#### HERITAGE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH, KALAMAZOO

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**SUNDAY WORSHIP** @ 9:30 AM (Nursery provided) SUNDAY EVENING @ 5:00 PM

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:** Wednesday at noon. Call, leave a note, or e-mail to churchoffice@heritagecrc.org.

Summer OFFICE HOURS: Wednesday: 8:30 am—1:30 pm Thursday: 8:30 am—12:30 pm

### **Volunteer Schedule...**

NURSERY: March 26: Sue Mejeur & Pam Gould

April 2: Teri Wagner & Evie Wenke

COFFEE SERVERS: Mar 26: Matt & Lisa Durian, Bill & Kathy Cobern, Bill & Ruth Vroegop

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April 2/9: Phil & Barb Nieboer, Jack & Evie Wenke, Bob & Barb Razenberg

HALLMARK LIVING

(Services begin at 3:30 pm & last approximately 30 minutes)

March 26: Jim Triezenberg

April 2: Bill Vroegop & Marilyn Stremler

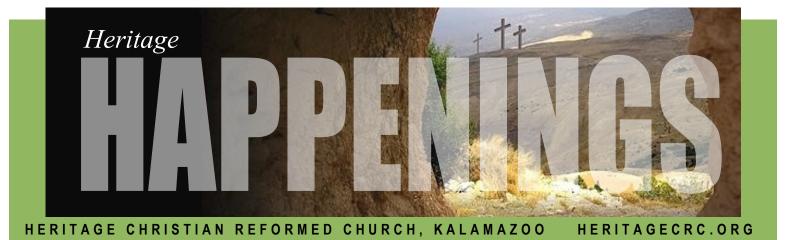
PRAYER LINE MINISTRY: Glen Wagner/Judy Fletcher PRAYER EMAIL MINISTRY: prayerline@heritagecrc.org

**SERVICE MINISTRY: March**: Joy Hegelmann

**MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY: March 26:** Zach Razenberg **April 2:** Lisa Durian

**PM**: Gary Broekhuizen

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 4th SUNDAY OF LENT 9:30 am Pastor Simon "Encounters with Jesus: The Outsider" John 4:1-42	27	Coffee Break Bible Study 9:30– 11 am (last one until Fall)	29	G.R.O.W. Bible Study 9:30—11 am	31	1
5 pm Pastor Simon "The Order of Salvation: Glorification" Romans 8:29-30; Phil 3:12-21		Council 7 pm				
2 COMMUNION 5th SUNDAY OF LENT 9:30 am Pastor Simon "Encounters with Jesus: The Blind Man" John 9:1-41	3	4	5 Men's Bible Fellowship 8 am	6	7	8
5 pm Rev. Brian Seifert						
9 PALM SUNDAY 9:30 am Pastor Simon "The Encounters with Jesus: The Grieving Sisters" John 11:1-45		Administrative Board Meeting 7 pm	12	G.R.O.W. Bible Study 9:30—11 am	14 Good Friday Worship 7 pm	15
5 pm Pastor Simon "The Reformation Solas: Grace Alone Ephesians 2:1-10					GOOD FRIIDAY	
9:30 am Pastor Simon "Encounters with Jesus: The First Christian" John 20:1-18 No evening worship	17	18 Shepherding Elders 3 pm	19 P.U.S.H. Prayer Meeting 7 pm	G.R.O.W. Bible Study 9:30—11 am (last one until Fall)	21	Mobile Food Initiative Prairie Ridge Elementary 8 am set up 9 am food drop



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## What's up in Worship

Encounters With Jesus: A Lenten Series ~ The Gospel of John records several encounters individuals had with Jesus Christ. In these encounters, Jesus address-

es the big "meaning of life" questions: Why am I here? What's wrong with the world? What (if anything) can make it right, and how? Join us today as we continue in this Lenten sermon series as we discover how Jesus presents himself as the answer to these questions and discover the beauty of who Jesus is and what he has done.



Mark your calendars: Plan to join us at Heritage CRC on May 21 at 5 pm for an inspirational service of the word, music and song! The King's Choraliers, a singing group of men from Grand Rapids will join with Proclamation Brass from Kalamazoo in presenting

great hymns of the faith that celebrate Ascension Day and the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Including time for congregational hymns, this promises to be an uplifting event with a social time to follow. You'll want to be there!

### **Celebrations Birthdays** Betty Vlietstra ~ March 28

Paul Booden ~ April 1

# **Ministry**

Men's Bible Fellowship meets again on Wednesday, April 5 at 8 am. (Please note: we will also meet on Wednesday, May 3 before taking a break for the summer.)

**April birthday/anniversary calendars** are available at the Information center for your use.

The April prayer guide from the Christian Reformed Church is also available at the Information Center for your use.

## Join us for a Potluck...



Please plan to join us for an all church potluck THIS MORN-ING immediately following morning worship. Join us even if you didn't bring a dish to pass...there is always more room at the table.

