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SUNDAY WORSHIP
@ 9:30 AM (Nursery provided)
SUNDAY EVENING @ 5:00 PM

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:
Wednesday at noon. Call,
leave a note, or e-mail to
churchoffice@heritagecrc.org.

Summer OFFICE HOURS:
Wednesday : 8:30 am—1:30 pm
Thursday : 8:30 am—12:30 pm

Volunteer Schedule...

NURSERY: January 1: Barb Nieboer & Teri Wagner
January 8: Heather Tuin & Evie Wenke

COFFEE SERVERS: Jan 1: Rick & Donna Lingbeek, Norbert & Joy Hegelmann, Gary & Dorothy Broekhuizen Jan 8 & 15: Harold & Phyllis Triezenberg, Teri Wagner, Norm & Bonnie Langeland

HEARTLAND HEALTHCARE CENTER
(Services begin at 3:30 pm & last approximately 30 minutes)

January 1: Harold Triezenberg & Phyllis Triezenberg
January 8: Simon Tuin & Marilyn Stremler

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY: Glen Wagner/Judy Fletcher

PRAYER EMAIL MINISTRY: prayerline@heritagecrc.org

SERVICE MINISTRY: January: Judy Wieringa

MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY: January 1: Lisa Durian January 8: Ferrel Stremler
PM: Gary Broekhuizen

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 HAPPY NEW YEARS! COMMUNION 9:30 am Pastor Simon “Teach Us to Number Our Days” Psalm 90 No Evening Worship	2	3	4 Men’s Bible Fellowship 8 am	5	6	7
8 9:30 am Pastor Simon “Lifestyles of the Rich & Foolish” Esther 1 5 pm Pastor Simon “The Order of Salvation: Election” Ephesians 1:3-14	9	10 Coffee Break Bible Study 9:30—11 am Admin Board Meeting 7 pm	11	12	13	14
15 9:30 am Pastor Simon “Beauty and the Beast” Esther 2 5 pm Pastor Simon “The Order of Salvation: Calling” 2 Corinthians 5:11-21	16	17 Coffee Break Bible Study 9:30—11 am Shepherding Elders 3 pm	18 P.U.S.H. Prayer Meeting 7 pm	19 G.R.O.W. Bible Study 9:30—11 am	20	21
22 9:30 am Pastor Simon “When the Empire Strikes Back” Esther 3 5 pm Mr. Ron Lugten	23	24 Coffee Break Bible Study 9:30—11 am Council 7 pm	25 Book Club 2-4 pm	26 G.R.O.W. Bible Study 9:30—11 am	27	28 Mobile Food Initiative Prairie Ridge Elem 8 am set up 9 am food drop



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What’s up in Worship

The Book of Esther: God’s Silent Sovereignty

Where is God in the midst of chaos and uncertainty? Is He there? Does He care? We often ask these questions when we encounter events that seem to contradict what we believe about God. In the book of Esther, an all-powerful, perfect and ever-present God seems hidden yet the message is timeless; God’s sovereignty calls people in every age to Himself even when we do not know what He is up to in this world. Plan to join us next Sunday, January 8, as Pastor Simon begins a sermon series on the book of Esther.

Reminder: There is no evening worship tonight.

Celebrations

Birthdays
Ginny Carlisle ~ January 2
Lisa Durian ~ January 2
Mary Jane Brown ~ January 6
Jonathan Mejeur ~ January 7
Gerrit Visser ~ January 7—85 years young!



Thank you

A sincere thank you to everyone for the lovely Christmas cards and ornament, the poinsettia plant & cookies. Also thank you for the phone calls and visits during this past year. Everything is greatly appreciated.

Annetta Apotheker

Thank you to my church family for the cards for Christmas and my birthday. Thank you also for the beautiful poinsettia plant and delicious cookies!

Margaret Luteyn

Ministry

Men’s Bible Fellowship gathers around the table again this Wednesday, January 4, 2017. See you there!

