

**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:**

Jan. 7 & 14 Nick & Melissa Piontek/Ron & Sharon Stryd

**PRAYER LINE MINISTRY:** Glen Wagner/Donnie Waterhouse

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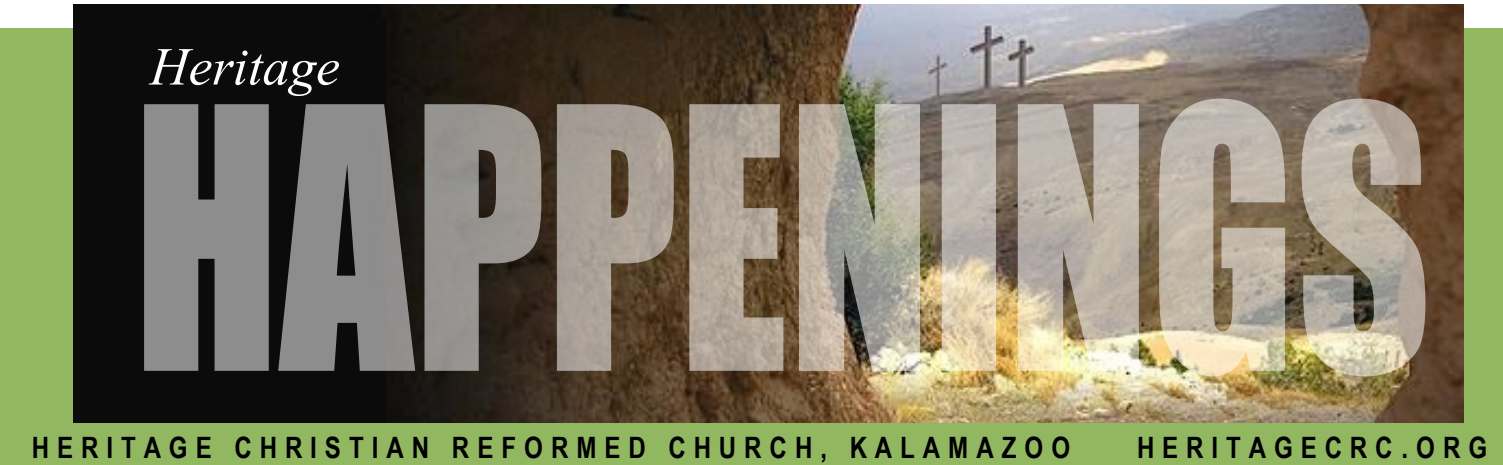
**SERVICE MINISTRY:** Judy Wieringa/Kathy VanderMeer

**MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY:**

Jan. 7 - Ian Tuin  
Jan. 14 - LillieAnn Durian  
Jan. 21 - Paul Booden  
Jan. 28 - Lisa Durian

**NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:**

1/7 - Sue Florian & Ruth Mather  
1/14 - Melissa Piontek & Joy Knurr  
1/21 - Nancy VandenBerg & Wendy Rose  
1/28 - Pam Gould & Sue Mejeur

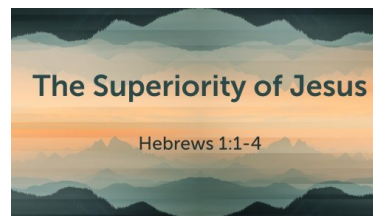


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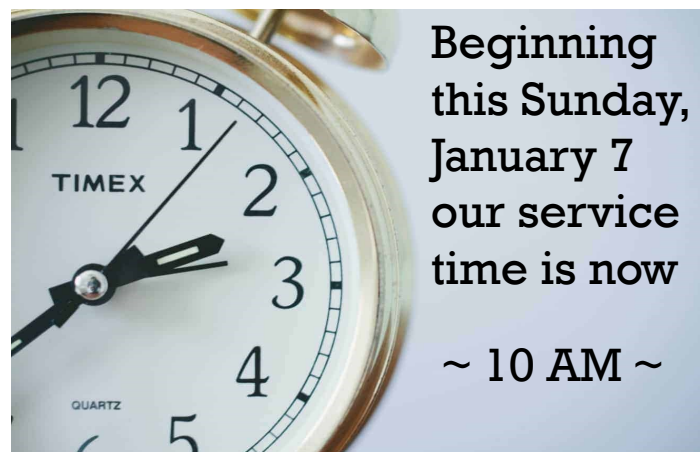
**January 4, 2024**

**What's up in Worship**

**Better: A Journey Through Hebrews** – There has always been pressure on those who belong to Jesus to deny Him and find something better. Join us in this series on the book of Hebrews as we discover its re-sounding message that Jesus is better than everything we might try to satisfy the deepest longing of our hearts. The series begins this Sunday. The sermon title is: **“Better: The Superiority of Jesus”**, based on Hebrews 1:1-14.



