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

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:
Thursday by 10:00 am. Call,
leave a note, or e-mail to
churchoffice@heritagecrc.org.

OFFICE HOURS:
Wednesday: 10:00 am—3:00 pm
Thursday: 10:00 am—3:00 pm

Volunteer Schedule...

NURSERY: February 18: Gary Broekhuizen & Ruth Wagner
February 25: Kris Carlisle & Ellen Byle

COFFEE SERVERS:
Feb 18/25: Glen & Ruth Wagner, Ken & Ellen Byle, Fred & Pam Gould
Mar 4/11: Dave & Carol Bonselaar, Sue Mejeur, Fred & Pam Gould






HALLMARK LIVING
(Services begin at 3:30 pm & last approximately 30 minutes)
February 18: Gary Broekhuizen & Ellen Byle
February 25: Bill Vroegop

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY: Glen Wagner/Judy Fletcher

PRAYER EMAIL MINISTRY: prayerline@heritagecrc.org

SERVICE MINISTRY: February: Gretchen Vanders

MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY: Feb 18: Ferrel Stremler Feb 25: Ferrel Stremler
PM: Gary Broekhuizen

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
18 First Sunday of  9:30 am Pastor Simon "From Cover-up to Confession" 2 Samuel 11-12 5 pm Pastor Simon "His Son and Our Lord" Jude 24-25	19	20 Coffee Break Bible Study 9:30—11 am Shepherding Elders Meeting 3 pm	21 P.U.S.H. Prayer Meeting 7 pm	22 G.R.O.W. Bible Study 9:30-11 am	23	24 Mobile Food Initiative At Centerpoint 8 am Set up 9 am Food delivery
25 Second Sunday of  9:30 am Pastor Simon "A Failure of Nerve" 2 Samuel 13 5 pm Mr. Joey DeKoekkoek	26	27	28 Book Club 2 pm	1 G.R.O.W. Bible Study 9:30—11 am 	2	3
4 COMMUNION Third Sunday of  9:30 am Pastor Simon "Whose Kingdom Is It?" 2 Samuel 14-15 5 pm Pastor Simon "The Astonishing Incarnation" Hebrews 2:14-17	5	6 Coffee Break Bible Study 9:30—11 am	7 Men's Bible Fellowship 8 am	8	9	10 Daylight Savings Time Begins
11 Fourth Sunday of  9:30 am Rev. Chet Carlson 5 pm Rev. Chet Carlson	12	13 Coffee Break Bible Study 9:30—11 am Admin Board Meeting 7 pm	14	15 G.R.O.W. Bible Study 9:30—11 am	16	17



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What’s up in Worship



Join us in our continuing series on “*David: A King After God’s Own Heart*”. The story of David—a shepherd boy who becomes King—is one of the most extraordinary accounts in the Bible. Like every story in the Bible it reminds us we are not what we ought to be and yet God is always as He will be. Join us as we explore the life of David and learn what it means to live a life after God’s heart and how this ultimately leads us to our need for Jesus.

Celebrations

Birthdays

Lillieann Durian ~ February 18
Carole Bickle ~ February 20
Stephanie Finch ~ February 21
Phil Nieboer ~ February 23 ~ 83 years young!



February 18, 2018

Thank you

Thank you to all who made our old fashioned pot-luck last Sunday a success! Thank you for all the tasty food and great fellowship.

Ministry

Pass the Peace, But not the Germs! During this cold and flu season, and until further notice, we ask that everyone refrain from shaking hands during the time of mutual greeting or the passing of the peace. Consider instead offering one of the following: a holy hand wave, a fellowship fist bump, or encouraging elbow nudge along with a greeting of “The peace of Christ to you.”

The next book club meeting is on Wednesday, February 28 at 2 pm. We will discuss the book, “An Invisible Thread: the true story of an 11-year-old panhandler, a busy sales executive, and an unlikely meeting with destiny” written by Laura Schoff with Alex Tresniowski.

P.U.S.H. (Pray Until Something Happens) Prayer Meeting is this Wednesday night, February 21 at 7 pm. Please join us in bringing praise, needs, and desires before our Heavenly Father.



Why Bother with Lent?

