

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:

Feb. 1 & 8 Dorothy Broekhuizen, Rose Dame, Glen & Ruth Wagner
Feb. 15 & 22 Bill & Joyce Truscott, Yvonne DeHollander, Ron & Sharon Stryd

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY: Glen Wagner/Donnie Waterhouse

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SERVICE MINISTRY: Judy Wieringa/Kathy VanderMeer

Districts	<u>Elder</u>	<u>Deacon</u>
A-M	Glen Wagner	Teri Wagner
N-Z	Rick Lingbeek	Roger Selles

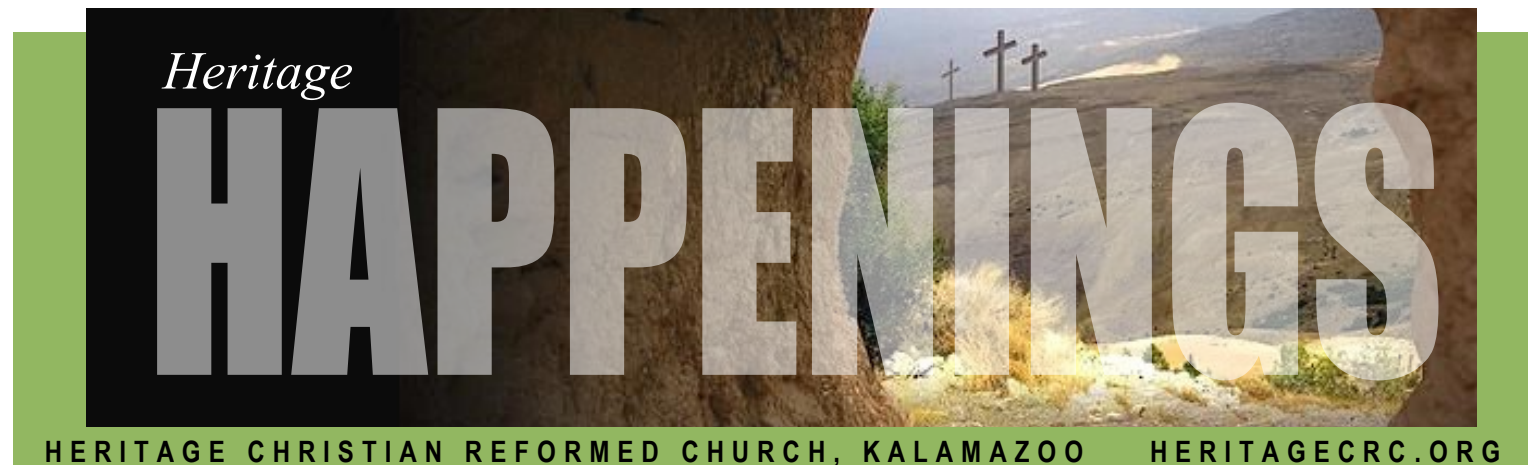
MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY:

Feb. 1 - Dorothy Broekhuizen
Feb. 8 - Chris VandenBerg
Feb. 15 - Paul Booden
Feb. 22 - Lisa Durian

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:

2/1 - Lisa & Olivia Bosch
2/8 - Mary Deters & Joyce Truscott
2/15 - Barb Razenberg & Wendy Rose
2/22 - Pam Gould & Sue Mejeur

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				29	30	31
1 Communion 10 am Pastor Simon "The Sign of the Covenant" Genesis 17:1-27 11:15 Church Potluck	2	3 9:30 Coffee Break 6:30 Council	4 8 am Men's Bible Study 10 am Adult Bible Study	5 9:30 GROW Group	6	7
8 10 am Pastor Simon "Judgement: Sodom and Gomorrah" Genesis 18:1-19:38	9	10 7 pm Admin Board	11 10 am Adult Bible Study	12 9:30 GROW Group	13	14
15 10 am Pastor Simon "Old Habits, New Hope" Genesis 20-21	16	17 9:30 Coffee Break 3:30 Shepherding Elders	18 10 am Adult Bible Study	19 9:30 GROW Group 12:00 Heritage Piecemakers	20	21



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What's up in Worship

The Journey of Faith: The Life of Abraham ~ In Genesis 15:6 we read: "Abraham believed the Lord, and he credited it to him as righteousness." Join us as we consider how God shows us through Abraham what it means to have a life of faith! This week's sermon is titled "The Sign of the Covenant", based on Genesis 17:1-27.



Our next church potluck is this Sunday, February 1 after the morning worship service. Please bring a dish to pass if you are able. Tableware and drinks will be provided. Come for a great food and wonderful fellowship!

Celebrations...

Birthdays...

