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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:
Dec. 22 & 29 Arnie Keur, Linda DeLoof, Becky Smith, Linda VanGoeye
Jan. 5 & 12 Cameron & Helen Brown/Sue, Hannah, Jonathan Mejeur

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY: Glen Wagner/Donnie Waterhouse

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SERVICE MINISTRY: Judy Wieringa/Kathy VanderMeer

Districts

A-M
N-Z

Elder

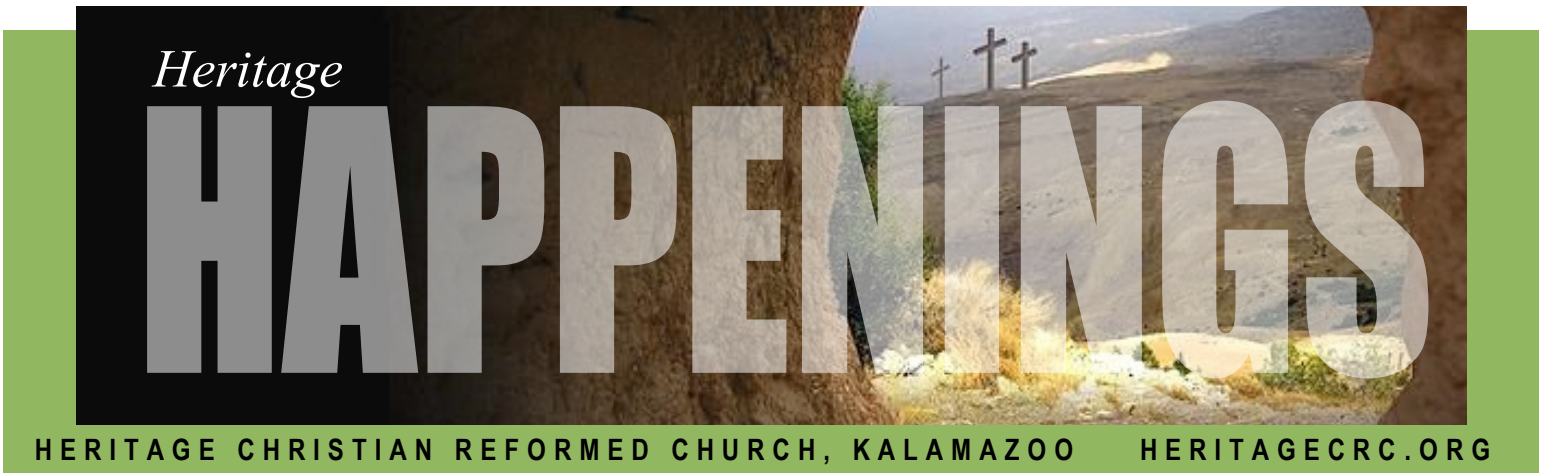
Glen Wagner
Rick Lingbeek

Deacon

Cheri Gavin
Roger Selles

MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY:
Dec. 29 - Chris VandenBerg
Jan. 5 - Ian Tuin
Jan. 12 - Chris VandenBerg

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:
12/29 - Joyce Truscott & Nancy VDB



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What’s up in Worship

Please welcome to our pulpit, guest pastor Rev. Michael VandenBerg as he leads us in worship this Sunday. His sermon is based on John 14:15-31 “Covenant Renewed.”

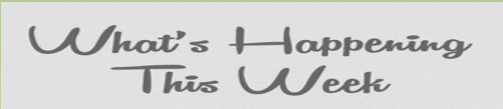


Upcoming Sermon Series
The Lord’s Prayer: One of the great privileges of every Christ follower is prayer. In this series we will examine each of the petitions in the Lord’s Prayer from Matthew 5:9-13 as an opportunity for us to grow in prayer. The series begins on January 12.



Celebrations...

Birthdays...
Matthew Carlisle ~ December 31
Ginny Carlisle ~ January 1
Lisa Durian ~ January 1
Michael VandenBerg ~ January 1



Church Calendar for Dec. 29-January 4:

Sunday 10:00 Worship Service



Thank you to all those who helped getting Christmas cards to our Shut-Ins. And thank you to all who gave cards! God Bless You!
The Deacons



Pastor Simon will be out of the office December 26-January 2. If a need arises please contact one of the elders.



The January/February Today booklets have arrived. Please pick up a copy outside the southeast sanctuary doors if you so desire a copy.

ATTENTION COFFEE BREAK LADIES
Coffee Break Bible Study will resume on Tuesday January 7. We will be discussing material from our book on the Disciple John. Look forward to seeing you in 2025.



