

**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 17 & 24 Mike & Cheri Gavin/Dave & Kathy VanderMeer  
March 31 & April 7 Fred & Pam Gould/Norm & Bonnie Langeland  
April 14 & 21 Bob & Mary Deters/Bob & Barb Razenberg

**PRAYER LINE MINISTRY:** Glen Wagner/Donnie Waterhouse

**PRAYER EMAIL MINISTRY:** prayerline@heritagecrc.org

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

**MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY:**

Mar. 24 - Lisa Durian  
Mar. 31 -  
Apr. 7 - Ian Tuin  
Apr. 14 - LillieAnn Durian

**NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:**

3/24 - Joy Knurr & Wendy Rose  
3/31 - Barb R. & Kim Bruinwood  
4/7 - Sue Florian & Joyce Truscott  
4/14 - Nancy VandenBerg & Sharon Stryd

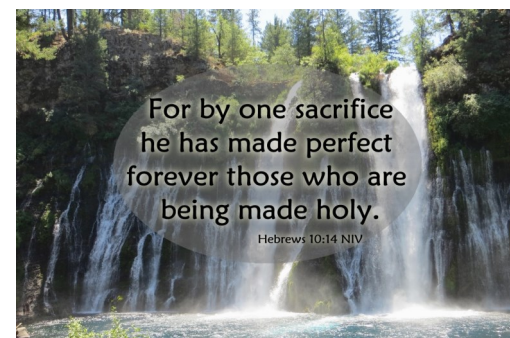


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**What's up in Worship**

**Better: A Journey Through Hebrews** – There has always been pressure on those who belong to Jesus to deny Him and find something better. Join us in this series on the book of Hebrews as we discover its re-sounding message that Jesus is better than everything we might try to satisfy the deepest longing of our hearts. This week's sermon title is: **"A Superior Sacrifice"**, based on Hebrews 10:1-18.



**Holy Week Schedule**

March 24 is Palm Sunday ~ we relive the passion and suffering of Jesus leading up to His resurrection.

March 29 our Good Friday Tenebrae service is at 7:00 pm. We commemorate the suffering, crucifixion and death of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, for our sins.

March 31 is Easter Sunday, we celebrate our risen Savior and His victory over sin and death! The sermon is based on John 20:1-18, **"The Light Shines in the Darkness."**

Please join us for our Holy Week services.

**Birthdays...**

Joyce Truscott ~ March 25  
Hank DeGraaff ~ March 26  
Betty Vliestra ~ March 28  
Paul Booden ~ April 1  
Pete Dame ~ April 4  
Dick VanDam ~ April 6  
Irene VanderBerg ~ April 7  
Donnie Waterhouse ~ April 7  
Marge Booden ~ April 9  
Richard Visser ~ April 11  
Judy Wieringa ~ April 13

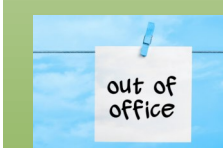


**Anniversaries...**



Bob & Barb Razenberg ~ April 7



Join the book club Tuesday March 26, 10am to discuss The Personal Librarian by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray. It is an historical novel about Bella de Costa Green as she becomes the personal secretary of J P Morgan. She establishes herself in society while disguising her true identity. See Dorothy Broekhuizen with any questions.



Lisa will be out of the office March 26-April 7.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				21 9:30 GROW Group	22	23 7:45 Mobile Food Initiative 
24 <i>Palm Sunday</i> 10:00 am Pastor Simon <b>"A Superior Sacrifice"</b> Hebrews 10:1-18	25	26 10:00 Book Club 6:30 Council	27 10 am Reformation Bible Study	28 9:30 GROW Group	29 <b>7:00 pm Good Friday Service</b>	30
31 <i>Easter</i> 10:00 am Pastor Simon <b>"The Light Shines in the Darkness"</b> John 20:1-9	1 	2 9:30 Coffee Break	3 8 am Men's Bible Study	4 9:30 GROW Group	5 9:30 Heritage Piecemaker	6
7 Communion Sunday 10:00 am Pastor Simon <b>"Drawing Near to God"</b> Hebrews 10:19-39 11:30 Church Potluck	8	9 7:00 Admin Council	10	11 9:30 GROW Group	12	13

