

**Heritage CRC**

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SUNDAY WORSHIP:@ 9:30 AM

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Thursday by 9:00 am. Call,  
leave a note, or e-mail to  
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OFFICE HOURS:  
Wednesday: 8:00 am —1:00 pm  
Thursday: 8:00 am —1:00 pm

**Connecting with our Community**

Please continue to reach out via phone or e-mail to our church community.



Thank you for your faithful support through your tithes and offerings. If you mail your contributions, the mailbox is checked each day of the week.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 9:30 am Pastor Simon "Life Through the Spirit" Romans 8:1-17	11	12 7 pm Admin Board	13	14	15	16
17 9:30 am Pastor Simon "More Than Conquerors" Romans 8:18-39	18	19 7 pm Shepherding Elders	20	21	22	23 8 am Mobile Food Initiative
24 9:30 am Pastor Simon "Oh, the Depths of God's Mercy" Romans 9:1-29	25	26 7 pm Council	27	28	29	30

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## HAPPENINGS

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**Volume #20, Issue 1****January 7, 2021****Sermon Series on Romans****Series: "Romans: The Gospel of God's Grace"**

The book of Romans is the Apostle Paul's longest and most theological letter. It's main theme is freedom in Christ - why we need it, how it is achieved and what it looks like in everyday life. This week's sermon title - "Life Through the Spirit". Romans 8:1-17.

**Celebrations...****Birthdays...**

Eileen Brussee ~ January 10  
Bill Cobern ~ January 11  
Lucas Piontek ~ January 12  
Dan VanderMeer ~ January 14



**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.

**Announcements****Safety Items**

- Please wear a mask when entering and exiting the building. Masks may be removed when seated in the sanctuary.
- It is essential that 6 feet of physical distancing be observed when entering the church prior to the service and during the time of fellowship after the service.
- Please continue to enter the building at the front entrance or the Fellowship Hall.
- Hand sanitizer and masks are available at each entrance.

**Profession of Faith?** Have you have reached a point in your spiritual journey where you feel God calling you to publicly profess faith in Christ and become a professing member in His church? If you are interested in doing your profession of faith, or would like an opportunity to explore what it means to become a professing member, please contact Pastor Simon.

*Thank You!*

Thank you for your prayers, and get well and Christmas cards. It is a blessing to have such a caring congregation. Blest be the tie that binds.  
Jean Vader



What’s Up in Worship

Video Recording

A video recording of the morning worship service will be posted to our church YouTube page either on Sunday or Monday. Here is the link to our YouTube page: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCutET663hVzpPohBMiCXEQA>. If you haven't already done so, be sure to subscribe to our YouTube channel and click the notification bell to receive updates whenever a new video becomes available.



From Back to God Ministries

**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.

**Groundwork: Sabbath Rest** - Does Sabbath rest just mean taking a day off? Or is it more than that? Join Groundwork as we study Genesis 2:1-3, Exodus 20:8-11, Deuteronomy 5:12-15, and Hebrews 4:6-11 to better understand what God designed and intended the Sabbath for and how this spiritual decision can draw us closer to God. Listen at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com).

**How Do I Pray?** Prayer doesn't have to be complicated. And there is no single right way to do it. "How Do I Pray?", a free ebook from the ReFrame Ministries Prayer Team shows you six ways to reinvigorate your prayer life. It's yours free at [reframeministries.org/ways-to-pray](http://reframeministries.org/ways-to-pray).

**Kids Corner - Trusting God's Plan.** Check out the new kids' devotion this week at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Esther went through some very scary times but still trusted God's plan. Maybe during the pandemic, you've been scared too. Listen now at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net) and subscribe to KC's weekly emails for all the new content.

Offering Schedule

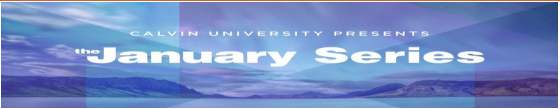
- Jan. 10: General Fund & Ministry Shares  
Loose Change: Bethany Christian Services
- Jan. 17: General Fund & Faith Promise  
Loose Change: Kalamazoo Christian Schools
- Jan. 24: General Fund & Building Fund  
Loose Change: World Renew
- Jan 31: General Fund  
Loose Change: Wycliffe

Offerings (deposited for Dec. 27, 2020)

- Building Fund ~ \$10.00
- Christian Ed Assistance ~ \$10.00
- Faith Promise ~ \$10.00
- General Fund ~ \$2,730.00

Offerings (deposited for January 3, 2021)

- Christian Education Assistance ~ \$95.00
- Faith Promise ~ \$50.00
- General Fund ~ \$2,425.00
- Loaves & Fishes ~ \$500.00
- Ministry Shares ~ \$25.00
- Rehoboth Christian School ~ \$96.00



The January Series cultivates deep thought and conversations about important issues of the day in order to inspire cultural renewal and make us better global citizens in God's world. Our long tradition of offering a **free** 15-day lecture series continues, but 2021 will look different.

This year the January Series will be a completely **virtual** experience. You can watch each presentation (12:30 to 1:30 p.m. EST) on your own devices in your own location, or you can gather at one of our small remote sites available across the continent. And if you can't join us live, the presentation will be available for the entire day. The link, however, will only be live until midnight, so don't delay. We are only able to permanently archive a handful of this year's presentations on our website, so it will be important to plan ahead and watch the day-of.

The January Series is completely free, but **you will need to register** to watch. The simplest way is to sign up now to receive a daily email reminder with a link for viewing that day's presentation. Or, beginning January 6, come back to this page on the day(s) you'd like to tune-in and simply click on the Watch Now button. You'll be asked to fill out a simple form that will redirect you to the daily presentation.

Ministry Opportunities

Kalamazoo Loaves and Fishes

A grocery cart in the gym/fellowship hall is available every week to collect non-perishable food items for Loaves & Fishes. They are always looking for food items that are high protein content. In addition, there are food items they look for on a monthly basis. For January it is beef stew. These foods are essential and ensure that nutritional items are available, by choice, to local households. Please support this ministry!

**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. Thank you!

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)).

[crcna.org/FaithFormation](http://crcna.org/FaithFormation)

Volunteer Schedule...

**PRAYER LINE MINISTRY:**  
Glen Wagner/Judy Fletcher

**PRAYER EMAIL MINISTRY:**  
[prayerline@heritagecrc.org](mailto:prayerline@heritagecrc.org)

MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY:

- Jan 10 - LillieAnn Durian
- Jan 17 - Paul Booden
- Jan 24 - Ferrel Stremmer
- Jan 31 - Ferrel Stremmer

**Prayer line Reminder:** If your email address has changed, you wish to have your or a friend's email added to the Prayer Line, or you wish to no longer receive Prayer Line emails, please send an email request to: [jerry.oele@yahoo.com](mailto:jerry.oele@yahoo.com) or [prayerline@heritagecrc.org](mailto:prayerline@heritagecrc.org)