

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  
churchoffice@heritagecrc.org.

OFFICE HOURS:  
Wednesday: 8:00 am —12:00 pm  
Thursday: 8:00 am —12:00 pm

Volunteer Schedule...

COFFEE SERVERS:  
July 20 & 27 Jim Bosch, Judy Wieringa, Heather Tuin/Norbert & Joy H  
Aug. 3 & 10 Mike & Cheri Gavin/Dave & Kathy VanderMeer

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

Districts

A-M  
N-Z

Elder

Glen Wagner  
Rick Lingbeek

Deacon

Teri Wagner  
Roger Selles

MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY:  
July 27 - Lisa Durian  
August 3 - Ian Tuin  
Aug. 10 - Chris VandenBerg  
Aug. 17 - Paul Booden

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:  
7/27 - Sue Mejeur & Barb Razenberg  
8/3 - Sue Florian & Nancy VandenBerg  
8/10 - Lisa & Olivia Bosch  
8/17 - Mary Deters & Michelle Koning

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HAPPENINGS

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What’s up in Worship

Please welcome to our pulpit, guest pastor Rev. Michael VandenBerg as he leads us in worship this Sunday. His sermon is based on Ephesians 5:1-20, “A Bright Identity.”



Mobile Food Initiative is  
**Saturday, July 26.**

7:45 AM at **Heritage CRC.**

**See you there!**



Our parking lot will be closed for re-sealing on July 29 & 30. If you need to come to church on either of those days, please park next door at the hotel and walk over.

We are looking for a few more people to help mow the big yard in front of church, please talk to Ernie Waterhouse if you are interested. Thank you!



Celebrations...

Birthdays...

Linda VanGoeye ~ August 2  
Olivia Bosch ~ August 5  
Pastor Simon ~ August 7  
Bonnie Langeland ~ August 8  
Linda DeLoof ~ August 9  
Sharon Stryd ~ August 9



Anniversaries...

Simon & Heather Tuin ~ July 29  
Glen & Ruth Wagner ~ July 29

What's Happening  
This Week

Church Calendar for July 27-August 2:

Saturday 7:45 Mobile Food Initiative

Sunday 10:00 Sunday Worship

Pastor Simon is on vacation until August 11. If you have a need arise please contact your district elder.



Lisa will be on vacation next week so there will not be a newsletter. Thank you!





Proper nutrition is important for everyone but is especially vital for young people. **Hunger, even for a short period of time, can have long-lasting effects including health issues, academic delays, and socio-emotional distress.** The true potential of children and teens is stunted when they don't have access to nutritious, well-balanced meals.

At Kalamazoo Loaves & Fishes, the number of individuals we serve skyrockets every summer when kids lose access to school meals. **Our busiest months of the year are July and August.** We do our best to address this peak in food insecurity, but we can't do it without your help. Fortunately, caring individuals like you are willing to team up with us to address childhood hunger.

Your dollars have an immediate impact when you donate to the *Food Is Fuel Summer Campaign for Kids*, and 100% of your donation benefits children in Kalamazoo County. Your generosity puts food on the table for the most vulnerable in our community.

We're so grateful for your support. This work would not be possible without you.



In the book *Children of the Stars* by Mario Escobar, you will join Jacob and Moses (two German Jewish brothers) as they travel across France to reunite with their parents during WWII. It is a story of faith, hope, and the kindness of strangers prevailing over evil. The meeting is Tuesday August 26 at 10:00.



**Offering Schedule**

- July 27 General Fund & Building Fund  
Loose Change: Forgotten Man Ministries
- Aug 3 General Fund & Christian Ed. Assistance  
Loose Change: Park Village Pines
- Aug. 10 General Fund & Ministry Shares  
Loose Change: Kal. Gospel Ministries
- Aug. 17 General Fund & Faith Promise  
Loose Change: Benevolence Fund

**Offerings (deposited for July 20, 2025)**

- Benevolence Fund ~ \$320.00
- Building Fund ~ \$150.00
- Christian Ed. Assistance ~ \$45.00
- Faith Promise ~ \$760.00
- Forgotten Man Ministries ~ \$100.00
- General Fund ~ \$4,116.00
- Ministry Shares ~ \$165.00
- World Renew ~ \$20.00
- Wycliffe Bible Translators ~ \$218.00



**Park Village Pines**

OAKVIEW TERRACE ■ CRYSTAL WOODS

**Park Village Pines** has recently organized a General Store, a place where residents can pick out a couple of items twice per month. We could use items from the following list if anyone is interested in donating items to this ministry. We appreciate your partnership with us here at PVP, and this would be a great way to be a further blessing to our residents. Thanks so much!

The following donations are welcome for the **General Store:**

Tissue, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, body wash (men & women) , bars of soap, lotions, lip balm

Large Word Search books, playing cards

Individually wrapped hard candy & sugar free candy

Costume jewelry (necklaces, earrings & bracelets), ladies' scarves, socks



**Hymn Sing at Bethany Reformed Church,** 1833 S. Burdick St. on Sunday, August 24 at 5:00 PM. A time of food and fellowship to follow in the social hall. Psalms, old favorites, and call-outs. All are welcome! There are flyers at our information center.

