep 7 Dorothy Broekhuizen & Rose Dame/Glen & Ruth Wagner

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY: Glen Wagner/Donnie Waterhouse
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SERVICE MINISTRY: Judy Wieringa/Kathy VanderMeer

Districts

A-M
N-Z

Elder

Glen Wagner
Rick Lingbeek

Deacon

Teri Wagner
Roger Selles

MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY:
Aug. 17 - Paul Booden
Aug. 24 - Lisa Durian
Aug 31
Sept 7

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:
8/17 - Mary Deters & Michelle Koning
8/24 - Barb Razenberg & Kim Bruinwood
8/31 - Pam Gould & Sue Mejeur
9/7 -

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HAPPENINGS

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What’s up in Worship

Summer in the Psalms: Every summer seems to have a soundtrack. Even when you hear just a few simple bars of “that song” you are automatically transported back. This Summer, join us as we once again set our hearts to the Psalms. This week Pastor Simon’s sermon is based on Psalm 4, “**Peace-filled Confidence.**”

Upcoming Sermon Series: Revelation: Until He Comes ~ The book of Revelation is a letter written to encourage persecuted Christians to remain steadfast to the One who has come and will come again. Beginning September 7, join us for this series as we discover hope and comfort for those who follow Christ.

Sunday Morning Media Operator: We need 1-2 volunteers who are willing to run the PowerPoint presentation once a month during the worship service, ensuring smooth transitions between slides and media elements. If you are willing to serve or have a question about the role please talk to Pastor Simon.

Celebrations...

Anniversaries...
Ernie & Donnie Waterhouse ~ August 20

Church Calendar for August 17-23:

Sunday 10:00 Sunday Worship



Tuesday 3:30 8:00 Shepherding Elders
First day of school for Y5’s

Saturday 7:45 Mobile Food Initiative

Mobile Food Initiative is
Saturday, August 23.

7:45 AM at Heritage CRC.

See you there!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				14	15	16
17 10 am Pastor Simon “Peace-filled Confidence” Psalm 4	18	19 3:30 Shep. Elders	20	21	22	23 7:45 am Mobile Food Initiative 
24 10 am Pastor Simon “When Words Hurt” Psalm 12	25	26 10 am Book Club 6:30 Council	27	28	29	30
31 10 am Joey DeKoekkoek	1 	2	3 8 am Men’s Bible Study	4	5	6

Preschool Update: This coming week, the Young 5's program from Kalamazoo Christian School will begin its 4th year of renting space in our facility. Last Fall, the congregation gave approval to the school to build on to our facility to expand their early education program on our campus. This plan was eventually set aside due to the cost.

Several months ago, the school contacted us regarding a different proposal to expand their early education program on our campus. This would not involve a new building addition but utilizes space within our current facility. This proposal is preliminary though much of it does incorporate plans approved last Fall. The Administrative Board met with Marc Verkaik on Tuesday and a special meeting of the council to discuss this proposal is planned for Tuesday, August 26.

There are still quite a few unanswered questions, but we want to make the congregation aware of where things stand at the present. We hope that in the coming weeks more details will be available, and we will keep you updated as we are able. If you have any questions, please reach out to Bob Razenberg or Jim Bosch.

On a separate note, a new fire alarm and detection system will be installed in the church facility in the coming days. Due to the age of the old system and concerns with its reliability, the council gave approval for FSS Technologies to proceed with the complete replacement of a new system at a cost of \$17,100.



In the book *Children of the Stars* by Mario Escobar, you will join Jacob and Moses (two German Jewish brothers) as they travel across France to reunite with their parents during WWII. It is a story of faith, hope, and the kindness of strangers prevailing over evil. The meeting is Tuesday August 26 at 10:00.



