

### 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:

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

**PRAYER EMAIL MINISTRY:** hrcprayer@gmail.com

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

#### Districts

A-M Glen Wagner  
N-Z Rick Lingbeek

#### Deacon

Teri Wagner  
Roger Selles

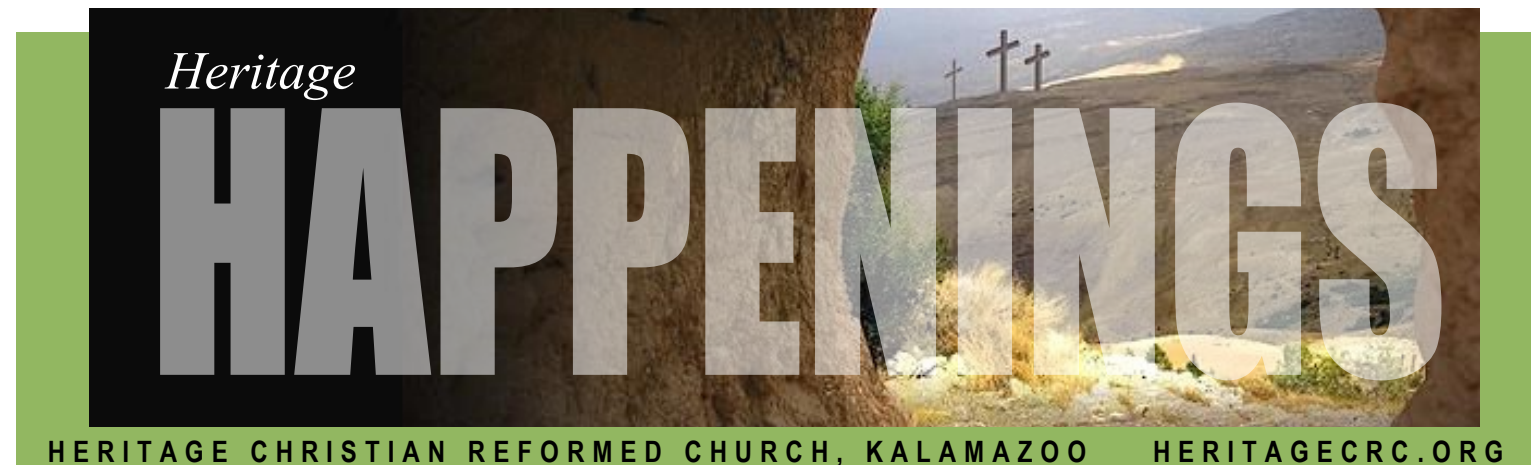
#### MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY:

Mar. 22 - Lisa Bosch  
Mar. 29 - Paul Booden  
Apr. 5 - Dorothy Broekhuizen  
Apr. 12 - Chris VandenBerg

#### NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:

3/22 - John Bruinwood, Sue Florian  
3/29 - Barb Razenberg  
4/5 - Pam Gould, Sue Mejeur  
4/12 - Barb Razenberg, Joy Knurr

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				19 9:30 GROW Group 12:00 Heritage Piecemakers	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 
29 <b>Palm Sunday</b> 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 	2 9:30 GROW Group	3 	4
5 <b>Easter Sunday</b> 10 am Pastor Simon' "From Tragedy to Triumph" Mark 5:21-24, 35-43	6	7 9:30 Coffee Break	8	9 9:30 GROW Group	10	11

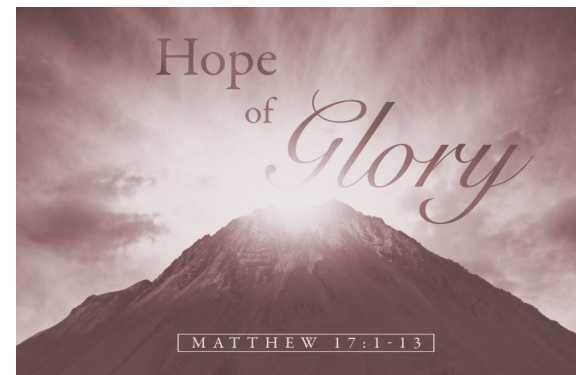


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### What's up in Worship

This Sunday we welcome to our pulpit, guest preacher, Pastor Dan Roels as he leads us in worship. His sermon is "Reaching for Glory" based on Matthew 17:1-13.