Arnie Keur ~ February 1
Joy Knurr ~ February 2
Bob Razenberg ~ February 2
Ruth Eshuis ~ February 7



I thank our church family for all the cards, visits and kind words with Pete's passing. God is Good!
Evie Vroegop

Thank you for all the cards, prayers and support. We felt the love of our church community and are really thankful to God for all of you.
Sy & Jan Ellens



Church Calendar for February 1-7:

Sunday 10:00 Worship Service
11:15 Church Potluck

Tuesday 9:30 Coffee Break
6:30 Council

Wednesday 8:00 Men's Bible Study
10:00 Adult Bible Study

Thursday 9:30 GROW Group



This Sunday, February 1, is Communion Sunday. We invite all who have been baptized in the name of the Triune God and confess Jesus as their Savior, to join us at the table of our Lord for Communion. Trays will be passed down each pew, if you prefer you can pick up prefilled cups in the lobby before the service.

Offering Schedule

- Jan. 25 General Fund
Loose Change: World Renew
- Feb. 1 General Fund
Loose Change: Kal. Valley Gleaners
- Feb. 8 General Fund
Loose Change: Christian Schools International
- Feb. 15 General Fund
Loose Change: Benevolence Fund

Offerings

Deposited for January 25, 2026

- Building Fund ~ \$140.00
- Faith Promise ~ \$50.00
- General Fund ~ \$2,807.00
- Initial offering ~ \$10.00
- Memorial Fund ~ \$565.00
- Ministry Shares ~ \$10.00
- World Renew ~ \$172.17



Thank You from World Renew! Whether you gave, shared, or explored the Gift Catalog, thank you for being part of this season of generosity. Because of your kindness and faithfulness, together we've raised more than \$1.6 million USD. Here's a snapshot of some of the meaningful gifts donors like you provided through our Gift Catalog campaign:

- ~862 chickens to help families raise food and earn income
- ~5,190 bars of soap to support hygiene and disease prevention
- ~487 family-sized water filters to provide safer drinking water
- ~335 kitchen garden kits to help families grow nutritious food at home
- ~510 goats to strengthen livelihoods and build long-term resilience

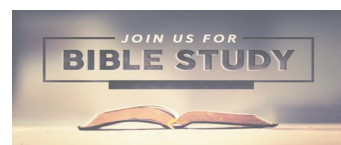
We are deeply grateful for your partnership and your commitment to seeing communities thrive.



Bible Studies



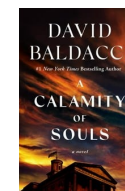
This coming week we have multiple opportunities for Bible studies. On Tuesday at 9:30 am, you can join the Coffee Break Ladies, they are studying the prophets Elijah & Elisha. Wednesday we have the Men's Bible Study at 8 am and the Adult Bible Study at 10:00 am. On Thursday at 9:30 am, you can join the ladies at GROW Group, they are studying "The Chosen" season 5. All are always welcome to join any of these groups.



As believers, it is imperative that we know what it is that we believe by studying the Word of God and then equally important that we know what God expects us to be and do. Starting Wednesday, January 28th and for 6 weeks (10:00 am in the Council Room) we will look at the virtues that carry us into the desire to know God's Word and practice a Christian Lifestyle. God reminds us that for those whom He has called, He commissions to do His work, then empowers them so they may carry it out. Come and learn what virtues and values come by the Holy Spirit and how to foster them in your Christian Walk.



Stay warm in your house, relax and read A Calamity of Souls by David Baldacci. We will be discussing it on Tuesday, February 24 at 10:00. Set in 1968 in Southern Virginia it tells of a racially charged murder case. A duo of White and Black lawyers are set against the system as they defend wrongfully accused Black defendants.



Items needed at Kalamazoo Gospel Ministries.

- ~New or gently used, clean twin sheets. Adult/kids
 - ~New or gently used full sheets
 - ~New or gently used, clean bath towels
 - ~Underwear, many have only a pair for a week! Basic styles, adult sizes, men and women, Med-2XL.
- There is a collection box in the narthex. On the bulletin board in the fellowship hall there is full list of other needed items.

Adopt Daisy and Maisy! Over the past 19 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!

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 2026. Every dollar donated is typically matched 3-1 through the Dairy Project. Over the past 19 years just over \$500,000 has been raised! More details will come soon as well as information on the World Renew programs we support in Kenya and Uganda.



Family Faith Formation Tip

"Marking faith milestones makes us sensitive to the work of the Holy Spirit in our midst and helps us identify and share our stories of faith. As we celebrate milestones, we become a community of seekers as well as believers, always on the lookout for God's hand at work, always expecting to join in God's mission." —from Celebrating the Milestones of Faith, available from FaithAliveResources.org. How might you mark faith milestones in your family or household this year? Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner Devotions: Patience: God is at Work in You - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Patience: God is at Work in You," at www.kidscorner.net. Feeling impatient when things don't go your way? Remember, just like Paul in the Bible, God can help you be patient and trust His perfect timing! Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like Kids Corner Valentine's Day Cards.

Groundwork: The Biblical Meaning of Forgiveness - Telling someone to forgive is easy. Actually offering forgiveness can be a lot more difficult. Join Groundwork as we study Exodus 34:4-9, Matthew 6:12-15, Psalm 51:1-9, Hebrews 4:14-16, Colossians 1:9-14, and 1 John 1:5-10 to discuss the biblical concept of forgiveness by beginning with God's forgiveness and what it teaches us about God's character. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.