Here are 5 benefits to observing Lent:

1. *Lent affords us the opportunity to search the depths of our sin and experience the heights of God's love.* With Good Friday approaching, visions of Jesus' gruesome death remind us of the dreadful reality of sin. Here, our individual and corporate brokenness is on display as the Lord of glory dies under the weight of our just judgment, inspiring introspection. Confident of God's grace in Jesus Christ, we are free to probe the inner recesses of our hearts, unearthing sin's pollution. God's grace liberates us to explore our soul, facing its filth, rather than suppressing or succumbing to its contents.
2. *Lent affords us an opportunity to probe the sincerity of our discipleship.* Jesus bore the cross for us, accomplishing our salvation, yet he also bestows a cross on us. Following him, Jesus guarantees unspeakable comforts and uncertainties. Frequently, these uncertainties test the genuineness of our discipleship. Therefore, as Augustine points out, we must take care to order our loves properly, ensuring that our affections are set on Christ and not another.
3. *Lent provides us an opportunity to reflect on our mortality.* Pursuing eternal youth, our culture seems to live in the denial of death. But ignoring death does not erase its impartiality—everyone who draws a first breath will take a last one. It is a certainty we can't escape. Fortunately, death is not the last word. For all who belong to Christ, there is a promise stronger than death—we will die, but Jesus will return to raise our bodies, wiping the tears from our eyes and making all things new.
4. *Lent gives us the opportunity to move towards our neighbor in charity.* Long misunderstood as a form of works-righteousness, Lenten fasting is not about scoring points with God, but rather emphasizes simplicity for the sake of others. By temporarily carving away some comforts or conveniences, good gifts from God himself, we hope to de-clutter our hectic lives, allowing us to focus. Simple living allows us to reserve time for others while also serving to curb our expenses. It is fitting to allocate these savings, along with other gifts, for charitable purposes, especially directing those funds to the poor and marginalized.

5. *Lent prepares us to celebrate the wonder and promise of Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday.* Here, Jesus trampled down sin and death, defeating the Devil. After a season of depravation, highlighting the grim reality of our broken creation, Jesus' resurrection floods our grief with life and light. In other words, Lent prepares us to join the disciples in their joy and bewilderment on that strange morning long ago. Our Easter worship is a dress rehearsal for our Lord Jesus' return when he comes to unite heaven and earth, making all things new.

~ This is adapted from an article by Chuck B. Colson, rector of the Church of the Ascension in Arlington, Virginia.

Ministry continued...

Coffee Break ladies are asking for donations of boxed or wrapped cookies to be given to the VA facility. You can also donate money toward purchasing cookies. Please give money donations to Joyce Truscott. We are collecting the cookies until next Sunday, February 25. There is a box in the Kitchen in which to place the cookies that have been purchased for the VA. Your donations are appreciated!

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...

Betty Vlietstra ~ David Heath
Bill & Ruth Vroegop ~ Joseph Mutebi
Glen & Ruth Wagner ~ Jairo Solano

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

- February 18 General Fund: Faith Promise
Loose Change: Benevolence Fund
- February 25 General Fund: Building Fund
Loose Change: Park Village Pines
- March 4 General Fund: Christian Education
Loose Change: Kuyper College
- March 11 General Fund: Ministry Shares
Loose Change: Hospice of Kalamazoo

Offerings (deposited for February 11)

- Building Fund ~ \$335.00
- Christian Education Assistance ~ \$1,000.00
- Faith Promise ~ \$30.00
- General Fund ~ \$2,851.00
- Memorial Fund ~ \$75.00
- Ministry Shares ~ \$561.00
- Wycliffe Bible Translators ~ \$182.00

Requested Announcements

MOSES (Making OurSelves Equipped Serv-ants) is seeking teens and adults to participate in two trips to help out folks affected by hurricanes Harvey and Irma. Dates are March 29-April 8. Cost is only \$375 for teens and \$265 for adult and teen leaders. See mosesweb.org for more information and registration instructions. Call Judy VanderArk at 616-949-0344 with any questions.

The Student Aid Fund Committee of Classis Kalamazoo invites students from its churches who are planning to pursue full-time ministry in the CRC (undergraduate or graduate level) and are in need of financial assistance for the academic year of 2018-19 to apply no later than April 30, 2018 by contacting Pastor Phil Kok at 269-327-1570 or philkok@charter.net. Undergraduate students must be at least in their junior year during 2018-2019. Students presently receiving aid must reapply.



Mobile Food Initiative this Saturday, February 24 at Centerpoint Church.

8 am set up
9 am food deliveries
See you there!