### 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. This is the last Sunday to nominate 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 25 ~ Joyce Truscott  
March 26 ~ Hank DeGraaff  
March 28 ~ Betty Vlietstra



#### Church Calendar for March 22-28:

Sunday 10:00 Worship Service  
Tuesday 10:00 Book Club  
6:30 Council  
Thursday 9:30 GROW Group  
Saturday 7:45 Mobile Food Initiative

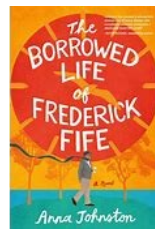


Dear Church Family, Thank you very much for your expressions of love and support as I dal with my recent stroke and other issues. It means so much. Hank DeGraaff

I would like to thank the entire congregation for their prayers, cards, visits and calls during my lengthy recovery from my ankle surgery and rehabilitation. Words cannot express my love and appreciation for the caring of the Heritage congregation. God bless all of you.  
Sincerely, Herm Vanders



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.



CHURCH  
**Potluck**  
JOIN US FOR FOOD  
& FELLOWSHIP

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



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: [kalamazoopc.org/faithandlife](http://kalamazoopc.org/faithandlife)

## Offering Schedule

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
Apr. 12	General Fund Loose Change: International Campus Ministry

## Offerings

### Deposited for March 15, 2026

Building Fund ~ \$190.00
Christian Ed. Assistance ~ \$45.00
Dordt University ~ \$243.00
Faith Promise ~ \$805.00
General Fund ~ \$5,064.00
Growing Hope Globally ~ \$60.00
Initial offering ~ \$5.00
Ministry Shares ~ \$95.00
Rental Income ~ \$1750.00



**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.

## World Renew

As spring storm season begins, severe weather is already impacting communities across North America. Our DRS team is preparing to walk alongside affected communities in Michigan and beyond in the weeks and months ahead, especially as more storms are forecasted this season. Your support helps us respond in the aftermath of severe tornadoes and storms: [worldrenew.net/springstorms](http://worldrenew.net/springstorms)

Your church's support will help equip trained volunteers to assist families with cleanup, recovery, and long-term rebuilding in communities impacted by these devastating spring storms.

**We also invite your congregation to pray**—for families mourning loss, for those injured, and for all who now face the long road of restoring their homes and their lives. Thank you for standing with communities in their time of need and for being the hands and feet of Jesus in moments of crisis.

## 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](mailto:weimje@calvinseminary.edu).

**Alternatives of Kalamazoo:** A baby basinet is available in the gym/fellowship hall for donations to support Alternatives Pregnancy Care Center of Kalamazoo. Alternatives proves material assistance to their clients. They accept gently used items such as maternity outfits, children's clothing, toys and strollers. **The center's urgent needs are: Baby Wipes, Clothes 18m or larger, diapers, sizes 4,5,6,7, and pull-ups 3T-5T.** Lets fill the basinet. The donations will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for all your generous giving.

## Family Faith Formation Tip

**This is the final week of Lent. Next week is Holy Week, during which Christians will mark the end of Jesus' journey to the cross. Those final hours of Jesus' life were extremely lonely, as Jesus was abandoned by family, friends, and even his heavenly Father. As Jesus' disciples today, we share in this suffering—but we are never alone. Colossians 3 describes the diverse community of believers, exhorting us to "bear with each other" as we support one another in faith. This week read and reflect on Colossians 3:11-14, and make time to connect with and encourage members of your church community. Brought to you by Thrive: [crcna.org/Thrive](http://crcna.org/Thrive)**

## ReFrame Ministries

**Kids Corner Devotions: The Not-So-Triumphal Entry** - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "The Not-So-Triumphal Entry," at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Ever wonder why Jesus chose to ride a donkey? By selecting a donkey, he declared that he was there to get to work—God's work—and he wasn't threatening anyone. Donkeys aren't flashy. Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net), like KC's Lent and Easter Collection.

**Groundwork: The Daughters of Jerusalem and Jesus' Crucifixion** - At the ninth Station of the Cross, Jesus gave a warning to women he called "Daughters of Jerusalem." Then comes the tenth Station of the Cross: Jesus' crucifixion. Join Groundwork as we study Jesus' words in Luke 23:26-38 and Matthew 27:39-43 and discuss his meaning, what he accomplished on the cross, and what it all means for our lives today. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://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](http://todaydevotional.com/lent).