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SUNDAY WORSHIP
@ 9:30 AM (Nursery provided)
SUNDAY EVENING @ 5:00 PM

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:
Wednesday at noon. Call,
leave a note, or e-mail to
churchoffice@heritagecrc.org.

Summer OFFICE HOURS:
Wednesday : 8:30 am—1:30 pm
Thursday : 8:30 am—12:30 pm

Volunteer Schedule...

NURSERY: February 12: Sue Mejeur & Pam Gould
February 19: Tara Razenberg & Teri Wagner

COFFEE SERVERS: Feb 12: Glen & Ruth Wagner, Ken & Ellen Byle, Ken & Dorothy VanDenBerg Feb 19/26: Dave & Carol Bonselaar, Sue Mejeur, Fred & Pam Gould

HEARTLAND HEALTHCARE CENTER
(Services begin at 3:30 pm & last approximately 30 minutes)
February 12: Herm Vanders & Marilyn Stremmler
February 19: Gary Broekhuizen & Ellen Byle

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY: Glen Wagner/Judy Fletcher
PRAYER EMAIL MINISTRY: prayerline@heritagecrc.org

SERVICE MINISTRY: February: Judy Wierenga

MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY: February 12: Ferrel Stremmler February 19: Ferrel Stremmler
PM: Gary Broekhuizen

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
12 9:30 am Pastor Simon “Sleepless in Susa” Esther 6 5 pm Pastor Simon “The Order of Salvation: Justification” Romans 3:21-28	13	14 Coffee Break Bible Study 9:30—11 am	15 P.U.S.H. Prayer Meeting 7 pm	16 G.R.O.W. Bible Study 9:30—11 am	17	18
19 9:30 am Pastor Simon “Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner?” Esther 7 5 pm Rev. A.J. Gretz “Jesus Is Willing” Mark 1: 40-45	20	21 Coffee Break Bible Study 9:30—11 am Shepherding Elders 3 pm Administration Board Meeting 7 pm (NEW DATE)	22	23 G.R.O.W. Bible Study 9:30—11 am	24	25 Mobile Food Initiative Prairie Ridge Elementary 8 am set up 9 am food drop
26 9:30 am Pastor Simon “May the Best Edict Win” Esther 8 5 pm Pastor Simon “The Order of Salvation: Adoption” Galatians 3:26-4:7	27	28 Coffee Break Bible Study 9:30—11 am	1 Men’s Bible Fellowship 8 am 	2 G.R.O.W. Bible Study 9:30—11 am	3	4
5 COMMUNION FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT 9:30 am Pastor Simon “God’s Silent Sovereignty” Esther 9-10 5 pm Pastor Simon “The Order of Salvation: Sanctification” Romans 6:1-14	6	7 Coffee Break Bible Study 9:30—11 am	8	9 NO G.R.O.W. Bible Study today	10	11 Kalamazoo Classis meeting at Milwood Community Church



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What’s up in Worship

The Book of Esther: God’s Silent Sovereignty

Where is God in the midst of chaos and uncertainty? Is He there? Does He care? We often ask these questions when we encounter events that seem to contradict what we believe about God. In the book of Esther, an all-powerful, perfect and ever-present God seems hidden yet the message is timeless; God’s sovereignty calls people in every age to Himself even when we do not know what He is up to in this world. Today Pastor Simon continues a sermon series on the book of Esther.

Celebrations

Birthdays
Francis Blank ~ February 13
Gert Nieboer ~ February 14
Lillieann Durian ~ February 18

Anniversaries
Nick & Stephanie Finch ~ February 14



Congregation Update...



Margaret Luteyn was transferred to Bronson Commons and is staying in room #335. She will be there for a few weeks to receive therapy. If you would like to send her a card, here is the address:
Margaret Luteyn, Room 335
Bronson Commons
23332 Red Arrow Highway
Mattawan, MI 49071

Ministry

Coffee Break Ladies are again collecting winter coats, hats & mittens for all ages. A box for this purpose is in the Narthex. Please remember those who are without these necessities during the cold winter months. Thank you.



The Book Club will not be meeting in February, 2017. See you in March!

We have been asked by the Red Cross to purchase cookies for the Veterans. All cookies must be purchased from the bakery department of grocery stores. Please mark cookies for veterans and place them in the Kitchen by Monday, February 27. If you have any questions, please see Evie Wenke.



From the Council...

