

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:
Feb. 4 & 11Cameron & Helen Brown/ Sue & Jonathan Mejeur
Feb. 18 & 25John & Kim Bruinwood/ Judy Fletcher & Sue Florian

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY: Glen Wagner/Donnie Waterhouse

PRAYER EMAIL MINISTRY: prayerline@heritagecrc.org

SERVICE MINISTRY: Judy Wieringa/Kathy VanderMeer

MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY:
Feb. 11 - LillieAnn Durian
Feb. 18 - Paul Booden
Feb. 25 - Lisa Durian

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:
2/11 - Barb Razenberg & Joyce Truscott
2/18 - Ruth Mather & Melissa Piontek
2/25 - Sue Florian & Wendy Rose

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What’s up in Worship

Better: A Journey Through Hebrews – There has always been pressure on those who belong to Jesus to deny Him and find something better. Join us in this series on the book of Hebrews as we discover its re-sounding message that Jesus is better than everything we might try to satisfy the deepest longing of our hearts. This week’s sermon title is: **“Jesus: The Great High Priest”**, based on Hebrews 4:14-5:10.

thank you

Thank you so much to the women who helped prepare, serve and clean up for the luncheon following our precious mom Ruth's recent homegoing! Your thoughtfulness was such a blessing to us and to all that attended. We are so blessed by the love and kindness shown to us by you and the entire Heritage congregation.

With much gratitude and appreciation,
The Bill Vroegop Family

Birthdays...
Dan VanderBerg ~ February 11
Chris VandenBerg ~ February 12
Gert Nieboer ~ February 14
Deb VanderMeer ~ February 14

Anniversaries...
Nick & Stephanie Finch ~ February 14

Church Calendar for February 11-17:

Sunday10:00 Worship Service

Wednesday10:00 Reformation Bible Study
7:00 Admin Council

Thursday9:30 GROW Group

Book Club will meet on Tuesday February 27 at 10:00 to discuss our next book. Lessons in Chemistry follows Elizabeth Zott from a one-of-a-kind scientist in 1960's California to an unexpected detour when she becomes the unlikely star of a beloved cooking show. Read with us to find out the extraordinary events that lead to this. Books available from Dorothy Broekhuizen

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				8 9:30 GROW Group	9 9:30 am Heritage Piecemakers	10
11 10:00 am Pastor Simon “The Great High Priest” Hebrews 4:14-5:10	12	13	14 10 am Reformation Bible Study 7 pm Admin Council	15 9:30 GROW Group	16	17
18 10:00 am Pastor Simon “To Make Our Hope Sure” Hebrews 5:11-6:20	19	20 9:30 am Coffee Break 3:30 Shep. Elders	21 10 am Reformation Bible Study	22 9:30 GROW Group	23	24 7:45 Mobile Food Initiative
25 10:00 am Pastor Simon “A Permanent Priesthood” Hebrews 7:1-28	26	27 10 am Book club	28 10 am Reformation Bible Study	29 9:30 GROW Group	1 Hello March	2

Council Update from January 23, 2024

- 1. The Shepherding Elders shared a verbal report of their ministry activities including the pastoral care of our home bound members.
- 2. The Shepherding Deacons shared a verbal update of their work including the distribution of year-end giving statements and the ministry of the benevolent fund to our community.
- 3. The minutes of the Administrative Board were approved. This included a notice that the nomination process for new office-bearers will begin in February. The council was also asked to complete the annual Pastor Evaluation form.
- 4. The December financial report was reviewed. Appreciation was expressed for the generosity of the congregation for the General Fund as well as support of other ministries.
- 5. Council received Pastor Simon's written report of his activities.
- 6. Classis delegates for the March 12, 2024 meeting of Classis Kalamazoo are Pastor Simon, Elder Glen Wagner and Deacon Jonathan Mejeur.
- 7. The council adopted the following motion: Heritage Christian Reformed Church of Kalamazoo, MI requests that Classis Kalamazoo, with the concurring advice of the synodical deputies, approve the position of Missionary President to the Leadership Education Mission for Africa as being consistent with the calling of a minister of the Word (Church Order, Article 12-c). A letter will be sent to the congregation with more details.

