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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 19: Tara Razenberg & Teri Wagner
February 26: Glen Wagner & Evie Wenke

COFFEE SERVERS: Feb 19/26: Dave & Carol Bonselaar, Sue Mejeur, Fred & Pam Gould
Mar 5/12: Dave & Kathy VanderMeer, Herm & Gretchen Vanders, Bonnie Colvin

HEARTLAND HEALTHCARE CENTER
(Services begin at 3:30 pm & last approximately 30 minutes)
February 19: Gary Broekhuizen & Ellen Byle
February 26: Dave Bickle

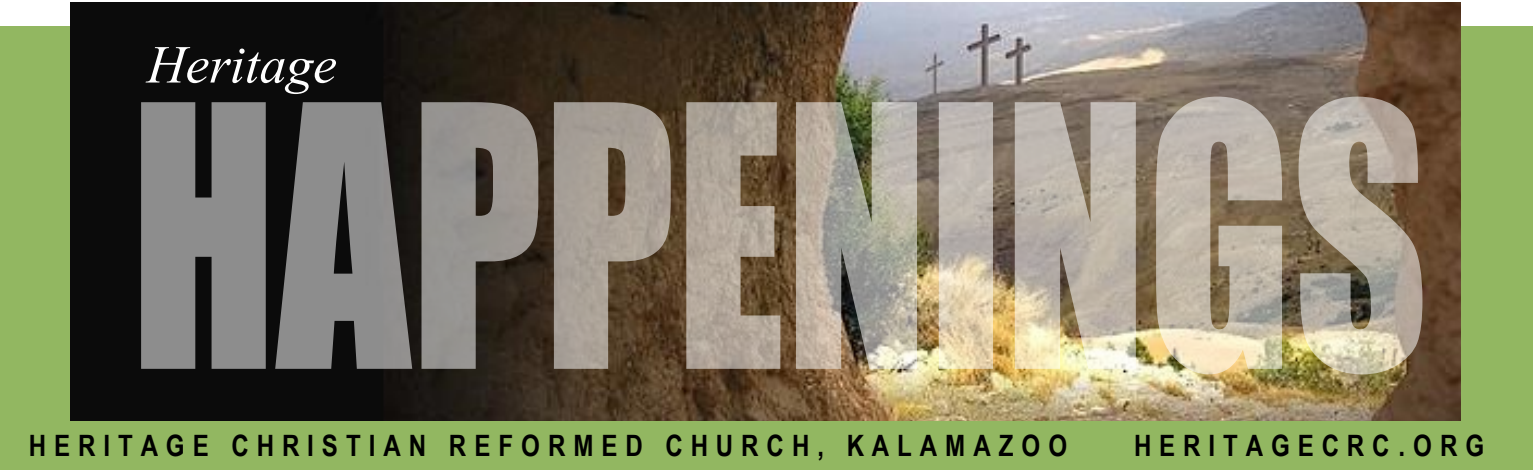
PRAYER LINE MINISTRY: Glen Wagner/Judy Fletcher

PRAYER EMAIL MINISTRY: prayerline@heritagecrc.org

SERVICE MINISTRY: February: Judy Wierenga

MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY: Feb 19: Ferrel Strempler Feb 26: Zach Razenberg
PM: Gary Broekhuizen

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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  Daylight savings begins!
12 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT 9:30 am Mr. Ron DeYoung 5 pm Rev. Brian Seifert	13	14 Coffee Break Bible Study 9:30—11 am Administrative Board Meeting 7 pm	15 P.U.S.H. Prayer Meeting 7 pm	16 G.R.O.W. Bible Study 9:30—11 am	17	18



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What’s up in Worship

Encounters With Jesus: A Lenten Series ~ The Gospel of John records several encounters individuals had with Jesus Christ. In these encounters, Jesus addresses the big “meaning of life” questions: Why am I here? What’s wrong with the world? What (if anything) can make it right, and how? Join us in this Lenten sermon series as we discover how Jesus presents himself as the answer to these questions and discover the beauty of who Jesus is and what he has done. The series begins Sunday, March 19.



We welcome to our pulpit this evening, Rev. AJ Gretz from Third CRC. We pray God’s blessing on Rev. Gretz as he leads us in worship.

Thank you

To all of you at Heritage CRC—Thank you so much for investing in faith formation in the Christian Reformed Church. We deeply appreciate your partnership as together we all grow in Christ! Thank you for your gift. Blessings and joy to you all!

Faith Formation Ministries

Dear Heritage—What a wonderful feast you provided for the student lunch at WMU! The food was great but the conversation was even better! We are very grateful for you all and your service!

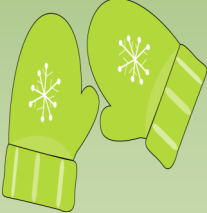
Pastor Laura, WMU

Celebrations

Birthdays
Ted Howing ~ February 19 ~ 82 years young!
Carole Bickle ~ February 20
Stephanie Finch ~ February 21
Phil Nieboer ~ February 23 ~ 82 years young!

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.



Ministry continued...

Nominations for Elder and Deacon: Shortly, it will once again be time to give our thanks for those who have served the Lord and His Church so faithfully and elect members to serve on the Council as either an elder or deacon. As the council begins the process please consider the following requests:

- 1. Pray the Holy Spirit will raise up the nominees we will need for the office of administrative elder (1) and administrative deacon (1).
- 2. Use the form available in your mailboxes today and submit to the Clerk of Council, Jerry Oele, the names of those you believe are qualified and gifted to be called to serve in either office. Please speak to any person you nominate to determine if they would be available and willing to serve. Nominations are due Sunday, March 26.

Drivers Needed! The Shepherd's Center needs your help! The center desperately needs volunteer drivers to help independent seniors who can no longer drive, in getting them to doctor's appointments. Your schedule will be accommodated for those daytime appointments. Please call 383-1122 for more information.

Break Time ~ Are you or someone you know caring for a loved one with dementia or early Alzheimer's Disease? The Shepherd's Center Break Time Club is an affordable respite program that meets Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:30 am until 3:30 pm. Caregivers receive a much needed break while providing social stimulation for the older person in their care. For more information call, 383-1122.



Missions & Missionaires...

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...

Matt & Lisa Durian ~ Kathleen Lauder
Sy & Jan Ellens ~ Larry Spalink
Ed & Karan Finch ~ David Heath

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 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
March 12	General Fund: Ministry Shares Loose Change: Pacific Island Minis

Offerings (for February 19)

Adopt a cow ~ \$145.00
Christian Education Assistance ~ \$70.00
Faith Promise ~ \$35.00
General Fund ~ \$4,435.35
Initial offering ~ \$5.00
Ministry Shares ~ \$579.00
Wycliffe Bible Translators ~ \$146.50

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 tick-

ets 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.

Church Bulletin bloopers...

- ♦ Ushers will eat latecomers.
- ♦ The Senior choir invites any member of the congregation who enjoys sinning to join the choir.
- ♦ The outreach committee has enlisted 25 visitors to make calls on people who are not afflicted with any church.

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.



"Faith means believing in things you've never seen...like your feet!"