

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:
March 16 & 23 Bob & Mary Deters/Bob & Barb Razenberg
Mar 30 & Apr 6 Dorothy Broekhuizen, Rose Dame/Glen & Ruth Wagner

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

Districts

A-M
N-Z

Elder

Glen Wagner
Rick Lingbeek

Deacon

Cheri Gavin
Roger Selles

MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY:
Mar. 23 - Lisa Durian
Mar. 30 - Ian Tuin
Apr. 6 - Chris VandenBerg

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:
3/23 - Joy Knurr & Nancy VandenBerg
3/30 - Cheryl Koning & Wendy Rose
4/6 -

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HAPPENINGS

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What’s up in Worship

The Lord’s Prayer: One of the great privileges of every Christ follower is prayer. In this series we will examine each of the petitions in the Lord’s Prayer from Matthew 6:9-13 as an opportunity for us to grow in prayer. This week’s message is from Matthew 7:7-8, 1 John 4:14-15, **“Prayer as a Way of Life”**. Con-
fession: Heidelberg Catechism, Lord’s Day 52, Q & A 129.

Church Calendar for March 22-30:

Saturday

7:45

Mobile Food Initiative

Sunday

10:00

Worship Service

Tuesday

10:00
7:00

Book Club
Council

Wednesday



10:00

Adult Bible Study

Thursday

9:30

GROW Group

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				20 9:30 GROW Group	21	22 7:45 Mobile Food Initiative 
23 10 am Pastor Simon “The Lord’s Prayer: Prayer as a Way of Life” Matthew 7:7-8, 1 John 4:14-15	24	25 10 am Book Club 7pm Council	26 10 am Adult Bible Study	27 9:30 GROW Group	28	29
30 10 am Pastor Simon “Extravagant Love” John 12:1-11	31	1 9:30 Coffee Break 	2 8 am Men’s Bible Study 10 am Adult Bible Study	3 9:30 GROW Group	4	5
6 Communion 10 am Pastor Dan Sarkipato	7	8 7 pm Admin Council	9 10 am Adult Bible Study	10 9:30 GROW Group	11 9:30 Heritage Piecemakers	12

Celebrations...

Birthdays...

Joyce Truscott ~ March 25
Hank DeGraaff ~ March 26
Betty Vlietstra ~ March 28

Thank you for all the beautiful birthday cards. It made my 70th birthday great. Joy Hegelmann

We would like to thank everyone for your prayers, cards and calls to check in on our family as we said goodbye to Nick’s mom. Special thanks to Pastor Simon for traveling to spend time with us and for leading the Celebration of Life for Janet. We are truly blessed to be a part of this church family at Heritage. Thanks again.

The Piontek Family

A humble thank you to our church family for the many cards, calls and prayers received while Bill was in the hospital and his subsequent beginning of dialysis. A new and uncharted journey for us, to be sure. Thank you! Joyce & Bill Truscott

Thank you for your calls, cards, prayers and acts of kindness regarding Phil’s health issues. Our church is so faithful. God bless all of you.

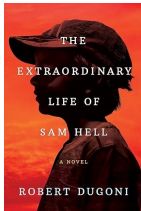
Phil & Barb Nieboer

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.



The book club will be meeting Tuesday, March 25, at 10:00 am to discuss the book "The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell" by Robert Dugoni. Born with ocular albinism Sam Hill is called "Devil Boy" or "Sam Hell" by his classmates. Buoyed by his mother's faith, his father's practical wisdom, and his two misfit friends Sam perseveres.



Next week Lisa will be in the office on Wednesday morning only. Please have all announcements in by Wednesday at 8 am. The week of March 30-April 6 Lisa will be on vacation. Thank you.



Our next church potluck will be Sunday, **April 13**, right after the morning worship service. If able please bring a dish to pass. Table service and drinks will be provided. Come and enjoy a wonderful time of fellowship and delicious food!