Offering Schedule

- Aug. 17 General Fund & Faith Promise
Loose Change: Benevolence Fund
- Aug. 24 General Fund & Building Fund
Loose Change: Kal. Valley Gleaners
- Aug. 31 General Fund
Loose Change: Luke Society
- Sept. 7 General Fund & Christian Ed. Assistance
Loose Change: Centrica of SW Michigan

Offerings (deposited for August 10, 2025)

- Building Fund ~ \$10.00
- Christian Ed. Assistance ~ \$20.00
- Faith Promise ~ \$100.00
- General Fund ~ \$6,506.00
- Kalamazoo Gospel Ministries ~ \$228.00
- Ministry Shares ~ \$239.00



Don't forget to register for the Bible League International conference to be held at Friendship CRC in Byron Center on Friday, September 5. The doors open at 9 am and the program will begin at 9:30 am. Our guest speaker will be Alicia Bruxvoort. Alicia is a writer, speaker and author with Proverbs 31 Ministries. Register at bibleleague.org/tickets. If you need registration assistance, please call Bible League at 708.367.8921 / 8:30am to 4pm CT / M-F. Registration fee covers conference expenses only. There will be an opportunity for your financial support for providing Scripture to children worldwide at the event.



Park Village Pines presents the *2025 Fall Gala with Tim Tebow*. The event will be held on Friday, September 12 at 6:30 pm at the Radisson Plaza Hotel in downtown Kalamazoo. To order tickets contact Maria Weathers at: mariaweathers@parkvillagepines.org or call 269-364-6051.



Men's Bible Study: The Men's Bible Study kicks off a new season on Wednesday, September 3 at 8AM and meets the first Wednesday or every month. Join us as we begin a study of Ecclesiastes. If you are interested, please talk to ken Byle or Pastor Simon. New members are always welcome!



We are looking for a few more people to help mow the big yard in front of church, please talk to Ernie Waterhouse if you are interested. Thank you!

World Renew

Ride to Renew: Cycle for Change - Join World Renew for the ride of a lifetime from November 1–9, 2025. 100 riders will cycle through beautiful Florida and help raise funds to equip 1,500 farmers worldwide with sustainable farming practices. Each rider commits to raising \$3,000, directly supporting 15 global farmers in achieving food security for their families and communities. Let's ride together for a more food-secure future! For more information and to register, visit worldrenew.net/ridetorenew

Calvin University

Calvin University 150th Anniversary Events - Calvin University is celebrating its 150th anniversary and you're invited to join us in marking the occasion all year long! Check the calvin.edu/150 website for details on many events going on at Calvin throughout the anniversary year. Some ways we're celebrating include Celebration Weeks on campus, Calvin On-the-Road events to 30 cities, an Anniversary Worship Celebration in March 2026, and a 150th Anniversary Hymn Text Contest.

Family Faith Formation Tip

In his book *Just Mercy*, Bryan Stevenson writes, “The true measure of our character is how we treat the poor, the disfavored, the accused, the incarcerated, and the condemned. We are all implicated when we allow other people to be mistreated.” These words speak directly to the heart of Micah 6:8. As you go through this week, focus on aligning your actions with those of the one who seeks justice in all spaces. Note down your observations at the end of the week, and consider what your daily practice can become moving forward. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner Devotions: God's Grand Story: The Boy with the Supersized Supper - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "God's Grand Story: The Boy with the Supersized Supper," at www.kidscorner.net. In today's Bible story, a boy thought that what he had was not enough. But like him, you will be surprised by what God can do with our "not-enoughs". Thank God for being the God of abundance. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the Kids Corner Bible Story Podcast Series.

Groundwork: God Longs to Restore His People - Amidst all the judgment in Hosea, God reveals the tender ache of a father's heart, and we find powerful images of restoration. Join Groundwork as we study Hosea 11 and 14 and discuss how this ancient prophecy still calls us back to the heart of God and offers us a roadmap for restoration. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Alternatives of Kalamazoo: A baby basinet is available in the gym/fellowship hall for donations to support Alternatives Pregnancy Care Center of Kalamazoo. **The center is in need of Pull-ups for both girls and boys -sizes 3T, 4T, 5T, & Wipes!** Lets fill the bassinet full of toddler items. They will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for all your generous giving.

