

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:

Mar 15 & 22 Nick & Melissa Piontek, Bob & Jane Pangle
Mar 29 & Apr 5 Becky Smith, Linda DeLoof, Linda VanGoeyne, Arnie Keur

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY: Glen Wagner/Donnie Waterhouse

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SERVICE MINISTRY: Judy Wieringa/Kathy VanderMeer

| Districts | Elder | Deacon |
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| A-M | Glen Wagner | Teri Wagner |
| N-Z | Rick Lingbeek | Roger Selles |

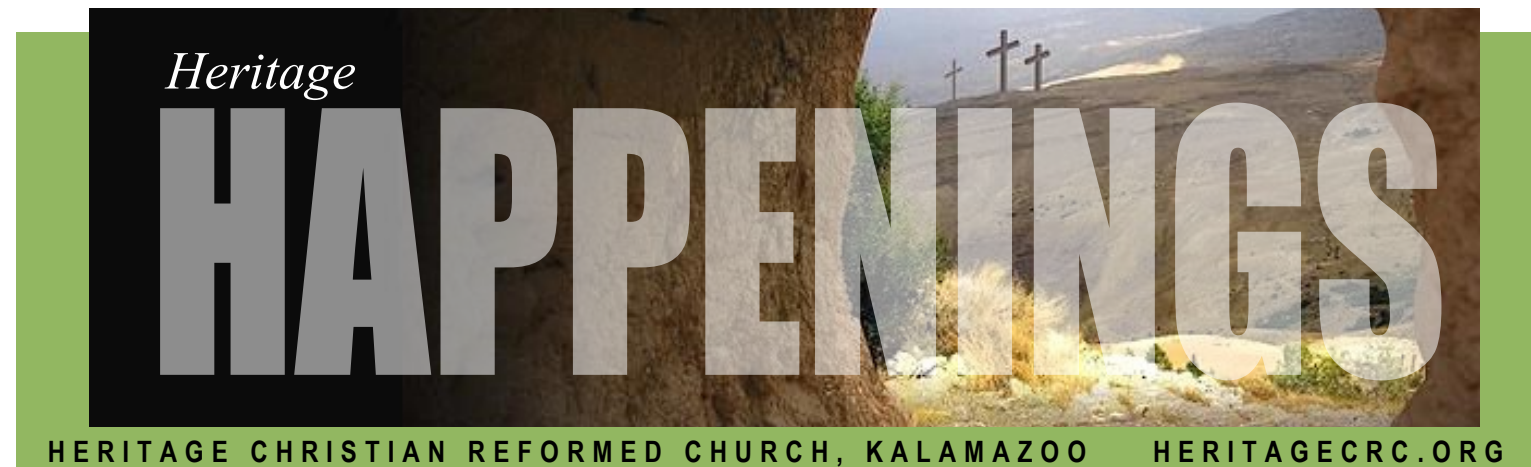
MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY:

Mar. 15 - Paul Booden
Mar. 22 - Lisa Bosch
Mar. 29 - Paul Booden
Apr. 5 - Dorothy Broekhuizen

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:

3/15 - Michelle Koning, Joyce Truscott
3/22 - John Bruinwood, Sue Florian
3/29 - Barb Razenberg
4/5 - Pam Gould, Sue Mejeur

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | 12 9:30 GROW Group | 13 | 14 |
| 15 10 am Pastor Simon "God's Promise: Are You All In?" Genesis 25:1-18 | 16 | 17 3:30 Shep. Elders | 18 | 19 9:30 GROW Group 12:00 Heritage Piecemakers | 20 FIRST DAY OF Spring MARCH 20 | 21 |
| 22 10 am Rev. Dan Roels "Reaching for Glory" Matthew 17:1-13 | 23 | 24 10 am Book Club 6:30 Council | 25 | 26 9:30 GROW Group | 27 | 28 7:45 am Mobile Food Initiative MOBILE FOOD INITIATIVE |
| 29 Palm Sunday 10 am Pastor Simon "Will the Stones Cry Out?" Luke 19:28-40 11:15 Church Potluck | 30 | 31 | 1 8 am Men's Bible Study Hello April | 2 9:30 GROW Group | 3 GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE 6:00 PM | 4 |

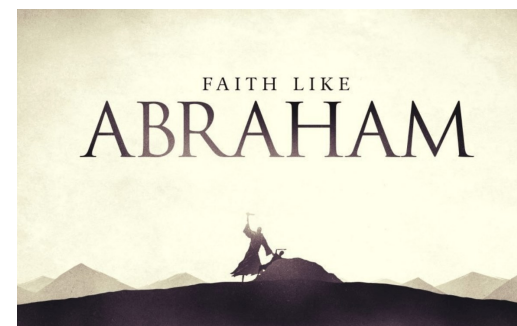


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What's up in Worship

The Journey of Faith: The Life of Abraham ~ In Genesis 15:6 we read: "Abraham believed the Lord, and he credited it to him as righteousness." Join us as we consider how God shows us through Abraham what it means to have a life of faith! This week's sermon is titled "God's Promise: Are You All In?", based on Genesis 25:1-18.



Council News

Nominations for Elder and Deacon: It will soon be time to give thanks for those who have served the Lord and His Church and elect new members to Council as either elder or deacon. As we begin this process, the council asks you to join them in praying God will raise up those who will fill these leadership roles at Heritage Church. Please also consider nominating those you believe are qualified and gifted to serve as an elder or deacon. A letter describing the qualifications necessary to serve and a nomination form will be sent out via e-mail. Extra copies are available at the Information Center.

