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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:

Jan 19 & 26John & Kim Bruinwood/Judy Fletcher & Sue Florian
Feb. 2 & 9Fred & Pam Gould/Norm & Bonnie Langeland

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY: Glen Wagner/Donnie Waterhouse

PRAYER EMAIL MINISTRY: hcrcprayer@gmail.com

SERVICE MINISTRY: Judy Wieringa/Kathy VanderMeer

Districts

A-MGlen Wagner
N-ZRick Lingbeek

Elder

Glen Wagner
Rick Lingbeek

Deacon

Cheri Gavin
Roger Selles

MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY:

Jan. 19 - Paul Booden
Jan. 26 - Lisa Durian
Feb. 2 - Ian Tuin

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:

1/19 - Barb Razenberg & Kim Bruinwood
1/26 - Wendy Rose & Joy Knurr
2/2 - Mary Deters & Cheryl Koning

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What’s up in Worship
The Lord’s Prayer: One of the great privileges of every Christ follower is prayer. In this series we will examine each of the petitions in the Lord’s Prayer from Matthew 5:9-13 as an opportunity for us to grow in prayer. This week’s message is from Matthew 6:9-13, Ephesians 1:3-14, **“The Lord’s Prayer: Our Father”**. Confession: Heidelberg Catechism, Lord’s Day 46, Q & A 120-121.

FIVE MINUTES: Here’s the challenge: When the service ends, let’s do our utmost to give the first five minutes to someone we don’t know or to someone we don’t know well. There will be time to catch up with the people you know. But first we can make a difference in someone’s day if we will make the most of the moments following that final “amen.” The power of a sincere welcome matters!

Our next church potluck will be on February 2 after the morning service. Bring a dish to pass if you are able. Tableware and drinks are provided. Come and enjoy wonderful food and amazing fellowship!

 No birthdays or anniversaries this week, take a moment to pray for the church families listed before and after you in the church directory.

Church Calendar for January 12-18:

Sunday

10:00

Worship Service

Tuesday

9:30
3:30

Coffee Break
Shepherding Elders

Thursday

9:30

GROW Group

Saturday

7:45am

Mobile Food Initiative

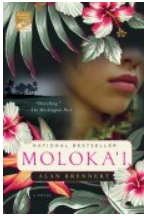
Mobile Food Initiative is
Saturday, January 25.

7:45 AM at **Heritage CRC.**

See you there!



Book Club meets Tuesday, January. 28 at 10am. The first book of the New Year is Mo-loka'i by Alan Bennett. It tells the story of a girl named Rachel who contracts leprosy. She is sent to the island of Moloka'i where Ha-waii sent all people who contract-ed leprosy. Please see Dorothy Broekhuizen to sign out a book.

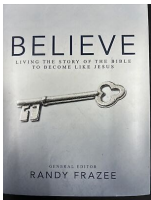


Ladies Coffee Break Coffee Break Bible Study will meet on Tuesday January 21. We will be discussing material from our book on the Disciple John.



Adult Bible Study begins February 5 and runs Wednesdays at 10:00 am through April 9. The book by Rev. Randy Frazee entitled "**Believe**" will be our Study. For the next 10 weeks we will look at how to *Think like Jesus*. The second section looks at how to *Act like Jesus* and the third section, how to *Become more like Jesus*. If you would like to join us Wednesdays at 10:00 am please let Mike VandenBerg know as soon as possible so he can get you a book. The titles of the first section are as follows:

1. God - February 5
2. Personal God - February 12
3. Salvation - February 19
4. The Bible - February 26
5. Identity in Christ - March 5
6. Church - March 12
7. Humanity - March 19
8. Compassion - March 26
9. Stewardship - April 2
10. Eternity - April 9



Offering Schedule	
Jan. 19	General Fund & Faith Promise Loose change: Kalamazoo Christian Schools
Jan. 26	General Fund & Building Fund Loose Change: World Renew
Feb. 2	General Fund & Christian Ed. Assistance Loose Change: Kalamazoo Valley Gleaners
Feb. 9	General Fund & Ministry Shares Loose Change: Christian Schools International

Offerings (deposited for January 12, 2025)

Building Fund ~ \$570.00
Christian Ed Assistance ~ \$70.00
Faith Promise ~ \$515.00
General Fund ~ \$8,937.00
Initial Offering ~ \$20.00
Luke Society ~ \$305.00
Ministry Shares ~ \$499.00



Adopt Daisy and Maisy! Over the past 18 years, Heritage CRC has partnered with Growing Hope Globally (<https://www.growinghopeglobally.org/>) and 2 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 2024, church contributions, the value of the milk produced and donations of suppliers to the dairy raised \$36,491. As we look to a new year of support for Growing Hope Globally, be on the look out for the “Adopt-a-Cow” poster. This will provide an opportunity for members to adopt Daisy and Maisy for \$60/week or \$255/month in 2025. Every dollar donated is typically matched 3-1 through the Dairy Project. Over the past 18 years just over \$500,000 has been raised! More details will come soon as well as information on the World Re-new programs we support in Kenya and Uganda.



Alternatives of Kalamazoo: A baby basinet is available in the gym/fellowship hall for do-nations to support Alternatives Pregnancy Care Center of Kalamazoo. Needed items in-clude diapers, baby food, new or gently used clothing, receiving blankets, etc. A list is avail-able in the basinet. Thank you!

Kalamazoo Loaves and Fishes: A grocery cart is located in the Gym/ Fellowship Hall to collect items. KLF serves over 800 people each day through our pantry network, home deliv-ery program, and mobile food distributions. Food wish list: Cereal, canned soups and stews, meals in a box (like hamburger helper), shelf stable almond or rice milk, baking mixes, protein drinks, canned meat, shelf-sable tortillas, granola or cereal bars, microwavable food, kid-friendly snacks. Thank you!



super BOWLing fundraiser! We're excited to announce we are going to have our sec-ond annual bowling fundraiser on Saturday, February 8th at Revel and Roll in Kalamazoo from 7-9:30. This is a fundraiser that will bring together members of all our partner churches, as well as some of our internation-al students. There are several ways to sup-port this event: sponsor a lane (3 levels: Bachelors - \$100; Masters - \$250; Ph.D. - \$500), encourage others to sign up as a team (5-6 players; \$40/person) to compete for the trophy or sponsor an international stu-dent (\$20/student). Please RSVP by Sunday, February 2 at sonofedlef@gmail.com or on the Facebook event page.

GIVING ALL LIFE A CHANCE TO LIVE

Family Faith Formation Tip

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday - January 19 - Thrive invites congregations to explore a holistic ethic of life as it relates to the un-born, people with disabilities, and end of life issues on Sanctity of Human Life Sun-day. Learn more and discover other re-sources now at this website: crcna.org/life

SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2025

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner: Word Power MLK Day - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Did you know words have power? Your words. Your neighbor's words. Everybody's! Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. knew that. He used his word power to help people see each other as equals, no matter their skin color. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net like KC's The Bible in One Year Plan.

Groundwork: When Jesus Prays - Listening to a person pray gives us a glimpse into their heart. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study John 17:1-5, the opening verses of Jesus' High Priestly Prayer. Together we'll discuss the meaning of Jesus' words as he asks God to glorify him and the implications of his prayer in our own lives. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.



Calvin University
The January Series - The January Series of Calvin University returns January 20 through January 31. From Paralympians to historians, adventurers, and innovators, we have a topic for you to deepen your curiosity. Join us in the Covenant Fine Arts Center on the campus of Calvin University or online. More information can be found at www.calvin.edu/january-series