

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
churchoffice@heritagecrc.org.

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

Volunteer Schedule...

COFFEE SERVERS:

Jan. 7 & 14Nick & Melissa Piontek/Ron & Sharon Stryd
Jan. 21 & 28Becky Smith, Linda DeLoof, Linda VanGoeye, Arnie K

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY: Glen Wagner/Donnie Waterhouse

PRAYER EMAIL MINISTRY: prayerline@heritagecrc.org


SERVICE MINISTRY: Judy Wieringa/Kathy VanderMeer

MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY:

Jan. 14 - LillieAnn Durian
Jan. 21 - Paul Booden
Jan. 28 - Lisa Durian
Feb. 4 - Ian Tuin

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:

1/14 - Melissa Piontek & Barb Razenberg
1/21 - Nancy VandenBerg & Wendy Rose
1/28 - Pam Gould & Sue Mejeur
2/4 - Mary Deters & Cheri Gavin

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				11	12	13
14 10:00 am Pastor Simon "Steadfast Through Suffering" Hebrews 2:1-18	15	16 9:30 am Coffee Break 3:30 pm Shep. Elders	17 10 am Reformation Bible Study	18 9:30 GROW Group	19	20
21 10:00 am Pastor Simon "Holding Firmly to the End" Hebrews 3:1-19	22	23 10 am Book Club 6:30 Council	24 10 am Reformation Bible Study	25 9:30 GROW Group	26	27 7:45 Mobile Food Initiative
28 10:00 am Pastor Simon "The Promise of Rest" Hebrews 4:1-13	29	30	31 10 am Reformation Bible Study	1 9:30 GROW Group 11:00 International Student Luncheon 	2	3

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HAPPENINGS

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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 every-thing we might try to satisfy the deepest longing of our hearts. This week’s sermon title is: **“Steadfast Through Suffering”**, based on Hebrews 2:1-18.

New Member: The Shepherding Elders recently re-ceived the membership transfer of Henry “Hank” DeGraaff from Second CRC. Please join us in wel-coming him as a member to Heritage CRC. A page for the pictorial directory will be coming soon!

Severe Weather Cancellation: In the event of se-vere weather and Sunday services are cancelled, closing information will be posted on Channel 3 WWMT at least 1 hour prior to the worship service start time. You can also sign up to receive text or email alerts from Channel 3. Go to WWMT website, click on weather, then closings. Then sign up to re-ceive texts on your phone or email alerts for Heritage Christian Reformed Church.

Celebrations...

Birthdays...
Sue Florian ~ January 14
Dan VanderMeer ~ January 14
Sy Ellens ~ January 18

Church Calendar for January 14-21:

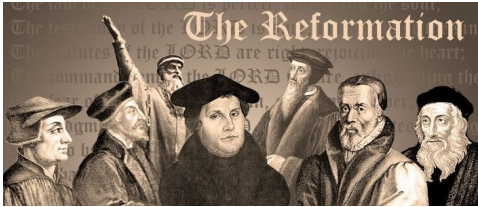
- Sunday 10:00 Worship Service
- Tuesday 9:30 Coffee Break
3:30 Shepherding Elders
- Wednesday 10:00 Reformation Bible Study
- Thursday 9:30 GROW Group

The next International Student Luncheon will be February 2. Sign up sheets and pans will be available next week.

Our next church potluck will be on February 4!!

Needed: Sunday Operations Manager ~

We are in search of someone willing to fill this position. A job description is available upon request. Please contact Matt Durian or Jim Bosch if you are interested or have any questions.



Everyone is invited to a new Bible Study on "The Reformation". It will start on January 17 and meet weekly on Wednesdays from 10:00 - 11:00 am. This is a 10 week study and will end on March 20. We will look at the roots of the Reformation, major issues it addressed, major reformers of the period, clarifying the doctrine of the church and its Biblical corrections and are we still reforming the church? Please join us for this 10 week study. See Pastor Mike VandenBerg with any questions.



Coffee Break Ladies, our next meeting is January 16, 2024 at 9:30 am. All are welcome to join us!



We are in need of more nursery volunteers for the Sunday morning services. There is a sign up sheet on the table by the office to sign up if you can help out with this ministry. Thank you!

Offering Schedule

- Jan. 14 General Fund & Ministry Shares
Loose Change: Luke Society
- Jan. 21 General Fund & Faith Promise
Loose Change: Kalamazoo Christian Schools
- Jan. 28 General Fund & Building Fund
Loose Change: World Renew
- Feb. 4 General Fund & Christian Ed. Assistance
Loose Change: Kalamazoo Valley Gleaners

Offerings (deposited for January 3, 2024)

- Building Fund ~ \$60.00
- Christian Ed. Assistance ~ \$155.00
- Faith Promise ~ \$295.00
- General Fund ~ \$9,420.33
- Initial Offering ~ \$50.00
- Loaves & Fishes ~ \$60.00
- Ministry Shares ~ \$85.00
- Rehoboth Christian School ~ \$120.00



The Nicaragua Revolving Seed Fund

The Heritage Deacons have chosen to support the Solanos in their ministry to create a micro financing agricultural fund to be used as part of their economic development program in Nicaragua. They are asking the churches that support them to get 10 families to each give a one time donation of \$250 to support one family in their efforts to farm the land that produces income for them. If you feel led by God to make a one time donation of \$250 please pick up a packet of information on the table outside the office that explains the program that Jairo & Kelly Solano are asking our help with. If you have any questions please see Cheri Gavin. Checks should be made out to Jairo or Kelly Solano and sent to 4908 Weston Ave, Kalamazoo, MI 49006.

Alternatives will be hosting a ‘Sanctity of Human Life Celebration’ on Thursday, January 18 at Gracespring Bible Church! Michael Jr., an exceptionally gifted comedian and dynamic storyteller, brings laughter and encouragement to audiences all over the world! Michael will have everyone laughing and crying by combining funny stories and spiritual principles. As a supporting church family, Alternatives is offering a BOGO incentive to us! You can purchase tickets at this [link](#) and receive the promotion by using the code: BOGO-LAUGH. Purchasers can only use this code once. Every dollar of this event goes to Alternatives!



Alternatives is holding a 24 hour prayer vigil to celebrate the Sanctity of Human Life month on Sunday, January 21 beginning at 7 am through Monday morning, January 22. It's easy to participate, the online portion will be hosted on their facebook page. Check out their facebook page for more details. “Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ...” Colossians 4:2-3

Mobile Food Initiative is Saturday, January 27.

7:45 AM at Heritage CRC.

*****Please let the office know if you can help out. See you there!***



Family Faith Formation Tip

N.T. Wright wrote, “Reading and studying Scripture [is] central to how we grow in the love of God.” This coming week, start each day by reading 1 Corinthians 13 and praying that God’s love will flow through you to others. Learn more at crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner: God's Love Brings People Together - Check out this week’s kids’ devotion at www.kidscorner.net. This week, we remember the work of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., a preacher who followed the example of Christ and brought all kinds of people together. This week’s devotion and parent blog gives instructions for a science experiment with an emulsifier, some oil, and water. How can this experiment be compared to the power of God’s love? Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like KC’s The Bible in One Year Plan.

Groundwork: Humility - If we look closely, the Christlike virtue of humility is a root virtue from which many of the other virtues flow. Join Groundwork as we explore Romans 12:3, Philippians 2:3-4, John 13:3-17, and Colossians 3:1-17 to discuss what it means to be humble, to witness Christ’s own humility, and to learn how humility influences our thoughts and our actions. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.