

HERITAGE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH, KALAMAZOOHERITAGECRC.ORG

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:
Feb. 2 & 9Fred & Pam Gould/Norm & Bonnie Langeland
Feb. 16 & 23Jim Bosch, Judy Wieringa, Heather Tuin/Norbert & Joy H

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY: Glen Wagner/Donnie Waterhouse
PRAYER EMAIL MINISTRY: hcrcprayer@gmail.com
SERVICE MINISTRY: Judy Wieringa/Kathy VanderMeer

Districts

A-M
N-Z

Elder

Glen Wagner
Rick Lingbeek

Deacon

Cheri Gavin
Roger Selles

MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY:
Feb. 2 - Ian Tuin
Feb. 9 - Chris VandenBerg
Feb. 16 - Paul Booden

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:
2/2 - Mary Deters & Cheryl Koning
2/9 - Pam Gould & Sue Mejeur
2/16 - Barb Razenberg & Michelle Koning

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HAPPENINGS

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What’s up in Worship

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 6:9-13 as an opportunity for us to grow in prayer. This week’s message is from Matthew 6:9-13, Matthew 13:31-33, “**The Lord’s Prayer: Your Kingdom Come**”. Confession: Heidelberg Catechism, Lord’s Day 48, Q & A 123.

This Sunday, February 2, 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.

New phone number for your directories:
Jake & June Scheffers
Phone: 269-743-7025

Celebrations...

Birthdays...

Arnie Keur ~ February 1
Joy Knurr ~ February 2
Bob Razenberg ~ February 2
Bruce Fletcher ~ February 4
Ruth Eshuis ~ February 7

What’s Happening
This Week

Church Calendar for February 2-8:

Sunday	10:00	Worship Service
Tuesday	9:30	Coffee Break
Wednesday	8:00	Men’s Bible Study 10:00 Adult Bible Study
Thursday	9:30	GROW Group

Our next church potluck is this Sunday, February 2 after the morning service. Bring a dish to pass if you are able. Tableware and drinks are provided. Come and enjoy delicious food and wonderful fellowship!

Council News

- We met with pastor Joshua Amaezechi, our Missionary Pastor regarding a regular update on his work with LEMA and family and spiritual life, heard updates on needs for facility and personnel.
- Reviewed and approved minutes from November council meeting as well as December congregational meeting and the admin meeting from January 13.
- The Admin council met with Marc Verkaik with Kalamazoo Christian Schools Preschool project to receive an update regarding a pause in the project. Marc elaborated on some school board members questions and concerns. Bob Razenberg met with Warner Norcross Judd regarding the lease agreement changes for 24/25 school year.
- Our building and grounds report covered the mower repairs, the shed upgrade which is finished and below budget, the roof snow rail has been installed. We will address the unfinished south end of the roof this spring. Several windows in the education wing are in need of repair and we will address this in the future. Doors in the north end and boiler room have been addressed and will be rekeyed to the church standard. Working on replacement of lights in the bathroom and hallway. Preschool has requested the use of coat hooks in the ed wing hallway for winter attire - approved
- Deacon report- year end statements are sent out. Received update on Benevolence Fund.
- Received Pastor Simon's monthly activity report.
- Representatives for next classis meeting have been identified.

Respectfully submitted Bob Razenberg

Book Club: August 1939: Grace Bennett has always dreamed of moving to the city, but never imagined working at a dusty old bookshop in London. Through blackouts and air raids, Grace discovers the power of storytelling to unite her community in ways she never dreamed. We will be discussing this book Tuesday, February 25, 10:00am. See Dorothy Broekhuizen for a book or with questions.



Offering Schedule

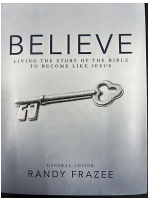
- Feb. 2 General Fund & Christian Ed. Assistance
Loose Change: Kalamazoo Valley Gleaners
- Feb. 9 General Fund & Ministry Shares
Loose Change: Christian Schools International
- Feb. 16 General Fund & Faith Promise
Loose Change: Benevolence Fund

Offerings (deposited for January 26, 2025)

- Building Fund ~ \$215.00
- Christian Ed Assistance ~ \$45.00
- Faith Promise ~ \$105.00
- General Fund ~ \$4,275.00
- Growing Hope Globally ~ \$255.00
- Initial Offering ~ \$20.00
- Ministry Shares ~ \$95.00
- World Renew (CRWRC) ~ \$343.87



Adult Bible Study begins February 5 and runs Wednesdays at 10:00 am through April 9. The book by Rev. Randy Frazee entitled "Believe" will be our Study. For the next 10 weeks we will look at how to *Think like Jesus*. The second section looks at how to *Act like Jesus* and the third section, how to *Become more like Jesus*. If you would like to join us Wednesdays at 10:00 am please let Mike VandenBerg know as soon as possible so he can get you a book.



Coffee Break Bible Study will meet on Tuesday February 4. We will be discussing material from our book on the Disciple John.

Men's Bible Study meets this week on Wednesday, February 5 at 8:00 AM. Please join us for a study of Thessalonians. We always welcome new members for an hour of Bible Study.

GROW Group Bible Study - Our GROW group meets every Thursday at 9:30 am. All women are invited to join us!



Adopt Daisy and Maisy! Over the past 18 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! The way the Dairy Project works is Red Arrow Dairy donates 5 cows that churches "adopt" to cover their feed and veterinary care expenses. In return, the dairy donates the value of the milk produced to Growing Hope Globally. As we look to a new year of support for Growing Hope Globally, you can find the "Adopt-a-Cow" poster by the office. This provide's an opportunity for members to adopt Daisy and Maisy for \$60/week or \$255/month in 2025. Every dollar donated is typically matched 3-1 through the Dairy Project. More details will come soon as well as information on the World Renew programs we support in Kenya and Uganda.



super BOWling fundraiser! We're excited to announce we are going to have our second annual bowling fundraiser on Saturday, February 8th at Revel and Roll in Kalamazoo from 7-9:30. This is a fundraiser that will bring together members of all our partner churches, as well as some of our international students. There are several ways to support this event: sponsor a lane (3 levels: Bachelors - \$100; Masters - \$250; Ph.D. - \$500), encourage others to sign up as a team (5-6 players; \$40/person) to compete for the trophy or sponsor an international student (\$20/student). Please RSVP by Sunday, February 2 at sonofedlef@gmail.com or on the Facebook event page.

Family Faith Formation Tip

At-home 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?

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner: God Created Me - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. God deliberately designed each one of us. This means we fit together in God's story like pieces in a giant puzzle. Being part of a huge family means we will always have someone we can help or someone who can teach us. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like KC's Valentine Cards.

Groundwork: Jesus Prays for Us - In his High Priestly Prayer, Jesus prayed for us to experience unity and the Father's love, and for the world to know God through our lives. Join Groundwork as we explore John 17:20-26 to witness the depth of Jesus Christ's love for us and discuss what it means to live in the reality of Jesus' prayer. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Alternatives of Kalamazoo: A baby basinet is available in the gym/fellowship hall for donations to support Alternatives Pregnancy Care Center of Kalamazoo. Its end of season clearance sales anywhere from 30% to 75% on clothing for the kiddos. Lets fill the bassinets full of toddler items. They will be greatly appreciated. Thanks again for all your generous giving.

