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

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:** Thursday by 9:00 am. Call, leave a note, or e-mail to churchoffice@heritagecrc.org.

**OFFICE HOURS:** 

Wednesday: 8:30 am—12:30 pm Thursday: 8:30—12 pm

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

NURSERY

March 8: Melissa Piontek & Ellen Byle March 15: Barb Razenberg & Kim Bruinwood

**COFFEE SERVERS** 

March 1/8: Harold & Phyllis Triezenberg, Teri Wagner, Ron & Sharon Stryd

March 15/22: Glen & Ruth Wagner, Herm & Gretchen Vanders, Bill & Joyce Truscott

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY: Glen Wagner/Judy Fletcher

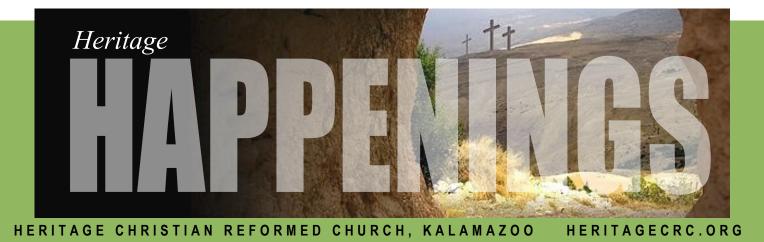
PRAYER EMAIL MINISTRY: prayerline@heritagecrc.org

**SERVICE MINISTRY: March:** Joy Hegelmann

MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY: March 8: LillieAnn Durian March 15: Paul Booden

**PM**: Gary Broekhuizen

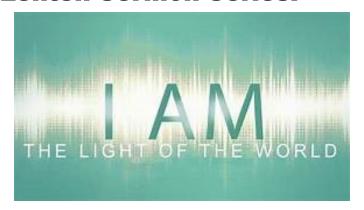
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9:30 am Pastor Simon "I AM: The Light of the World" John 8:12-20 5:00 pm Pastor Simon "Discipline for Love's Sake" Matthew 18:15-20	9	Classis Meeting Goshen, IN Coffee Break Bible Study 9:30—11 am Administrative Board 6:30 pm Shepherding Elders 7:45 pm	P.U.S.H. Prayer Meeting 7 pm	G.R.O.W. Bible Study 9:30—11 am	13	14
9:30 am Pastor Simon "I AM: The Gate" John 10:10-10 5 pm Rev. Mike Koetje	16	Coffee Break Bible Study 9:30—11 am	18	G.R.O.W. Bible Study 9:30—11 am	20	21
9:30 am Pastor Simon "I AM: The Good Shepherd" John 10:11-21  5 pm Pastor Simon "Growing In Christ" 2 Peter 1:3-11	23	Coffee Break Bible Study 9:30—11 am  Council 7 pm	25 Book Club 2 pm	G.R.O.W. Bible Study 9:30—11 am	27	Mobile Food Initiative Centerpoint 8 am Set-up 9 am—Food Distribution
9:30 am Pastor Simon  "I AM: The Resurrection and the Life"  John 11:17-37  5 pm Pastor Simon  "Leading One Another"  Hebrews 13:17  1 Thessalonians 5:12-13	30	Coffee Break Bible Study 9:30—11 am	1	G.R.O.W. Bible Study 9:30—11 am	3	4



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#### **Lenten Sermon Series:**



The Jesus We Think We Know: In the Gospel of John, Jesus claims His divinity by using the phrase "I Am" seven times and joining it to tremendous metaphors as He expresses His saving relationship toward the world and showing He is everything we need. Join us this Lent as we discover the Jesus we think we know, the Lamb of God, who came to take away the sins of the world!

#### **Celebrations**

#### Birthdays...

Jason Schewe ~ March 9 Teri Wagner ~ March 9 Ferrel Stremler ~ March 10 ~ 87 yrs. young! Pat Schewe ~ March 14

#### Anniversaries . . .

Dave & Carol Bonselaar ~ March 12

# Thank you

Thank you so much to my Heritage Church Family for all your prayers and beautiful cards after my surgery. Our God is so good!

Esther Manni

# **Ministry**

New Members Class! This class will be held Sunday, March 15 from 11 am to 1 pm for those interested in knowing more about Heritage CRC. Those seeking to transfer membership from another church with a Reformed background are also encouraged to attend. We would love for you to join us—lunch is provided! Contact Pastor Simon at pastorsimon@heritagecrc.org if interested.



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

The request forms along with an attached envelope are on the table in the Narthex. Please put your form along with \$7.00 in the envelope and place it in the basket on the table by March 29, 2020.

Office Announcement: Heather Tuin will be temporarily filling the position of Administrative Assistant until further notice.

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# **Ministry**



Our next church potluck is **Sunday, April 5, 2020** immediately following the morning worship. If you are willing and able, please bring a dish, salad or dessert to share. Drinks and table service will be provided.

**Notice:** As we hear reports on the spread of viruses and such, we want to be mindful of that in our public gatherings. Please make use of regular hand-washing and sanitizer that has been placed around the church building. If you are uncomfortable shaking someone's hand, a simple "Hello" or "Welcome" still tells people we care. Other options include a holy hand wave, a fellowship fist bump, an encouraging elbow nudge. If you have any questions or concerns, contact someone on the Administrative Board.

