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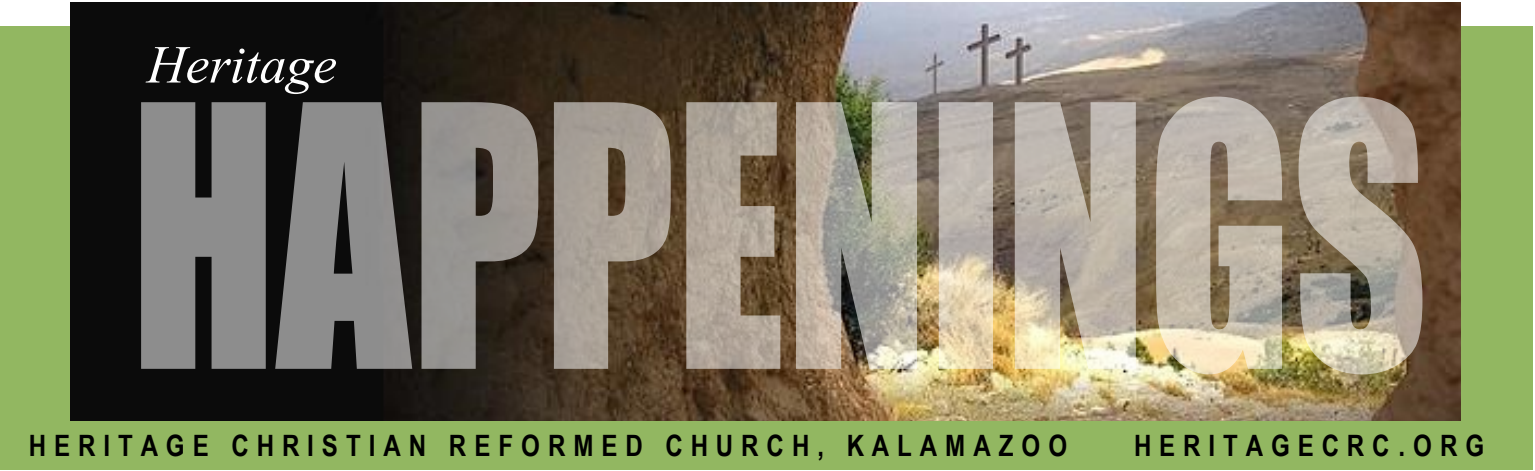
SUNDAY WORSHIP
@ 9:30 AM (Nursery provided)
SUNDAY EVENING @ 5:00 PM

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 29:** Dorothy Broekhuizen & Ruth Wagner
February 5: Dorothy Broekhuizen & Kim Bruinwood
COFFEE SERVERS: **Jan 29:** John & Kim Bruinwood, Donna Penning, Judy Wieringa
February 5/12: Glen & Ruth Wagner, Ken & Ellen Byle, Ken & Dorothy VanDenBerg
HEARTLAND HEALTHCARE CENTER
(Services begin at 3:30 pm & last approximately 30 minutes)
January 29: Bill Vroegop & Judy Wieringa
February 5: Glen Wagner
PRAYER LINE MINISTRY: Glen Wagner/Judy Fletcher
PRAYER EMAIL MINISTRY: prayerline@heritagecrc.org
SERVICE MINISTRY: **January:** Gretchen Vanders/**February:** Judy Wierienga
MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY: **January 29:** Ferrel Stremler **February 5:** Lisa Durian
PM: Gary Broekhuizen

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 9:30 am Pastor Simon “Identity Crisis” Esther 4 5 pm Pastor Simon “The Order of Salvation: Regeneration” John 3:1-8; Acts 16:11-15	30	31 Coffee Break Bible Study 9:30—11 am	1 Men’s Bible Fellowship 8 am february	2 G.R.O.W. Bible Study 9:30—11 am International Student Luncheon For WMU	3	4
5 COMMUNION 9:30 am Pastor Simon “Mission Impossible?” Esther 5 5 pm Pastor Simon “The Order of Salvation: Conversion” Acts 2:36-41	6	7 Coffee Break Bible Study 9:30—11 am	8	9 G.R.O.W. Bible Study 9:30—11 am	10	11
12 9:30 am Pastor Simon “Sleepless in Susa” Esther 6 5 pm Pastor Simon “The Order of Salvation: Justification” Romans 3:21-28	13	14 Coffee Break Bible Study 9:30—11 am Administration Board Meeting 7 pm	15 P.U.S.H. Prayer Meeting 7 pm	16 G.R.O.W. Bible Study 9:30– 11 am	17	18
19 9:30 am Pastor Simon “Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner?” Esther 7 5 pm Rev. A.J. Gretz	20	21 Coffee Break Bible Study 9:30—11 am Shepherding Elders 3 pm	22 Book Club 2 pm	23 G.R.O.W. Bible Study 9:30—11 am	24	25 Mobile Food Initiative Prairie Ridge Elementary 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. Today Pastor Simon continues a sermon series on the book of Esther.

Celebrations

Birthdays
Trudy Oele ~ January 30
Bob Razenberg ~ February 2
Bruce Fletcher ~ February 4



Anniversaries

Nick & Melissa Piontek ~ January 29
Jack & Evie Wenke ~ February 4 ~ 51 years!

