

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. 21 & 28 Becky Smith, Linda DeLoof, Linda VanGoeye, Arnie K
Feb. 4 & 11 Cameron & Helen Brown/ Sue & Jonathan Mejeur

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY: Glen Wagner/Donnie Waterhouse

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SERVICE MINISTRY: Judy Wieringa/Kathy VanderMeer

MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY:

Jan. 21 - Paul Booden
Jan. 28 - Lisa Durian
Feb. 4 - Ian Tuin
Feb. 11 - LillieAnn Durian

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:

1/21 - Nancy VandenBerg & Wendy Rose
1/28 - Pam Gould & Sue Mejeur
2/4 - Mary Deters & Cheri Gavin
2/11 - Barb Razenberg & Joyce Truscott

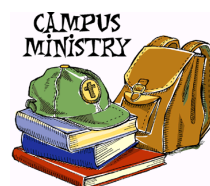


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What's up in Worship

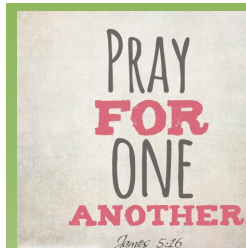
Better: A Journey Through Hebrews – There has always been pressure on those who belong to Jesus to deny Him and find something better. Join us in this series on the book of Hebrews as we discover its resounding message that Jesus is better than everything we might try to satisfy the deepest longing of our hearts. This week's sermon title is: **"Steadfast Through Suffering"**, based on Hebrews 2:1-18.



The next **International Student Luncheon** will be on Thursday, February 1. There are sign up sheets and foil pans available at the table by the office.

thank you

Thank you to all who donated winter wear, "blankies", etc. for our friends at KGM. We were also "challenged" with a LARGE anonymous monetary donation. While accepting this challenge, we were able to purchase 31 new outer wear items, along with 15 pairs of heavy winter socks for those in need. Thank you all for glorifying His Kingdom. Barb & Joyce



No birthdays or anniversaries coming up in the next week, so maybe open your church directory and pray for the person/family whose page is right before and right after your own page.





Church Calendar for January 21-28:

- Sunday 10:00 Worship Service
- Tuesday 10:00 Book Club
6:30 Council
- Wednesday 10:00 Reformation Bible Study
- Thursday 9:30 GROW Group
- Saturday 7:45 AM Mobile Food Initiative



Our next church potluck will be on February 4!!

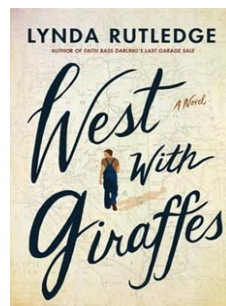
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| | | | | 18 9:30 GROW Group | 19 | 20 |
| 21 10:00 am Pastor Simon "Steadfast Through Suffering" Hebrews 2:1-18 | 22 | 23 10 am Book Club 6:30 Council | 24 10 am Reformation Bible Study | 25 9:30 GROW Group | 26 | 27 7:45 Mobile Food Initiative  |
| 28 10:00 am Pastor Simon "Holding Firmly to the End" Hebrews 3:1-19 | 29 | 30 | 31 10 am Reformation Bible Study | 1 9:30 GROW Group 11:00 International Student Luncheon  | 2 | 3 |
| 4 10:00 am Pastor Simon "The Promise of Rest" Hebrews 4:1-13 | 5 | 6 9:30 am Coffee Break | 7 8 am Men's Bible Study 10 am Reformation Bible Study | 8 9:30 GROW Group | 9 9:30 am Heritage Piecemakers | 10 |

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 now start on January 24 and meet weekly on Wednesdays from 10:00 - 11:00 am. This is a 10 week study and will end on March 27. 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.



This month in Book Club we will be discussing West with Giraffes by Lynda Rutledge. **Join us this Tuesday, January 23 at 10:00 am.** In 1938 two giraffes ordered for the San Diego Zoo make a remarkable journey across the Atlantic and from New York to San Diego. The story blends a coming-of-age story, a road trip, and first love romance. Books available from Dorothy Broekhuizen.

Offering Schedule

- 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
- Feb. 11 General Fund & Ministry Shares
Loose Change: Christian Schools International

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!***



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/70qi7IINq>

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday: January 21 is Sanctity of Human Life Sunday. The most recent statistics show 30,120 abortions were performed in Michigan in 2022, and there have been 1,364,939 abortions in Michigan since statistics were first kept in 1980. Much has changed, but this truth remains: all women, men, and children are created Imago Dei, in the image of God. Join us in supporting Alternatives of Kalamazoo, a non-profit, pro-life, Christian organization that is dedicated to serving families in our communities. Check out their website for more information at <https://www.alternativescc.org/>



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

Family Faith Formation Tip

Phil Reinders writes, "Through the Holy Spirit, the Word shakes off ink, paper, and pixels, stepping out of the page or screen and into our daily lives. That comes through patient attentiveness, a listening that is slow and savours." Invite the Spirit to bring God's Word alive to you in ever deeper ways. Learn more at crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner: Feeling Like Enough - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. It's easy to compare ourselves to others and end up feeling disappointed. Especially today, when people post so many photos of their lives online, it can be hard to feel good enough. Here's the good news: as a child of God, you are always enough! Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like KC's The Bible in One Year Plan.

Groundwork: Thankfulness and Gratitude - Why are thanksgiving and gratitude important virtues for Jesus' followers to cultivate? Join our Groundwork conversation as we study Luke 17:11-19, 1 Corinthians 10:16-17, Philippians 4:4-9, and Colossians 2:6-7 to discover why grateful hearts and expressing thankfulness are essential virtues and to discuss the difference these virtues can make in our thoughts and our lives. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.



Hey, do you like to do puzzles? Want a fun activity for those long winter months? We now have a "puzzle swap". You can find a nice variety of puzzles available in the north wing of the foyer. Please feel free to share any puzzles you may have. Enjoy!