Offering Schedule

- Mar. 23 General Fund & Building Fund
Loose change: Kal. Gospel Ministries
- Mar. 30 General Fund
Loose change: Wycliffe
- April 6 General Fund & Christian Ed. Assistance
Loose Change: Trinity Christian College
- April 13 General Fund & Ministry Shares
Loose Change: International Campus Ministry

Offerings (deposited for March 16, 2025)

- Building Fund ~ \$120.00
- Christian Ed Assistance ~ \$130.00
- Dordt College ~ \$234.00
- Faith Promise ~ \$534.00
- General Fund ~ \$7,923.00
- Ministry Shares ~ \$95.00



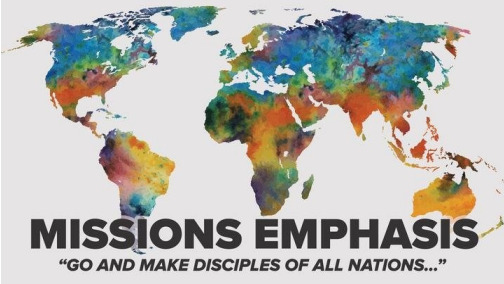
Mission Update: Thank you to everyone who has signed up to support Daisy & Maisy and Growing Hope Globally. One of the World Renew projects we are funding this year is in Igembe, Kenya where farmers have experienced repeated crop failures as a result of droughts and erratic rainfall. This program is working to improve the food security situation in the Igembe area. For more information, check out this link: <https://www.growinghopeglobally.org/program/kenya-igembe/>

Mobile Food Initiative is
Saturday, March 22.

7:45 AM at Heritage CRC.



See you there!



Mission Emphasis Week is coming soon and again we have two speakers scheduled to be with us. Sunday morning, April 27, Rev. Kurt Selles, Executive Director of ReFrame Ministries (formerly Back to God Ministries) will be bringing the message, along with an update on ReFrame Ministries. Then, both Saturday and Sunday, May 3 & 4, Pastor Jim Halstead, founder of Go & Tell Ministries and former pastor of Community CRC, Ft. Wayne, IN, will be with us. On Saturday morning he will be presenting a workshop on sharing the Gospel to the lost, then Sunday morning he will bring the message. There will be more information about this workshop later. We are asking if anyone would be willing to host Pastor Jim Halstead overnight on Friday and Saturday, May 2-4. If you are willing to do so, or have questions before deciding, please contact Pastor Simon or Jerry Oele."

Alternatives of Kalamazoo: A baby basinet is available in the gym/fellowship hall for donations to support Alternatives Pregnancy Care Center of Kalamazoo. **The center is in urgent need of Pull-ups for both girls and boys -sizes 3T, 4T, 5T, & Wipes!** Lets fill the bassinet full of toddler items. They will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for all your generous giving.



Kalamazoo Loaves and Fishes: A grocery cart in the Gym/Fellowship Hall is available every week to collect non-perishable food items. KLF serves over 800 people each day through their pantry network, home delivery program, and mobile food distributions. Food wish list: Cereal, canned soups and stews, meals in a box (like hamburger helper), shelf stable almond or rice milk, baking mixes, protein drinks, canned meat, shelf-sable tortillas, granola or cereal bars, microwaveable food, kid-friendly snacks. Please help us support this ministry.



Family Faith Formation Tip

Reflection and Discussion Starter—the Practice of Prayer: Read Matthew 6:9-13 and ponder or discuss the following questions. • In The Prayer of the Lord, R.C. Sproul observes, “The very beginning of godliness, the very beginning of transformation in our lives and in our society, begins with our posture before the character of God.” What is the appropriate posture before God, and how does the Lord’s Prayer help us approach God that way? by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner: Lent: Jesus Prays for All Believers - Check out this week’s kids’ devotion “Lent: Jesus Prays for All Believers” at www.kidscorner.net. Did you know that Jesus prayed specifically for you? This week’s devotional invites you to explore John 17, where Jesus prayed for his disciples and for everyone who would believe in him—including your family. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like KC’s Lent and Easter Collection.

Groundwork: Paul's Journey to Rome: Proclaiming Jesus Everywhere - The apostle Paul endured a long series of trials that led him to Rome. At every opportunity he shared his testimony and preached the gospel. Join Groundwork as we study the apostle Paul’s journey to Rome in Acts 21:27-28:31 and let his experience give us confidence and readiness to also share the good news of Jesus everywhere we go. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Do you enjoy doing puzzles? It's great for hand dexterity and eye coordination, plus its a great way to pass the time on all the cold and snowy days. We have a table set up in the north wing with all sizes, 300 up to 1000 pieces. So take a look and if you want, bring one from home to share.