**Profession of Faith**: Have you reached a point in your spiritual journey where you feel God calling you to publicly profess faith in Christ and become a professing member in His church? If you are interested in doing your profession of faith or would like an opportunity to explore what it means to become a professing member, please contact Pastor Simon.

**Drivers Needed!** The Deacons are seeking help in transporting a few members of Heritage to and from the Sunday morning service. If you are willing and able to participate in this important part of our ministry at Heritage, please contact John Bruinwood in person, by phone at 269-218-0236 or email at jkbruinwood@yahoo.com.

Nominations for Elder and Deacon: It is time once again to elect members to serve on the Council. The deadline for submitting nominations is Sunday, March 22. Pray the Holy Spirit will raise up the nominees we will need for the office of administrative elder (1), shepherding elder (1), and shepherding deacon (1). Please, submit nominations to Donn Carlisle, Council Clerk. Prior to nominating an individual, please ask them if they are willing to serve.

## **Missions & Missionaries...**

Loaves & Fishes wish list:

March: Canned Fruit

Please place your donations in the grocery cart in the fellowship hall

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

Jerry & Trudy Oele ~ Joseph Mutebi Bob & Jane Pangle ~ Larry Spalink Bob & Barb Razenberg ~ Jerry An

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 8: General Fund & Ministry Shares

Special Offering: Kuyper College

March 15: General Fund & Faith Promise

Special Offering: Rose Arbor Hospice

March 22: General Fund & Building Fund

Special Offering:

Resonate Global Mission

March 29: General Fund & ?????

Special Offering: Hospice of Kalamazoo

# **Offerings**

Deposited for March 1, 2020

Building Fund ~ \$45.00

Christian Ed. Assistance ~ \$125.00

Faith Promise ~ \$185.00

General Fund ~ \$4,441.00

Loaves & Fishes ~ \$193.00

Ministry Shares ~ \$25.00



### **Requested Announcements**

Seeking Christian teachers in Central America! Nicaragua Christian Academy is currently seeking teachers for the 2020-2021 school year. Vacancies include Second Grade, AP English and Bible, Computers and Algebra, English TESOL, MS English/Social Studies, and Secondary Math. For more information, visit <a href="https://bit.ly/ncai-teach">https://bit.ly/ncai-teach</a> or email <a href="internation-al@nca.edu.ni">internation-al@nca.edu.ni</a>. \*Long term sub for Kelly Solano's Kindergarten class August-December also needed! Please email Kelly at <a href="ksola-no@nca.edu.ni">ksola-no@nca.edu.ni</a> if interested!!

#### **Job Opportunitites:**

East Martin Christian School is seeking a principal to lead our K-8 school. The principal is responsible for the daily operation and leadership of the school. In addition, the board prefers the principal teach part-time. If you are interested in this position and wish to learn more see the principal listing on <u>csionline.org</u> or contact Mardi Noorman

at <a href="mailto:dmnoorman@hotmail.com">dmnoorman@hotmail.com</a>.

Discovery Christian Child Development Center, located inside East Martin Christian School is in need of Assistant Teachers and an After School Teacher. The perfect candidates will exhibit a compassionate and professional Christian attitude with students, parents, and other employees. Can assist classroom activities and instruct children (infant-school age) in activities designed to promote spiritual, social, physical, and academic growth. Assist with lesson plans using a variety of learning opportunities such as story-telling, artwork, free play, circle time, and other methods. Collaborate with other teachers and caregivers to foster a positive classroom environment that promotes caring, learning, and responsibility. Communicate with parents regarding schedules, daily reports, developmental milestones and child's needs. A successful applicant needs a strong understanding of child development and a nurturing teaching approach in the classroom. As a staff member of a Christian organization, all employees must demonstrate a commitment to Christ through church involvement and a Christian approach to daily living. These positions are part time with the opportunity to pick up more hours depending on snow days, call ins and days off. Please email or call Discovery Christian CDC at 269-672-9277 or abottenfield@eastmartin



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## Family Faith Formation Tip

Many Christians practice giving something up for Lent in order to make more space for God. If you have kids in your household, think together about how you might make more space for God this week. For example, you might take a technology break each day and spend the time reading about Jesus' life and ministry in the *The Jesus Story-book Bible* or *Growing in God's Love: A Story Bible* and talking about the stories together. (Tip from Faith Formation Ministries; crcna.org/FaithFormation)

Rehoboth Christian High School Choir invites you to a time of worship entitled "My Song Forever" at the Calvin University Chapel on Tuesday, March 31 at 7 pm or at Zeeland's Second Reformed Church on Wednesday, April 1, at 6:30 pm. A free will offering will be taking with proceeds going towards Rehoboth's ambitious goal of replacing six school buses in the next school year.

#### Kalamazoo Gospel Ministries Fundraising

**Event:** You are invited! Dr. Tony Evans will speak at a main even at Calvary Bible Church, Thursday, April 16th at 7:30 pm. General admission tickets are \$25 and available on the event website at *www.kingdomfocus2020.org*. Prior to that is a Benefit Diner at the Kalamazoo Country Club. Sponsorships are available and dinner tickets are \$250. You won't want to miss hearing Pastor Tony Evans!