GROW GROUP

Our Thursday morning GROW Group will take the next few Thursdays off and will meet again on January 9. As always all are welcome to join us on Thursdays at 9:30 am.



Severe Weather Cancellation: In the event of severe weather and Sunday services are cancelled, closing information will be posted on Channel 3 WWMT at least 1 hour prior to the worship service start time. You can also sign up to receive text or email alerts from Channel 3. Go to WWMT website, click on weather, then closings. Then sign up to receive texts on your phone or email alerts for Heritage Christian Reformed Church.

Offering Schedule

- Dec. 29 General Fund
Loose Change: Park Village Pines
- Jan. 5 General Fund & Christian Education
Loose Change: Rehoboth Christian School
- Jan. 12 General Fund & Ministry Shares
Loose Change: Luke Society
- Jan. 19 General Fund & Faith Promise
Loose change: Kalamazoo Christian Schools

Offerings (deposited for December 22, 2024)

- Building Fund ~ \$150.00
- Christian Ed Assistance ~ \$75.00
- Faith Promise ~ \$230.00
- General Fund ~ \$4,060.00
- Loaves & Fishes ~ \$100.00
- Kalamazoo Valley Gleaners ~ \$302.00

From the Deacons: December 31, 2024 marks the end of the year for financial gifts that will be included in the 2024 summary of tithes and offerings to Heritage Church. All contributions received and deposited after January 1 will be included on your summary for 2025. In January, the deacons will place this summary in the mailbox of each member for whom a report is available. Questions? Please contact one of the deacons.

Offering Envelopes are here! Offering envelopes have been placed in your mailboxes! If you did not receive envelopes but would like them, please contact the church office or one of the deacons. Thank you for your generous support for the mission of sharing the gospel and the ministry of growing our faith and fellowship at Heritage CRC.



One last opportunity to donate to the Coffee Break ladies winter items drive. They are collecting **winter coats, hats, scarves, blankets, etc.** for those in need within the community. This will be an ongoing effort until the holiday season is over. Right after the year's end we will gather the items and deliver them to Kal. Gospel Ministries. Look for the box in the lobby area to place your donations. Any questions, please talk to Barb Nieboer or Joyce Truscott.



Alternatives of Kalamazoo: A baby basinet in available in the gym/fellowship hall for donations to support Alternatives Pregnancy Care Center of Kalamazoo. Needed items include diapers, baby food, new or gently used clothing, receiving blankets, etc. A list is available in the basinet. **Special needs right now are toddler clothing, sizes 2T-5T.** Thank you!

World Renew
Giving Thanks for You at Christmas -
Thank you for sharing God's love with people in need through World Renew during Advent. Your gift is providing help and hope for families, like Moses' in Malawi, who are facing poverty, disaster, and injustice today. If you want to help people through World Renew in the New Year, please go to worldrenew.net/gifts or call 800-552-7972. Thank you for sharing the Good News of God's love!

Calvin University
The January Series - The January Series of Calvin University returns January 20 through January 31. From Paralympians to historians, adventurers, and innovators, we have a topic for you to deepen your curiosity. Join us in the Covenant Fine Arts Center on the campus of Calvin University or online. More information can be found at www.calvin.edu/january-series



Do you enjoy doing puzzles? It's great for hand dexterity and eye coordination, plus its a great way to pass the time on those cold and snowing days that are heading our way. We have a table set up in the north wing with all sizes, 300 up to 1000 pieces. So take a look and if you want, bring one from home to share.

Family Faith Formation Tip

As we come to the end of a calendar year, this is a fitting time to look back. At a mealtime this week, share with someone else one thing that you're grateful for, one thing you're sad about, and one way you've seen God working in the past year. Read Psalm 90 together as a reminder that God directs our days, months, and years. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner: Home is a Blessing - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. God is our rock and our foundation. The home is the place where your family chooses to make a commitment to serve God. What a blessing! Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the Bible Story Podcast The Parable of the Wise and Foolish Builders.

Groundwork: Your Questions about Scripture and Hope - Join Groundwork as we study Matthew 6:9-13, 2 Timothy 3:16-17, Hebrews 11:13-16, Revelation 20:1-6, John 15:18-25, and Psalm 46 to look at some of the questions you asked this year in response to our discussions on the Lord's Prayer, Joshua, and Revelation; then we'll talk about the issues that feel most pressing for our faith right now and where we can find the hope and encouragement to keep living faithfully each day. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Prayerline:
All prayer requests, prayer updates, praise items, and requests should be sent to: hccrprayer@gmail.com