**Church Calendar for March 23-April 13:**

<u>March 23-31</u>	
Saturday	7:45 Mobile Food Initiative
Sunday	10:00 Palm Sunday Worship
Tuesday	10:00 Book Club 6:30 Council
Wednesday	10:00 Reformation Bible Study
Thursday	9:30 GROW Group
Friday	7:00 GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
Sunday	10:00 EASTER Worship Service
<u>April 1-13</u>	
Tuesday	9:30 Coffee Break
Wednesday	8:00a Men's Bible Study
Thursday	9:30 GROW Group
Friday	9:30 Heritage Piecemakers
Sunday	11:30 Church Potluck
Tuesday	7:00 Admin. Council
Thursday	9:30 GROW Group

**Offering Schedule**

Mar 24	General Fund & Building Fund Loose Change: Kalamazoo Gospel Mission
Mar. 31	General Fund Loose Change: Wycliffe Bible Translators
April 7	General Fund & Christian Ed. Assistance Loose Change: Trinity Christian College
April 14	General Fund & Ministry Shares Loose Change: International Campus Ministry

**Offerings (deposited for March 17, 2024)**

Faith Promise ~ \$355.00  
 General Fund ~ \$2,236.00  
 Growing Hope Globally ~ \$290.00  
 Ministry Shares ~ \$25.00  
 Resonate Global Mission ~ \$69.00

**Adopt Daisy and her sister Maisy!** Our poster board is looking good, there are still some weeks available to sign up for. Take a look at the poster. Thank you!



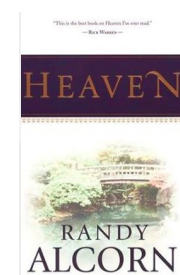
**Mobile Food Initiative is Saturday, March 23.**

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

**\*\*Please let the office know if you can help out. See you there!**



The next church potluck is April 7. Please bring a dish to pass if able. Tableware and drinks will be provided. We hope to see you all there!



A new Bible study is coming starting April 17 through May 22, every Wednesday at 10 am. The study is based on the Randy Alcorn book "Heaven". All are welcome! There are flyers at the welcome center.



**Coming this Spring!** The Fine Arts department at Kalamazoo Christian High School will host a Fine Arts Showcase at Heritage this Spring (April 25-May 10). During this time, 30-40 pieces of art will be on display in the Fellowship Hall and possibly a few pieces in the lobby. Opening night is Thursday, April 27 and will include musical presentations from students from the high school. Be sure to put this on your calendar as we enjoy seeing the art of these students.



Three Forms Podcast - Are you a podcast listener? Would you enjoy a weekly show to help you grow in your understanding of Reformed Theology and God's Word? The Three Forms Podcast, recently launched by two CRC churches, is a 30 minute weekly show, exploring our Reformed Confessions (often referred to as the Three Forms of Unity) in a conversational format. The Three Forms Podcast can be found on Apple, Spotify, Pandora, YouTube, and many other podcasting platforms.



**Crossroads Prison Ministry** - Crossroads Prison Ministries connects people in prisons with mentors from churches to develop Christ-centered relationships as they study God's Word together. Learn how, with your help, we will double the size of our ministry over the next five years to reach 70,000 incarcerated students with the hope of the Gospel, by joining one of the free luncheons on: April 24 in Holland, MI; April 25 in Grand Rapids, MI; or May 9 near Chicago, IL. Go to [cpministries.org/events](http://cpministries.org/events) for more information and to register for an event.

*Family Faith Formation Tip*

In Life Together, Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote, "Just as love to God begins with listening to His Word, so love for the brethren is learning to listen to them." Who might you show this kind of "listening love" to in the coming week? Learn more at [crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject](http://crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject)

**ReFrame Ministries**

**Kids Corner:** Called By Name - Check out this week's kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Mary was alone at the tomb. Then she met Jesus but didn't recognize him. All he had to do was say her name, and then she knew she was loved and not alone anymore. Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net), like KC's Lent and Easter Collection.

**Groundwork:** The Crucifixion of Jesus Christ - Examining the story of Jesus' crucifixion in each of the four gospels reveals a beautiful tapestry of perspectives. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study Matthew 27:45-53, Mark 15:40-41, Luke 23:13-25, and John 19:28-37 to witness the fulfillment of Scripture and remember the significance of what Jesus accomplished on the cross. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

**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 and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.