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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. 16 & 23 Bob & Jane Pangle, Nick & Melissa Piontek
Aug. 30 & Sept. 6 Linda DeLoof, Arnie Keur, Becky Smith

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

Districts

A-M
N-Z

Elder

Glen Wagner
Bill Vroegop

Deacon

Teri Wagner
Judy Wieringa

MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY:
Aug.23 - Lisa Durian
Aug. 30 -
Sep. 6 - Dorothy Broekhuizen
Sep. 13 - Chris VandenBerg

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:
8/23 - Joy Knurr & Michelle Koning
8/30 - Lisa & Olivia Bosch
9/6 - Barb Razenberg
9/13 - Mary Deters & Joyce Truscott

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				20	21	22 7:45 am Mobile Food Initiative 
23 10 am Pastor Simon “Hard-pressed, But Not Crushed” Psalm 129	24	25 10 am Book Club	26	27	28	29
30 10 am Pastor Simon “The Beauty of Belonging” Psalm 133	31	1 	2 8 am Men’s Bible Study	3	4	5
6 Communion Sunday 10 am Pastor Simon “Holding On To Faith” 1 Timothy 1:1-20 11:30 Church Potluck	7	8 7 pm Admin Board	9	10 9:30 am GROW Group	11	12

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HAPPENINGS

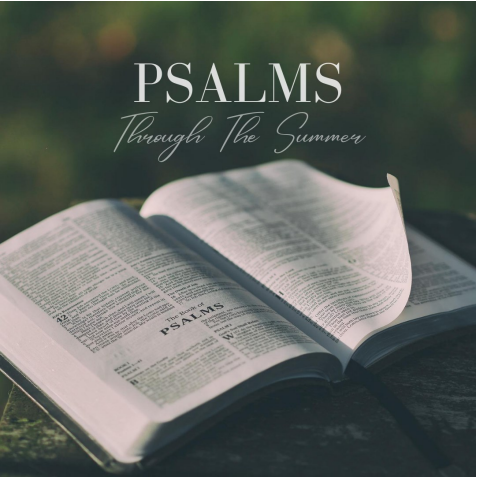
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What’s up in Worship

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. Pastor Simon’s sermon this week is based on Psalm 129, “Hard-pressed, But Not Crushed.”



FAITH TESTED AND FOUND TRUE:

First and Second Timothy are among Paul’s most personal and practical letters. Paul writes to Timothy to instruct and encourage him in gospel ministry. It applies broadly to all Christians as it reminds us that the good news is the standard for sound doctrine and the motivation for godliness. Join us this Fall as we discover practical advice on how to live out our calling as Christians. The series begins Sunday, September 6.

Lisa will be in the office next week on Tuesday and Wednesday, please have any newsletter announcements to the office by Wednesday morning at 8 am. Thank you.

Celebrations...

Birthdays...

August 25 ~ Ruth Fletcher
August 27 ~ Kathy VanderMeer
August 29 ~ Fr4ances Smeda



Upcoming

EVENTS

Church Calendar for August 23-29

Sunday 10:00 am Worship Service
Tuesday 10:00 pm Book Club

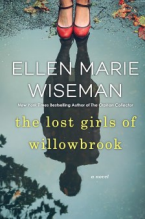
thank you

Dan and I would like to thank so many members of our church who sent cards, who called to wish me well after surgery and brought us so much food. Dan never had to wonder what to serve for dinner. But it wasn’t only the food, it was the phone calls and offers to help if needed. We are so blessed to belong to this group of church members. Thank you so much!

Irene & Dan VanderBerg



Book Club will meet Tuesday, August 25 at 10:00 to discuss *The Lost Girls of Willowbrook* by Ellen Marie Wiseman. When Sage is sixteen she realizes that her twin sister is not dead, but was put in Willowbrook School six years earlier. Rosemary is now missing from the school. In her effort to find her, Sage is admitted to the school. Heartbreaking, but a story of conditions that we probably should be aware of.