**This Sunday, January 7, 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.



**Celebrations...**

**Birthdays...**

Jonathan Mejeur ~ January 7  
Nadine VanDam ~ January 8  
Bill Cobern ~ January 11  
Lucas Piontek ~ January 12



**Church Calendar for January 7-13:**

Sunday 10:00 am Worship Service  
Tuesday 7:00 pm Admin. Council  
Thursday 9:30 am GROW Group



Thank you Heritage Church for blessing our Homebound Members with all the Christmas cards you gave. Also, thank you to all the volunteers who delivered the cards to our homebound members. It was very much appreciated!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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7 Communion Sunday  10:00 am Pastor Simon "The Superiority of Jesus" Hebrews 1:1-14	8	9 7 pm Admin Council	10	11 9:30 GROW Group	12	13
14 10:00 am Pastor Simon "Steadfast Through Suffering" Hebrews 2:1-18	15	16 9:30 am Coffee Break 3:30 pm Shep. Elders	17 10 am Reformation Bible Study	18 9:30 GROW Group	19	20
21 10:00 am Pastor Simon "Holding Firmly to the End" Hebrews 3:1-19	22	23 10 am Book Club 6:30 Council	24 10 am Reformation Bible Study	25 9:30 GROW Group	26	27 7:45 Mobile Food Initiative

**Needed: Sunday Operations Manager ~**

We are in search of someone willing to fill this position. A job description is available upon request. Please contact Matt Durian or Jim Bosch if you are interested or have any questions.



Everyone is invited to a new Bible Study on "The Reformation". It will start on January 17 and meet weekly on Wednesdays from 10:00 - 11:00 am. This is a 10 week study and will end on March 20. We will look at the roots of the Reformation, major issues it addressed, major reformers of the period, clarifying the doctrine of the church and its Biblical corrections and are we still reforming the church? Please join us for this 10 week study. See Pastor Mike VandenBerg with any questions.



**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.

**Offering Schedule**

- Jan. 7 General Fund & Christian Ed. Assistance  
Loose Change: Rehoboth Christian School
- Jan. 14 General Fund & Ministry Shares  
Loose Change: Luke Society
- Jan. 21 General Fund & Faith Promise  
Loose Change: Kalamazoo Christian Schools
- Jan. 28 General Fund & Building Fund  
Loose Change: World Renew

**Offerings (deposited for December 31, 2023)**

- Building Fund ~ \$60.00
- Christian Ed. Assistance ~ \$85.00
- Faith Promise ~ \$285.00
- General Fund ~ \$5,339.00
- Initial Offering ~ \$10.00
- Kalamazoo Gospel Ministries ~ \$200.00
- Loaves & Fishes ~ \$100.00
- Ministry Shares ~ \$75.00
- Park Village Pines ~ \$158.00



**The Nicaragua Revolving Seed Fund**

The Heritage Deacons have chosen to support the Solanos in their ministry to create a micro financing agricultural fund to be used as part of their economic development program in Nicaragua. They are asking the churches that support them to get 10 families to each give a one time donation of \$250 to support one family in their efforts to farm the land that produces income for them.

If you feel led by God to make a one time donation of \$250 please pick up a packet of information on the table outside the office that explains the program that Jairo & Kelly Solano are asking our help with. If you have any questions please see Cheri Gavin. Checks should be made out to Jairo or Kelly Solano and sent to 4908 Weston Ave, Kalamazoo, MI 49006.

Hey, do you like to do puzzles? Want a fun activity for those long winter months? We now have a "puzzle swap". You can find a nice variety of puzzles available in the north wing of the foyer. Please feel free to share any puzzles you may have. Enjoy!



Alternatives will be hosting a 'Sanctity of Human Life Celebration' on Thursday, January 18 at Gracespring Bible Church! Michael Jr., an exceptionally gifted comedian and dynamic storyteller, brings laughter and encouragement to audiences all over the world! Michael will have everyone laughing and crying by combining funny stories and spiritual principles. As a supporting church family, Alternatives is offering a BOGO incentive to us! You can purchase tickets at this [link](#) and receive the promotion by using the code: BOGO-LAUGH. Purchasers can only use this code once. Every dollar of this event goes to Alternatives!



Alternatives is holding a 24 hour prayer vigil to celebrate the Sanctity of Human Life month on Sunday, January 21 beginning at 7 am through Monday morning, January 22. It's easy to participate, the online portion will be hosted on their facebook page. Check out their facebook page for more details. "Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ..." Colossians 4:2-3

*Family Faith Formation Tip*

"Visio divina" is the practice of meditating on Scripture using art or other images. Try it by reading the story of the Prodigal Son in Luke 15 and then meditating on the art in Calvin University's collection based on this story ([tinyurl.com/ProdigalArt](http://tinyurl.com/ProdigalArt)). Learn more at [crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject](http://crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject)

**ReFrame Ministries**

**Kids Corner: Caring for You** - Check out this week's kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Did you know that along with caring for others, God wants us to care for ourselves, too? It makes God happy when you treat your body with respect and care, just like you would treat a special, holy temple. Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net), like KC's The Bible in One Year Plan.

**Groundwork: Compassion** - The Christlike virtue of compassion is more than an emotion. Join Groundwork as we explore Matthew 9:36, Colossians 3:12-14, and 2 Corinthians 1:3-4 to discover why the apostle Paul identifies compassion as a defining characteristic in followers of Jesus and what it looks like in our everyday lives. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

**Family Fire** - is an online community exploring Spirit-led family, marriage, parenting, in-laws, blended families, and intimacy. Find encouraging articles and devotions at [familyfire.com](http://familyfire.com). Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.