

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 Judy Wieringa & Rose Dame/Glen & Ruth Wagner

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY: Glen Wagner/Donnie Waterhouse  
PRAYER EMAIL MINISTRY: hcrcprayer@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:

Aug. 24 - Lisa Durian  
Aug 31  
Sept 7  
Sept 14 - Chris VandenBerg

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:

8/24 - Barb Razenberg & Kim Bruinwood  
8/31 - Pam Gould & Sue Mejeur  
9/7 - Barb Razenberg  
9/14

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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 24, “Those Who Seek Him.”

**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...

Birthdays...

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

What’s Happening This Week

Church Calendar for August 23-30:

Saturday 7:45 Mobile Food Initiative



Sunday 10:00 Sunday Worship

Tuesday 10:00 Book Club  
6:30 Council

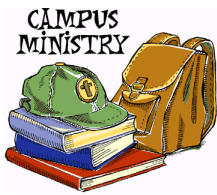
Mobile Food Initiative is  
**Saturday, August 23.**

**7:45 AM at Heritage CRC.**

**See you there!**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				21	22	23 7:45 am Mobile Food Initiative 
24 10 am Pastor Simon “Those Who Seek Him” Psalm 24	25	26 10 am Book Club 6:30 Council	27	28	29	30
31 10 am Joey DeKoekkoek “The Rest of the Story” Philippians 4:10-23	1 	2	3 8 am Men’s Bible Study	4	5	6
7 10 am Pastor Simon “The Revelation of Jesus Christ: The Alpha and Omega” Revelation 1 11:00 Church Potluck	8	9 7 pm Admin. Board	10	11 9:30 GROW Group 11:00 International Student Luncheon	12	13

The next International Student Luncheon is on Thursday, September 11. Sign up sheets are on the table by the office along with foil pans. Sign up soon! Thank you!



Our next church potluck will be on September 7 right after the morning worship. Come and enjoy great fellowship and delicious food. If you are able, please bring a dish to pass. All tableware and drinks will be provided.



**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!



**Coffee Break Ladies:** We will begin Coffee Break on Sept. 17 at 9:30 AM. The subjects of our studies will be the Prophets Elijah and Elisha. If you have any questions, contact Ellen Byle at 269-598-0806 or see me in church. Sign up on the sheet by the office and I will get you a book soon.



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. 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
- Sept 14 General Fund & Ministry Shares  
Loose Change: Alternatives of Kalamazoo

**Offerings (deposited for August 17, 2025)**

- Benevolence Fund ~ \$346.00
- Building Fund ~ \$75.00
- Christian Ed. Assistance ~ \$35.00
- Faith Promise ~ \$675.00
- General Fund ~ \$5,941.00
- Ministry Shares ~ \$105.00

**Preschool Update:** This past week, the Young 5's program from Kalamazoo Christian School began 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.



After a very informative and eye opening tour of the Ministries complex, it was decided we needed to help out. Each day they have a need for twin sheets,(410 beds) towels and underwear.

- Needed:
- ~New or gently used, clean twin sheets. Adult/kids
  - ~New or gently used, clean bath towels
  - ~Underwear, many have only a pair for a week! Basic styles, adult sizes, men and women, Med-2XL.

There is a collection box in the narthex. On the bulletin board in the fellowship hall there is full list of other needed items.

Thank you,  
Kathleen VanderMeer & Joy Knurr



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.

**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.



*Family Faith Formation Tip*

**In the book *Unsettling Truths*, theologian and professor Soong-Chan Rah writes: “Repentance is not just sorrow and confession, it is the turning around of wrong behavior towards right and just action. Repentance from sinful corporate behavior therefore requires systemic change.” Write down how you are going to pair your acts of repentance from “sinful corporate behaviors,” like racism, with acts of systemic change this week. Brought to you by Thrive: [crcna.org/Thrive](http://crcna.org/Thrive)**

**ReFrame Ministries**

**Kids Corner Devotions:** School -- Do It With All Your Might - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "School - Do It With All Your Might" at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). A new school year can feel exciting and a little scary, and that's okay! Whatever you do—learning, helping, or being kind—do your best like you're doing it for God, and he'll help you along the way. Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net), like the Kids Corner Bible Story Podcast Series.

**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](http://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.