Men's Bible Study: Men's Bible Study resumes on Wednesday, September 2 at 8 am as we continue our study of Ecclesiastes lesson 10. We meet the first Wednesday of each month at 8 am. All men are welcome. If you would like more information, please contact Pastor Simon or Ken Byle.



Coffee break will resume meeting on the 15th of September at 9:30 in the morning. We will be discussing the book of Ephesians. Normally we meet the first and third Tuesdays of the month. Books will be available from Ellen Byle.



Attention ladies - GROW GROUP Bible study will resume on September 10, we meet at church every Thursday at 9:30am. All ladies are welcome to join us for a wonderful time of fellowship and Bible study!

Offering Schedule

- Aug. 23 General Fund
Loose Change: Kalamazoo Valley Gleaners
- Aug. 30 General Fund
Loose Change: Kal. Christian Schools
- Sep. 6 General Fund
Loose Change: ReFrame Ministries
- Sep. 13 General Fund
Loose Change: Alternatives of Kalamazoo

Offerings ~ Deposited for August 16, 2026

- Benevolence Fund ~ \$524.00
- Building Fund ~ \$130.00
- Faith Promise ~ \$570.00
- General Fund ~ \$6,201.35
- Growing Hope Globally ~ \$375.00
- Pacific Island Ministries ~ \$20.00



Ministry Opportunity: Since 2008, some of our members have served as Pastoral Care Ministry Assistants (PCMA) and assisted the pastor and shepherding elders in visiting and encouraging members who are homebound, in the hospital or living in nursing homes. If you might be interested in serving as a PCMA or would like to see a ministry description for this position, please contact Pastor Simon or one of the shepherding elders, Bill Vroegop and Glen Wagner.

After reaching out to Oshtemo Township the school was able to get permission to start the Young 5's program on Friday, August 21. Tentative plans are to open the 3's and 4's classes in September once the new fire alarm system is installed by EPS and it passes inspection by the township.



Adopt Daisy and Maisy! The Growing Hope Globally sign up poster is by the office, we only have two more weeks to fill in to have Daisy and Maisy fed for the whole year. It's \$60 per week. You can sign up today to help fill those last weeks. Thank you!



Below is the schedule for another Senior University seminar series to be held at Park Village Pines the next couple weeks. Feel free to spread the word with any groups of individuals (prospective residents or family members) who might benefit from these sessions. They do not have to register for these sessions, and they may come to as few or as many sessions as they wish. Thanks so much!

Tuesday, August 25 – 3:00-4:00 P.M. – “Estate Planning/Wills and Trusts” with Chico Obande (Willis Law)

Tuesday, September 1 – 3:00-4:00 P.M. – “Dealing with Challenging Behaviors: Dementia/Alzheimer's/Other” with Dr. Elmira Yes-sengaliyeva (Geriatric Psychiatrist)



Mobile Food Initiative is **Saturday, August 22.**
7:45 AM at **Heritage CRC.**
See you there!

Family Faith Formation Tip

“Wondering questions” are an excellent way to engage kids (and people of all ages!) with Scripture. For example, after you read the creation story, ask open-ended questions like “I wonder what it looked like when God created the stars?” “I wonder what it would be like if there were no predators in our world?” “I wonder what you would feel like if you were the first person in God’s creation?” Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner Devotions: A New School Year: What Can I Offer? - Check out this week’s kids’ devotion, “A New School Year: What Can I Offer?” at www.kidscorner.net. Choose the best ways this school year to show love to God. Maybe it’s by helping a classmate, working hard in school, or being kind when it’s not easy. Maybe it’s all of these and more! Check out the new Kids Corner Devotions app at <https://kidscorner.net/app>

Groundwork: Jesus is the High Priest Who Meets Our Needs - Do you ever feel alone, like no one can understand what you’re going through? Join Groundwork as we study Hebrews 4:14-7:28 to learn about the high priest Melchizedek. Together, we’ll see how the author of Hebrews draws a connection between Melchizedek and Jesus to help us better understand the extent to which Jesus truly understands, cares for, and meets our needs. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork’s weekly emails for future episodes.