

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
churchoffice@heritagecrc.org.

OFFICE HOURS:
Wednesday: 8:00 am —12:00 pm
Thursday: 8:00 am —12:00 pm

Volunteer Schedule...

COFFEE SERVERS:

Jan. 18 & 25 Bob & Mary Deters, Bob & Barb Razenberg
Feb. 1 & 8 Dorothy Broekhuizen, Rose Dame, Glen & Ruth Wagner

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY: Glen Wagner/Donnie Waterhouse

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SERVICE MINISTRY: Judy Wieringa/Kathy VanderMeer

Districts	Elder	Deacon
A-M	Glen Wagner	Teri Wagner
N-Z	Rick Lingbeek	Roger Selles

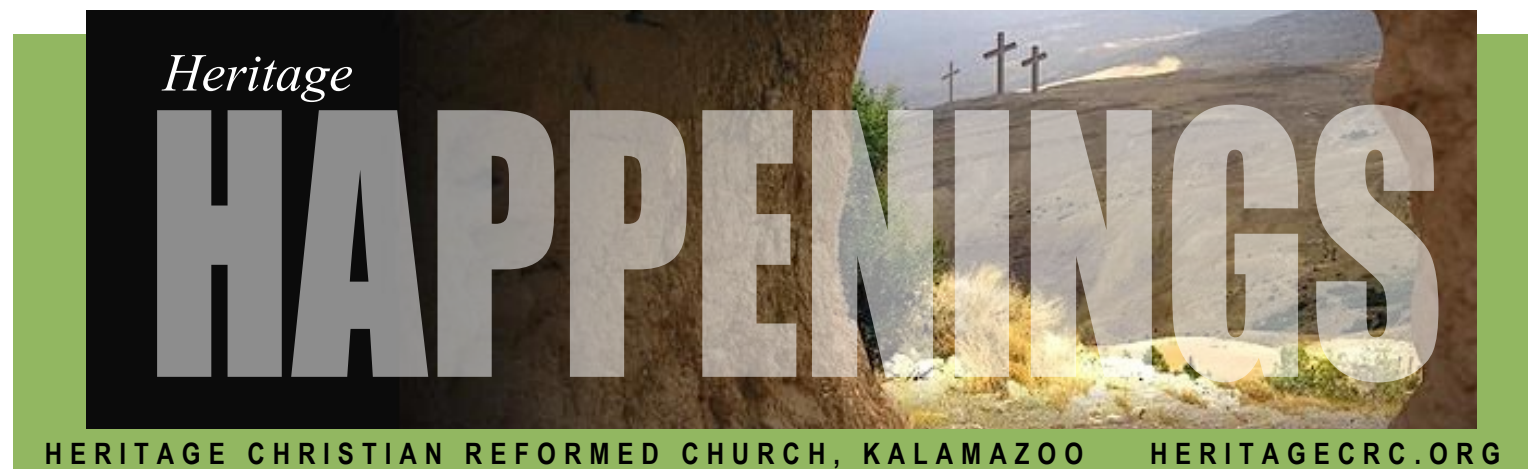
MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY:

Jan 18 - Paul Booden
Jan 25 - Lisa Durian
Feb. 1 - Dorothy Broekhuizen
Feb. 8 - Chris Vandenberg

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:

1/18 - Kim Bruinwood & Barb Razenberg
1/25 - Cheryl Koning & Nancy Vandenberg
2/1 - Lisa & Olivia Bosch
2/8 - Mary Deters & Joyce Truscott

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				15 9:30 GROW Group 12:00 Heritage Piecemakers	16	17
18 10 am Pastor Simon "Trusting God in the Gap" Genesis 15:1-21	19	20 9:30 Coffee Break 3:30 Shep. Elders	21	22 9:30 GROW Group	23	24 7:45 Mobile Food Initiative 
25 10 am Pastor Simon "To See the One Who Sees Me" Genesis 16:1-15	26	27 10 am Book Club 6:30 Council	28	29 9:30 GROW Group 11 am International Student Luncheon	30	31
1 Communion 10 am Pastor Simon "The Sign of the Covenant" Genesis 17:1-27 11:15 Church Potluck	2	3 9:30 Coffee Break	4 8 am Men's Bible Study	5 9:30 GROW Group	6	7



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What's up in Worship

The Journey of Faith: The Life of Abraham ~ In Genesis 15:6 we read: "Abraham believed the Lord, and he credited it to him as righteousness." Join us as we consider how God shows us through Abraham what it means to have a life of faith! This week's sermon is titled "Trusting God in the Gap", based on Genesis 15:1-21.



Our next church potluck will be February 1 after the morning worship service. Please bring a dish to pass if you are able. Tableware and drinks will be provided. Come for a great food and wonderful fellowship!

Celebrations...

Birthdays...