Offering Schedule

- Feb. 11 General Fund & Ministry Shares
Loose Change: Christian Schools International
- Feb. 18 General Fund & Building Fund
Loose Change: Kal. Loaves & Fishes
- Feb. 25 General Fund & Building Fund
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Offerings (deposited for February 4, 2024)

- Building Fund ~ \$575.00
- Christian Ed. Assistance ~ \$80.00
- Faith Promise ~ \$785.00
- General Fund ~ \$9,091.00
- Initial Offering ~ \$10.00
- Kalamazoo Valley Gleaners ~ \$178.00
- Kitchen Fund ~ \$20.00
- Memorial Fund ~ \$125.00
- Ministry Shares ~ \$260.00

Adopt Daisy and her sister Maisy! Over the past 17 years, Heritage CRC has partnered with Growing Hope Globally (<https://www.growinghopeglobally.org/>) and two other churches in Kalamazoo (Grace and Third CRC) to tackle world hunger through the Dairy Project!

The way the Dairy Project works is Red Arrow Dairy donates 5 cows that churches “adopt” to cover their feed and veterinary care expenses. In return, the dairy donates the value of the milk produced to Growing Hope Globally. In 2023, church contributions, the value of the milk produced and donations of suppliers to the dairy raised \$30,317. This money will go to support World Renew projects in Bangladesh and Cambodia. (<https://worldrenew.net/>).

As we look to a new year of support for Growing Hope Globally, **you can now sign up on the “Adopt-a-Cow” poster.** This will provide an opportunity for members to adopt Daisy and her sister Maisy for \$55/week or \$235/month in 2024. Every dollar donated is typically matched 4-1 through the Dairy Project.



superBOWling fundraiser for International Campus Ministry: On Friday, February 9th from 7-9pm at Revel and Roll West on Stadium Drive, we will hold a bowling fundraiser! We are asking for \$40/person (\$20/person for WMU students). People can register as teams or individuals who will be put into teams to compete for trophies. If people don't want to bowl or can't be there, they can also sponsor students to bowl. The best way to register is through our FB event page. Funds will be collected at the event (checks made to International Campus Ministry). Here is the Facebook link: <https://fb.me/e/70qi7lINg>



Are you familiar with the Shepherds Center of Kalamazoo? Our mission for the past 35 years has been to eliminate transportation barriers and support senior independence. We offer one-to-one personalized transportation services to health related appointments for adults ages 60+. We are a non-profit organization that are proudly supported by religious communities and businesses throughout Kalamazoo County and backed by leading community organizations. Pamphlets about the Shepherd's Center are on the table in the narthex. They describe our services in more detail. Bob Deters is one of the volunteer drivers and serves on their Board of Directors. He would be happy to answer questions you may have. Shepherd's Center is also looking for more volunteer drivers, which is a great way to serve others in your retirement years. Drivers can choose when and how often they would like to drive.

Family Faith Formation Tip

MORE LIKE JESUS

Practicing justice and mercy is a powerful way to bless others—and to become more like Jesus. If there are kids in your home, check out 5 Ways to Practice Justice with Kids (tinyurl.com/5waysjustice). Learn more at crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner: Names of God: I Am Who I Am - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. God identifies himself as "I AM WHO I AM" (Exodus 3:14). God shows that he will forever keep his promises. He is still the great I AM; because of this, he is everything and gives us everything we need. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like KC's Valentine Cards.

Family Fire - is an online community exploring Spirit-led family, marriage, parenting, in-laws, blended families, and intimacy. Find encouraging articles and devotions at familyfire.com. Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

Groundwork: Forgiveness - Most people would agree that true forgiveness can be quite difficult and often takes a lot of time and work. Join Groundwork as we study Colossians 3:13, Matthew 6:9-15, Matthew 18:21-22, and Ephesians 4:31-32 to better understand what it means to forgive, why we forgive, the importance of recognizing forgiveness as a process, and useful steps for cultivating the virtue of forgiveness in our lives. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.