**World Renew**

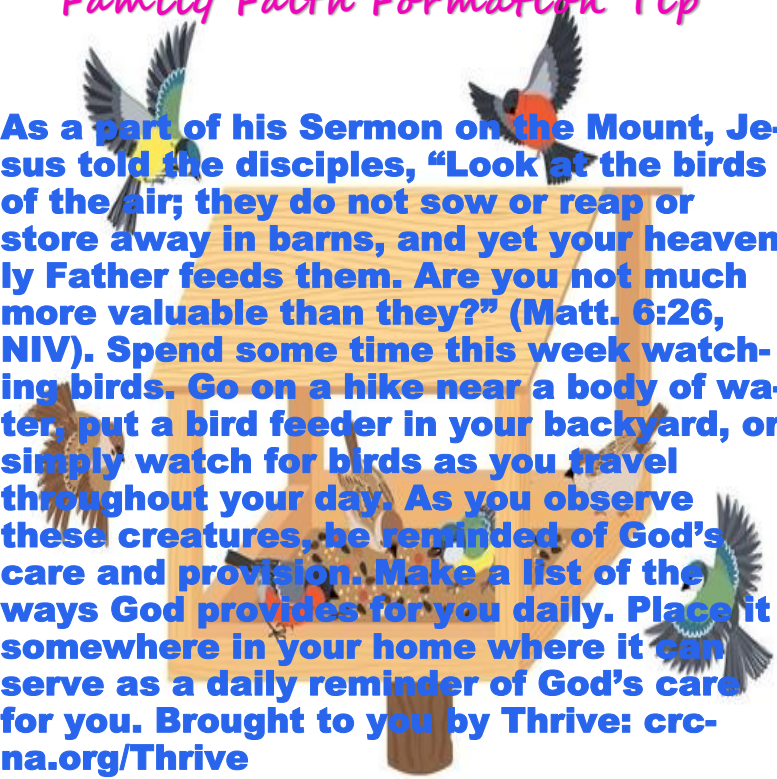
**Ride to Renew: Cycle for Change** - Join World Renew for the ride of a lifetime from November 1–9, 2025. 100 riders will cycle through beautiful Florida and help raise funds to equip 1,500 farmers worldwide with sustainable farming practices. Each rider commits to raising \$3,000, directly supporting 15 global farmers in achieving food security for their families and communities. Let's ride together for a more food-secure future! For more information and to register, visit [worldrenew.net/ridetorenew](http://worldrenew.net/ridetorenew)

**Calvin University**

**Paul's Missionary Journeys in Greece** - (October 13 - 24, 2025) Travel by motor coach (6 days) and cruise ship (4 days) to sites connected with Paul's second and third missionary journeys, as well as visit other major sites of biblical, archaeological, and cultural interest. Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading Pauline scholar, hosts this inspirational tour. For more information, contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or [weimje@calvinseminary.edu](mailto:weimje@calvinseminary.edu).

**Global Leadership Summit Simulcast** - August 7–8, 2025 | Calvin University - Join leaders from around the world for a live simulcast of the Global Leadership Summit Simulcast, hosted locally at Calvin University's Covenant Fine Arts Center. Hear from top global speakers on leadership, purpose, and innovation. Open to professionals, students, educators, and community members. More info & registration at <https://brushfire.com/582107>

*Family Faith Formation Tip*



**As a part of his Sermon on the Mount, Jesus told the disciples, “Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?” (Matt. 6:26, NIV). Spend some time this week watching birds. Go on a hike near a body of water, put a bird feeder in your backyard, or simply watch for birds as you travel throughout your day. As you observe these creatures, be reminded of God's care and provision. Make a list of the ways God provides for you daily. Place it somewhere in your home where it can serve as a daily reminder of God's care for you. Brought to you by Thrive: [crcna.org/Thrive](http://crcna.org/Thrive)**

**ReFrame Ministries**

**Kids Corner Devotions:** God's Grand Story: Samuel Serves - Check out this week's kids' devotion, “God's Grand Story: Samuel Serves” at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Want to hear a cool story about a kid God spoke to at night? Samuel was just a kid like you, and God used him in amazing ways—this devotion will inspire your whole family to listen for God's voice, obey with courage, and shine his light every day! Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net), like the Kids Corner eBook Collection: Faith Practices.

**Groundwork: Unfaithful People and God's Grace** - God famously instructed Hosea to marry an unfaithful woman and used his marriage to Gomer as a symbol of all that was wrong with Israel in their relationship with God. Join Groundwork as we dig into Hosea 1-3 to study this prophetic relationship and recognize its invitation into an honest reflection on our own relationship with God and our need for his grace as his people today. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.