Celebrations...

Birthdays...

March 16 ~ Joy Hegelmann
March 16 ~ Grace Visser
March 18 ~ Rick Lingbeek
March 18 ~ Dean Troyer



Church Calendar for March 15-22:

Sunday 10:00 Worship Service
Tuesday 3:30 Shepherding Elders
Thursday 9:30 GROW Group
12:00 Heritage Piecemakers



I want to thank you for all the prayers, cards, emails, texts, flowers and kind words regarding my hip surgery. I got a good report from the doctor and I am healing slowly but surely.

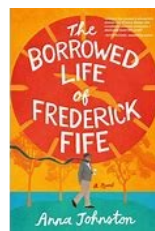
Bonnie DeLoof



Pastor Simon will be on vacation March 16-22, if any needs arise contact one of our shepherding elders.



For Tuesday March 24, 10:00am we will be discussing a heartwarming story about an elderly man who, through a case of mistaken identity takes the place of a grumpy resident in a nursing home. He finds companionship as he navigates his new borrowed life.



Coffee Break will not be meeting on Tuesday, March 17, we will resume on April 7 for our final meeting for this session.



We have two missing Jan Karon books from our library. Please check your homes to see if you might have forgotten to return them.

#12 Somewhere Safe With Somebody Good

#13 Come Rain or Shine



Thank you, Library Staff



The next church potluck is March 29 after the morning service. Bring a dish to pass if able, tableware and drinks will be provided.

Offering Schedule

- Mar. 15 General Fund
Loose Change: Dordt University
- Mar. 22 General Fund
Loose Change: Kalamazoo Gospel Ministries
- Mar. 29 General Fund
Loose Change: Wycliffe Bible Translators
- Apr. 5 General Fund
Loose Change: Resonate Global

Offerings

Deposited for March 8, 2026

- Building Fund ~ \$10.00
- Centrica ~ \$329.00
- Faith Promise ~ \$160.00
- General Fund ~ \$5,924.00
- Growing Hope Globally ~ \$210.00
- Ministry Shares ~ \$134.00



Adopt Daisy and Maisy! Over the past 19 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!

As we look to a new year of support for Growing Hope Globally, be on the look out for the "Adopt-a-Cow" poster. This will provide an opportunity for members to adopt Daisy and Maisy for \$60/week or \$255/month in 2026. Every dollar donated is typically matched 3-1 through the Dairy Project. Over the past 19 years just over \$500,000 has been raised! More details will come soon as well as information on the World Renew programs we support in Kenya and Uganda.



KCHS Spring Musical Tickets on Sale Now - Kalamazoo Christian High School's spring musical, The Sound of Music, is coming up on March 19-21 at Comstock Community Auditorium and tickets are on sale now at <https://kchspeformingarts.ludus.com/>. This beloved tale of music, love, faith, and standing up bravely to evil is a true classic and not one you will want to miss. Get your tickets now!



Satan, sin, and temptation wage war for your soul—but they are not invincible. Learn how the enemy operates, how your heart is targeted, and how Christ empowers you to stand firm and overcome. Come hear from Dr. Neil Stewart at the **2026 Faith and Life Conference, "When The Darkness Looks Bright: Winning the War against Temptation."** Saturday, March 21st from 9AM–2PM at Immanuel Fellowship Church (6015 W H Ave, Kalamazoo). Lunch is provided. Register for the event at: kalamazoocpc.org/faithandlife

Calvin Theological Seminary

Paul's Missionary Journeys in Turkey & the Seven Churches of Revelation (Oct 9-19, 2026): Visit ancient sites connected with Paul's First, Second, and Third Missionary Journeys as well as the seven churches to whom John wrote the Book of Revelation. Join Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading biblical scholar, for this inspirational biblical tour. Contact Dr. Weima at [616-328-3110](tel:616-328-3110) or weimje@calvinseminary.edu.

Family Faith Formation Tip

The New Testament Gospels all include the account of a woman who interrupts a dinner party and pours out a precious perfume to anoint Jesus (Matt. 26:6-13; Mark 14:3-9; Luke 7:36-50; John 12:1-8). The disciples are offended at the intrusion. Jesus calls it a fitting tribute to his love, and a preparation for the way he will lay down his life. This week be mindful of incidents that interrupt your plans, or of individuals who intrude on your time and space. See each one as a divinely orchestrated opportunity to reorient your attention to the Savior who poured out his life for you. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner Devotions: Jesus Cried - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Jesus Cried," at www.kidscorner.net. Everyone has big feelings, and learning to notice how others feel helps us be kinder friends. Just like Jesus, we can listen, care, and show love when someone is sad or happy. Prepare for Easter with all the great content at kidscorner.net, like Kids Corner's Lent Devotional.

Groundwork: Carrying Jesus' Cross on the Road to Golgotha - When we reach stations seven and eight of the Stations of the Cross, we reflect on the movement of Jesus and the cross toward Golgotha. Join Groundwork as we study John 19:6-17, Matthew 27:19-31, and Mark 15:21 to consider the symbolism of the cross beam placed on Jesus, the significance of Simon of Cyrene carrying Jesus' cross, and what it means to bear the cross with Jesus in our lives. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Focus on the Cross - Lent is a season to focus on the hope of Jesus Christ. Receive a free Today devotional email series to help you refresh, refocus, and renew your faith during Lent. Or download the ebook! Subscribe at todaydevotional.com/lent.