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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. 5 & 12 Cameron & Helen Brown/Sue, Hannah, Jonathan Mejeur
Jan 19 & 26 John & Kim Bruinwood/Judy Fletcher & Sue Florian

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY: Glen Wagner/Donnie Waterhouse

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SERVICE MINISTRY: Judy Wieringa/Kathy VanderMeer

Districts	Elder	Deacon
A-M	Glen Wagner	Cheri Gavin
N-Z	Rick Lingbeek	Roger Selles

MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY:

Jan. 5 - Ian Tuin
Jan. 12 - Chris VandenBerg
Jan. 19 - Paul Booden

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:

1/5 - Pam Gould & Sue Mejeur
1/12 - Lisa & Olivia Bosch
1/19 - Barb Razenberg & Kim Bruinwood

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5 Communion 10 am Pastor Simon "Where Is The King?" Matthew 2:1-12 Epiphany Sunday	6	7 9:30 Coffee Break	8 8 am Men's Bible Study	9 9:30 GROW Group	10	11
12 10 am Pastor Simon "When You Pray: The Do's and Don'ts" Matthew 5:5-8	13	14 7 pm Admin Council	15	16 9:30 GROW Group	17	18
19 10 am Pastor Simon "The Lord's Prayer: Our Father" Matthew 5:9-13; Ephesians 1:3-14	20	21 9:30 Coffee Break 3:30 Shep. Elders	22	23 9:30 GROW Group	24	25 7:45 am Mobile Food Initiative 



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What's up in Worship

Epiphany Sunday: This week's sermon is based on Matthew 2:1-12, "Where Is the King?"



This Sunday, January 5, 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.



Upcoming Sermon Series
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. The series begins on January 12.

Celebrations...

Birthdays...

Lisa Bosch ~ January 6
Jonathan Mejeur ~ January 7
Nadine VanDam ~ January 8



Words cannot express how thankful we are to our wonderful church family for the prayers and the many cards sent to us. It was so thoughtful for everyone to remember us.
With love, The Finch Family

Thank you for all the prayers and cards sent during this rough time I am going through. Your prayers and cards mean so much to me and I truly appreciate our church family.
Donnie Waterhouse

What's Happening This Week

Church Calendar for January 5-11:

- Sunday 10:00 Communion Sunday
- Tuesday 9:30 Coffee Break
- Wednesday 8:30 Men's Bible Study
- Thursday 9:30 GROW Group
- Friday 9:30 Heritage Piecemakers

This Sunday is the last day to donate to the Coffee Break ladies winter items drive. They are collecting winter coats, hats, scarves, blankets, etc. for those in need within the community. Look for the box in the lobby area to place your donations. Any questions, please talk to Barb Nieboer or Joyce Truscott.



ATTENTION COFFEE BREAK LADIES

Coffee Break Bible Study will resume on Tuesday January 7. We will be discussing material from our book on the Disciple John. Look forward to seeing you in 2025.



Men's Bible Study meets this week on Wednesday, January 8 at 8AM. Please join us for a study of Thessalonians. We always welcome new members for an hour of Bible Study.



Our Thursday morning GROW Group will meet this week on January 9. As always all are welcome to join us on Thursdays at 9:30 am.



Offering Schedule

- Jan. 5 General Fund & Christian Education
Loose Change: Rehoboth Christian School
- Jan. 12 General Fund & Ministry Shares
Loose Change: Luke Society
- Jan. 19 General Fund & Faith Promise
Loose change: Kalamazoo Christian Schools
- Jan. 26 General Fund & Building Fund
Loose Change: World Renew

Offerings (deposited for December 29, 2024)

- Benevolence Fund ~ \$200.00
- Building Fund ~ \$85.00
- Christian Ed Assistance ~ \$25.00
- Faith Promise ~ \$50.00
- General Fund ~ \$4,670.00
- Kal. Gospel Ministries ~ \$30.00
- Loaves & Fishes ~ \$1,292.00
- Ministry Shares ~ \$240.00
- Park Village Pines ~ \$311.00

Offering Envelopes are here! Offering envelopes have been placed in your mailboxes! If you did not receive envelopes but would like them, please contact the church office or one of the deacons. Thank you for your generous support for the mission of sharing the gospel and the ministry of growing our faith and fellowship at Heritage CRC.



Do you enjoy doing puzzles? It's great for hand dexterity and eye coordination, plus its a great way to pass the time on those cold and snowing days that are heading our way. We have a table set up in the north wing with all sizes, 300 up to 1000 pieces. So take a look and if you want, bring one from home to share.



Alternatives of Kalamazoo: A baby basinet in available in the gym/fellowship hall for donations to support Alternatives Pregnancy Care Center of Kalamazoo. Needed items include diapers, baby food, new or gently used clothing, receiving blankets, etc. A list is available in the basinet. Special needs right now are toddler clothing, sizes 2T-5T. Thank you!

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

Online Course - The online course "Cultural Values in Ministry" equips leaders of all types of ministries with practical tools for relating well to people from a variety of cultures. Understanding and respecting cultural differences is key to a healthy ministry. Held online February 3-March 9, 2025. Register at worship.calvin.edu/events/2025/cultural-values-ministry



Severe Weather Cancellation: In the event of severe weather and Sunday services are cancelled, closing information will be posted on Channel 3 WWMT 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. Go to WWMT website, click on weather, then closings. Then sign up to receive texts on your phone or email alerts for Heritage Christian Reformed Church.

Family Faith Formation Tip

Today is Epiphany Sunday, when we celebrate Jesus' coming as the light to all people. On this Sunday we remember the Magi, who saw the light in the sky and followed it to hono(u)r the birth of Jesus. Read Matthew 2:1-12. Talk about what kind of gift you would bring to Jesus, and why. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner: God's Guidance - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Ask yourself, "How can you tell what God wants you to do?" Spoiler Alert: the key is to remember who God is. Listen now at kidscorner.net and subscribe to KC's weekly emails for all the new content. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like KC's The Bible in One Year Plan.

Groundwork: Learning from the Sins of King David - Complacency and desperation lead David to compound sin upon sin as he unsuccessfully relies on his own power and abilities to right his wrongs. Join Groundwork as we explore 2 Samuel 11 to study David's fall from grace, the consequences of his actions, and how his journey can illuminate our own path toward honesty, repentance, and a life that pleases the Lord. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Prayerline:

All prayer requests, prayer updates, praise items, and requests should be sent to: hcrcprayer@gmail.com