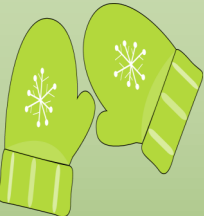
Coffee break ladies Bible study will resume on Tuesday, January 10 starting at 9:30 am. See you there!



G.R.O.W.—Begin the New Year by suiting up! The *Armor of God* is more than merely a biblical description of the believer’s inventory. It is an action plan for putting it on and developing a personalized strategy to secure victory in the strength of His might.

Please join us as we study Ephesians 6:10-19 with Priscilla Shirer’s *Armor of God*, beginning on Thursday, January 19, 2017 at 9:30 am.

Coffee Break Ladies are again collecting winter coats, hats & mittens for all ages. A box for this purpose is in the Narthex. Please remember those who are without these necessities during the cold winter months. Thank you.



Today Booklets are here! The January/February 2017 Today booklets have arrived! Please pick up a copy outside the southeast sanctuary door if you so desire a copy.

Staffing Update: After 11 years of faithful ministry and service, Barb Razenberg has decided to step down from her position as one of the custodians at Heritage Church effective January 1, 2017. We are grateful to Barb and her family for their commitment to this work and the care our facility received over these many years.



The Administrative Board is pleased to announce that John Bruinwood has agreed to fill this position and join his wife, Kim, as part of the custodial crew. Welcome to our staff John!



Tithes & Offerings: January 1, 2017 marks the end of the year for financial gifts that will be included in the 2016 summary of tithes and offerings to Heritage Church. Contributions received by January 1, 2017 will be included on your summary for 2016. In January the deacons will place this summary in the mailbox of each member for whom a report is available. Questions? Please contact one of the deacons.



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Missions & Missionaires...

Loaves & Fishes wish list:
January: Beef Stew
Please place your donations in the grocery cart in the fellowship hall

Emails or Letters to Missionaries...

Betty Vlietstra ~ Kathleen Lauder
Bill & Ruth Vroegop ~ Jerry An
Glen & Ruth Wagner ~ David Heath
If you do not have a copy of our missionaries' email addresses, both their most current newsletter and email addresses are on the Missionary table next to the mailboxes

Offering Schedule

- Jan 1 General Fund: Christian Education
Loose Change: Forgotten Man
- Jan 8 General Fund: Ministry Shares
Loose Change: Kzoo Christian Sch
- Jan 15 General Fund: Faith Promise
Loose Change: Benevolence Fund
- Jan 22 General Fund: Building Fund
Loose Change: Rehoboth

Offerings (for December 25)

- Adopt a Cow ~ \$160.00
- Building Fund ~ \$410.00
- Christian Education Endowment ~ \$25.00
- Christian Education Assistance ~ \$255.00
- Faith Promise ~ \$1,265.00
- General Fund ~ \$5,834.00
- Kzoo Gospel Miss Bldg Hope Cpgn ~ \$2,089.00
- Ministry Shares ~ \$409.00

Winter Weather Cancellation: In the event of severe winter weather and Sunday services are cancelled, closing information will be posted on Channel 3 WWMT as well as WOODTV 8 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, WWMT:

- Go to WWMT website.
- Click on School/Business/Church Closing Alerts.
- Then sign up to receive texts on your phone or email alerts for Heritage Christian Reformed Church.



Requested Announcements

Coffee Break Training Reminder: You can still sign up (through December 30) for the Coffee Break Leadership training workshop to be held at Milwood Community Church from 9-1 on Thursday, January 5. This training would also be valuable for women in other Bible study leadership roles. Contact Terri Scheffers at 377-7704 if you are interested.

Food Resource Bank...

- ♦ Are you in the *mood* to help?
- ♦ Together, we can change the world.
- ♦ Won't you help feed Daisy this year through Food Resource Bank? The cost is \$40/week or \$160/month.
- ♦ Sign up today at the display in the Narthex if you are able to contribute to this vital ministry.
- ♦ Thank you for joining us in imagining a world without hunger, and working to make it happen. We are inspired by all that you have done and continue to do.