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Church Calendar for January 18-24:

Sunday 10:00 Worship Service

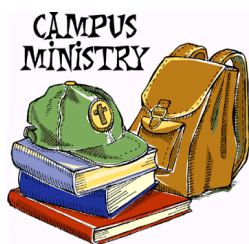
Tuesday 9:30 Coffee Break
3:30 Shepherding Elders

Thursday 9:30 GROW Group

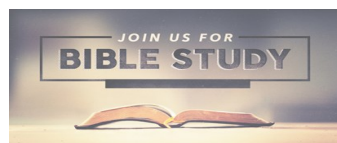
Saturday 7:45 Mobile Food Initiative



This coming week we have multiple opportunities for Bible studies. On Tuesday at 9:30 am, you can join the Coffee Break Ladies, they are studying the prophets Elijah & Elisha. On Thursday at 9:30 am, you can join the ladies at GROW Group, they are studying "The Chosen" season 5. All are always welcome to join either of these groups.



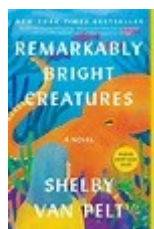
The next International Student Luncheon is on Thursday, January 29. Sign up sheets are on the table by the office along with foil pans. Sign up today! Thank you!



As believers, it is imperative that we know what it is that we believe by studying the Word of God and then equally important that we know what God expects us to be and do. Starting Wednesday, January 28th and for 6 weeks (10:00 am in the Council Room) we will look at the virtues that carry us into the desire to know God's Word and practice a Christian Lifestyle. God reminds us that for those whom He has called, He commissions to do His work, then empowers them so they may carry it out. Come and learn what virtues and values come by the Holy Spirit and how to foster them in your Christian Walk.



The first book club of 2026 meets on Tuesday January 27 at 10:00. Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt tells the story of an elderly woman who befriends an intelligent octopus at the aquarium where she cleans. Her path crosses with Cameron, a man seeking his estranged father. Their lives intertwine revealing deep truths about grief, family and connection.



Offering Schedule

- Jan. 18 General Fund
Loose Change: Kal. Christian Schools
- Jan. 25 General Fund
Loose Change: World Renew
- Feb. 1 General Fund
Loose Change: Kal. Valley Gleaners
- Feb. 8 General Fund
Loose Change: Christian Schools International

Offerings

Deposited for December 28, 2025

Building Fund ~ \$6,000.00
General Fund ~ \$7,000.00

January 4, 2026

Building Fund ~ \$70.00
Christian Ed. Assistance ~ \$595.00
Faith Promise ~ \$115.00
General Fund ~ \$6,258.00
Initial Offering ~ \$50.00
Memorial Fund ~ \$150.00
Ministry Shares ~ \$20.00
Rehoboth Christian School ~ \$214.00

January 11, 2026

Building Fund ~ \$60.00
Faith Promise ~ \$110.00
General Fund ~ \$2,182.00
Initial Offering ~ \$15.00
Luke Society ~ \$316.00
Ministry Shares ~ \$204.00

From the Deacons: We are so thankful for a wonderful year of giving. You will find your year end contribution report in your mailbox. Thank you!

Mobile Food Initiative is this **Saturday, January 24.**

7:45 AM at Heritage CRC.



See you there!

2026 Daily Bible Reading Plan: Unfading Truth (<https://www.unfadingtruth.com/>) is a daily Bible reading plan designed to keep you in the Word all week long. Each day, participants receive a reminder with a short teaser, the day's passage, and a link to read, listen, or reflect — delivered by text message (preferred) or email. Every post includes an embedded podcast player for those who prefer to listen. In 2026, Unfading Truth will guide you through the entire Bible in a way that's both faithful and accessible. The rhythm keeps readers grounded in God's Word each day while the Reformed Confessions keep them centered on God's unfading truth.



Items needed at Kalamazoo Gospel Ministries.

- ~New or gently used, clean twin sheets. Adult/kids
 - ~New or gently used full sheets
 - ~New or gently used, clean bath towels
 - ~Underwear, many have only a pair for a week! Basic styles, adult sizes, men and women, Med-2XL.
- There is a collection box in the narthex. On the bulletin board in the fellowship hall there is full list of other needed items.



Family Faith Formation Tip

Because we are called to honor and uphold the sanctity of every human life—from the womb to the tomb—we invite you on this Sanctity of Human Life Sunday to put this calling into action. Consider volunteering your time at a local pregnancy center or elder care home as a tangible expression of your commitment to life. As you serve, reflect on how the experience deepens your understanding and strengthens your role as an advocate for the dignity and value of every human life. Take time to write down how this experience has shaped your heart and perspective. Brought to you by Thrive: crc-na.org/Thrive

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner Devotions: Goodness: Are You a Good Person? - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Goodness: Are You a Good Person?" at www.kidscorner.net. Want to know what it really means to be good? When we let God fill our hearts with love, kindness, and patience, we can grow "good fruit" and make the world a brighter, better place. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like KC's The Bible in One Year Plan.

Groundwork: Did Paul and James Agree on Salvation? - Paul emphasizes salvation by grace, but James teaches the importance of our works. Do our works contribute to our righteousness? Join Groundwork as we study James 1:1-8, James 2:14-26, Colossians 3:5-10, and 1 Thessalonians 4:3-8 to compare what we learn from James to what Paul teaches about the relationship between God's grace and our works, and then consider what it means for our daily lives. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Calvin University

The January Series - The January Series at Calvin University returns on January 19, 2026. Join us in-person or online. Speaker lineup and registration (for online viewing) can be found at www.calvin.edu/january