Meeting of January 24, 2016

- * President Gary Broekhuizen opened the meeting with prayer.
- * The minutes of Council from November 22, 2016 were approved as well as the congregational meeting of December 13, 2016.
- * The Shepherding Deacons and Shepherding Elders shared a verbal report on their work.
- * The 2016 year-end financial report was reviewed. Appreciation was given to the congregation for their support of our ministry together.
- * The minutes of the Administrative Board were approved by the Council. This included a notice about the nomination process for new office-bearers which will begin in February. The council was also asked to complete the annual Pastor Evaluation form.
- * The council approved the request from Pastor Simon for a sabbatical from June 5-August 28, 2017. A letter giving details on the sabbatical will be sent to the congregation.
- * Council received Pastor Simon's written report of his activities.
- * The meeting of Classis Kalamazoo is scheduled for Saturday, March 11 at Milwood Community Church. Elder delegate is Ferrel Stremmer and deacon delegate is Emma Schering. Pastor Simon will be on vacation and unable to attend.
- * The Council entered a time of mutual censure to discuss the work that the Lord has committed to the church and its office bearers.
- * The next Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 28, 2017.
- * Elder Bill Vroegop closed the meeting with prayer.

Let your
Light So Shine
before men, that
they may see your **GOOD WORKS**,
AND *Glorify* your FATHER
which is in Heaven.

Missions & Missionaries...

Loaves & Fishes wish list:

February: Rice (bag or box)

Please place your donations in the grocery cart in the fellowship hall

Emails or Letters to Missionaries...

Roger & Jackie Croy ~ Jairo Solano

Bonnie DeHaan ~ Larry Spalink

Ann DeMaagd ~ Van Ankum Family

If you do not have a copy of our missionaries' email addresses, both their most current newsletter and email addresses are on the Missionary table next to the mailboxes

Offering Schedule

Feb 12	General Fund: Ministry Shares Loose Change: Wycliffe
Feb 19	General Fund: Faith Promise Loose Change: Benevolence Fund
Feb 26	General Fund: Building Fund Loose Change: Park Village Pines
March 5	General Fund: Christian Education Loose Change: Kuyper College

Offerings (for February 12)

Adopt a cow ~ \$50.00
Benevolence Fund ~ \$100.00
Building Fund ~ \$500.00
Christian Education Assistance ~ \$170.00
Faith Promise ~ \$50.00
General Fund ~ \$5,361.00
Initial offering ~ \$10.00
Ministry Shares ~ \$150.00
World Renew ~ \$117.50

Available Free in the Digital Library—

"You're Invited" is available free to all in the CRC through the Digital Library (crcna.org/Library). This one-week devotional helps parents or caretakers explain what the Lord's Supper is all about, get children ready to participate and encourage the whole family to respond in gratitude for this very special gift from God.



Requested Announcements



Kalamazoo Christian School Association Auction Tickets are

now on Sale for the March 25, 2017 event at The Fetzer Center. Join us for a buffet dinner and silent and live auctions. General admission tickets

are \$30. Reserved seating tickets can be purchased as part of a sponsorship by contacting Mary Denison at mary@denisoninc.com.

"Shining Light in the Darkness" Kalamazoo Christian Schools continue their efforts to partner with parents as we annually present speakers and resources that equip parents and help to develop discernment in an internet-filled world. We invite parents, as well as local youth leaders and youth groups, homeschool groups, and other interested people to join us at 7 pm on February 22 (held in the Middle School commons) as speaker and Unity Christian High School Bible teacher, Dan Landstra, will lead a presentation on "Shining Light in the Darkness—Equipping God's people to live with confidence in a social media culture" to inform us and guide us in discussion surrounding these important issues. Kalamazoo Christian high school and middle school students will be having special chapels to address the topics during that day, but in the evening a general session will be held where all are welcome to join us as we gain a better understanding of the impact social media and pornography have on teens and adults, as well as looking at strategies to guard hearts and minds. Dan Landstra has been a Christian School teacher for more than two decades, is married with four children, and his work with youth has challenged him to help equip them to live in today's world.

Let your
★ *light* ★
shine.

Food Resource Bank...

- ♦ Are you in the *mood* to help?
- ♦ Together, we can change the world.
- ♦ Won't you help feed Daisy this year through Food Resource Bank? The cost is \$40/week or \$160/month.
- ♦ Sign up today at the display in the Narthex if you are able to contribute to this vital ministry.
- ♦ Thank you for joining us in imagining a world without hunger, and working to make it happen. We are inspired by all that you have done and continue to do.



Inspire 2017 is a new kind of CRC event created to inspire, renew, energize, and ignite ministry leaders like you. Choose from over 75 ministry workshops, listen to dynamic keynote speakers, and join people from more than 1,000

CRC congregations for a conference like no other! It is taking place August 3-5 in Detroit, Michigan. Check out the poster displayed by the church office and the "invites" on the table in the Narthex for more information or register now at crcna.org/Inspire2017.

The 97th annual Calvin/Hope Rivalry basketball game happens again on Saturday, February 18!

Join your friends to cheer on the Knights and the Flying Dutchmen via remote broadcast at Erbelis, 6214 Stadium Dr, Kalamazoo from 3-5. Food and beverage will be available to purchase. Alumni and friends from both colleges are welcome! Please RSVP to catenbri@gmail.com, call 269-760-2282, or join the Facebook event "The Rivalry – Kalamazoo!"