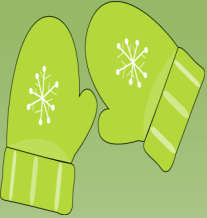
Schedule Change...



Until further notice, Sue’s office hours will be Thursdays from 8:30 am~1 pm and Fridays from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. Thank you.

Ministry

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.



Men’s Bible Fellowship meets again this Wednesday, February 1 at 8 am. See you there!

Thank you

Dear Faithful Giver...thank you for your continued generosity throughout 2016. Your financial gifts are already at work providing nutritious meals, safe shelter, child care, and other practical resources for the hundreds of hurting men, women and children who turn to us every day for assistance. May God bless you in 2017!

Kalamazoo Gospel Mission

To my Heritage family...your concern, thoughtfulness, prayers, love, and all the many cards sent my way through these past few weeks as I struggle with health issues has been AMAZING! Curt and I are so blessed to be a part of this wonderful family here at Heritage. **Curt & Sue DeVries**

International Student Luncheon is this Thursday! If you can help provide lunch for the international students at Western Michigan University on Thursday, February 2, please sign up on the table in the Narthex. Salads, drinks, fruit, and casseroles are needed! Please have all items to church no later than 10:30 am on that Thursday, February 2. Thank you! (Disposable pans with lids are available on the table by sign up sheets for your use.)

Birthday/Anniversary calendars for February are now available at the Information Center for your use.

The February 2017 Prayer Guide from the Christian Reformed Church is also available at the Information Center for your use.

Library news...

Unlocking the Mysteries of Genesis is the new DVD series of 12 discs in the library. Each DVD is only 20 minutes long—handy for group or individual viewing!

- Engaging images and crisp, factual scientific and Biblical presentation have brought rave reviews. The scientific information is very accessible and definitely not over anyone’s head.
- The DVD titles are Chaos or Cosmos; What is Life? ; What is Man?; Buried Clues; Flood or Fiction?; How Old is Earth?; Dinosaurs!; The Ice Age; Rise of Civilization; Origin of the Universe; Uniqueness of Earth; and Science and Scripture.
- Some key questions are: When and how did death begin on Earth? How could a “Big Bang” produce a Universe from Nothing (without a Creator)?; What did Jesus and St. Peter have to say about the origin of life and the cosmos?

Check out this DVD set in your Heritage church library!

Missions & Missionaries...

Loaves & Fishes wish list:
January: Beef Stew
February: Rice (bag or box)
Please place your donations in the grocery cart in the fellowship hall

Emails or Letters to Missionaries...

Gary & Dorothy Broekhuizen ~ Larry Spalink
John & Kim Bruinwood ~ Van Ankum family
Grover & Eileen Brussee ~ Kathleen Lauder
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 29	General Fund: Loose Change: Christian Sch Intern
Feb 5	General Fund: Christian Education Loose Change: World Renew
Feb 12	General Fund: Ministry Shares Loose Change: Wycliffe
Feb 19	General Fund: Faith Promise Loose Change: Benevolence Fund

Offerings (for January 22)

Adopt a cow ~ \$125.00
Benevolence Fund ~ \$5.00
Building Fund ~ \$90.00
Christian Education Assistance ~ \$25.00
Faith Promise ~ \$655.00
General Fund ~ \$2,349.00
Ministry Shares ~ \$75.00
Rehoboth Christian School ~ \$234.00



Requested Announcements

Kalamazoo Christian Schools has an open position for a Campaign and Advancement Coordinator. For a job description and application, please contact Connie VanDerSlik, 269-381-2044 ext. 110 or by email cvanderslik@kcsa.org. Please include your resume with the application. We will accept applications until February 8, 2017.

Estate Planning Made Easy – Really! Please RSVP for this important estate planning event, Thursday, February 9 from 7:00 -8:00 pm at the Kalamazoo Country Club. What will come of your kids, and your financial affairs, when you die? Stewardship includes protecting your family and assets through your estate or trust, and if you choose provisions for a planned gift. As a service to you from the Kalamazoo Christian School Foundation we are providing an estate planning seminar for you. Why a last will and testament, a trust? What is an estate plan? Why a health care power of attorney and a general durable power of attorney? What do legal terms in those documents mean? This is a free hour of time with an expert in the legal field, Attorney Michelle Marquardt. She is recognized by Best Lawyers as the 2017 Lawyer of the Year, Trust and Estates. Reservations are required. If you would like to attend this event, have nay questions, or would like more information, please contact Larry Stehouwer at 269-760-4711 or Istehouwer@kcsa.org.



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.



Inspire 2017 is a new kind of CRC event created to inspire, renew, energize, and ignite ministry leaders like you. Choose from over 75 ministry workshops, listen to dynamic keynote speakers, and join people from more than 1,000 CRC con-

gregations for a conference like no other! Itr is taking place August 3-5 in Detroit, Michigan. Check out the poster displayed by the church office and the “invites” on the table in the Narthex for more information or register now at crcna.org/Inspire2017.

Raise Hope and Foster Dreams: Kalamazoo County currently has over 700 children in the foster care system with many more children coming into care every day. These incoming abused and neglected children are in urgent need of loving , nurturing foster families. To learn more about becoming a foster parent call 269-337-5038.