March 26, 2017



# **Ministry continued...**

Nominations for Elder and Deacon: Shortly, it will once again be time to give our thanks for those who have served the Lord and His Church so faithfully and elect members to serve on the Council as either an elder or deacon. As the council begins the process please consider the following requests:

- 1. Pray the Holy Spirit will raise up the nominees we will need for the office of administrative elder (1) and administrative deacon (1).
- 2. Use the form available at the Information Center and submit to the Clerk of Council, Jerry Oele, the names of those you believe are qualified and gifted to be called to serve in either office. Please speak to any person you nominate to determine if they would be available and willing to serve. Nominations are due today.

#### **Check Out Our Church Website!**

Please take a some time to check out our updated church website at www.heritagecrc.org. Our website exists as a great way for us to make a first impression to those who



are looking for a church or wondering who we are and what we are about before they step through the doors. It's also a great way for our members to keep in touch. The weekly Heritage Happenings newsletter is posted on the website every Friday. Missed a Sunday or would like to share a recent sermon with friend or coworker? Audio recordings of the sermons are usually posted by Tuesday morning. This is a work in progress so your feedback is welcomed.



## **Missions & Missionaires...**

Loaves & Fishes wish list: March: Canned Fruit April: Canned Tuna

Please place your donations in the grocery cart in the

fellowship hall

#### **Emails or Letters to Missionaries...**

Jerry & Trudy Oele ~ Jerry An Donna Penning ~ David Heath Bob & Barb Razenberg ~ Joseph Mutebi

If you do not have a copy of our missionaries' email addresses, both their most current newsletter and email addresses are on the Missionary table next to the mailboxes

# Offering Schedule

March 26 General Fund: Building Fund
Loose Change: Kzoo Loaves/Fishes
April 2 General Fund: Christian Education
Loose Change: CRC Home Missions
April 9 General Fund: Ministry Shares
Loose Change: Benevolence Fund
April 16 General Fund: Faith Promise
Loose Change: Kzoo Christian Sch

# **Offerings** (for March 19)

Building Fund ~ \$10.00 Christian Education Assistance ~ \$75.00 Easter Lilies ~ \$14.00 Faith Promise ~ \$390.00 General Fund ~ \$2,291.00 Ministry Shares ~ \$135.00 Pacific Island Ministries ~ \$20.00 Trinity Christian College ~ \$171.00

## **Opportunities to Serve...**

Kalamazoo Loaves & Fishes: A grocery cart in the Gym/Fellowship Hall is available every week to collect non-perishable food items for Loaves & Fishes. Please support this ministry!

Oshtemo Area Churches Food Pantry: Help staff and expand a food pantry through Kalamazoo Loaves & Fishes. Talk to Christine Barr, Leader of the Food Pantry at Voyage Church: cbarrj@frontier.com, 269.760.3384

Alternatives of Kalamazoo: A baby basinet is available in the Fellowship Hall for donations to support Alternatives Pregnancy Care Center of Kalamazoo. Needed items include diapers, baby food, new or gently used clothing, receiving blankets, etc. A list is available in the basinet.

## **Requested Announcements**

Celebrate Lent with the Southern Gospel quartet HIS Harmony through a concert at Twin Lakes Church today, Sunday, March 26, 2017. The concert is scheduled to begin at 2 pm. A free-will offering will be received. The church is located at 5475 Ravine Road in Kalamazoo. For more information, please call 269-382-1158.

Do you want to know what assisted living is like for seniors and what adjustments they (and their families) face when they move in? Also, do you want to learn how to communicate more effectively with one who is afflicted with Alzheimer's disease or dementia? If so, please come to Park Village Pines, a Christian assisted living community for seniors at 2920 Crystal Lane in Kalamazoo, on Tuesday, March 28 to attend the "Issues of Aging" Open House at which seminars on these topics will be presented at both 6 pm and 7:15 pm. To attend please RSVP to Dale Walvort at 269-364-6047.



Inspire 2017 is a new kind of CRC event created to inspire, renew, energize, and ignite ministry leaders like you. Choose from over 75 ministry workshops, listen to dynamic keynote speakers, and join people from more than 1,000 CRC congregations for a

conference like no other! It is taking place August 3-5 in Detroit, Michigan. Check out the poster displayed by the church office and the "invites" on the table in the Narthex for more information or register now at crcna.org/Inspire2017.

### Make note...



April 9...Palm Sunday



April 14...Good Friday Worship at 7 pm



April 16...Easter Celebration at 9:30 am
No Evening worship on April 16

In celebration of the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ, you are invited to place an Easter lily in the sanctuary in memory of those who have left their earthly home to be with Christ in Heaven.

Sign up at the table in the Narthex and place \$7.00 in the marked envelopes (also found on the table) in the offering.

Today is the deadline to sign up!



