

**Heritage CRC**

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:  
Thursday by 8:00 am. Call,  
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OFFICE HOURS:  
Wednesday: 8:00 am —12:00 pm  
Thursday: 8:00 am —12:00 pm

**Volunteer Schedule...**

**COFFEE SERVERS:**

May 12 & 19 Ferrel & Marilyn Stremmer & Bill & Joyce Truscott  
May 26 & June 2 Matt & Lisa Durian/Bonnie Colvin & Teri Wagner

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

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



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

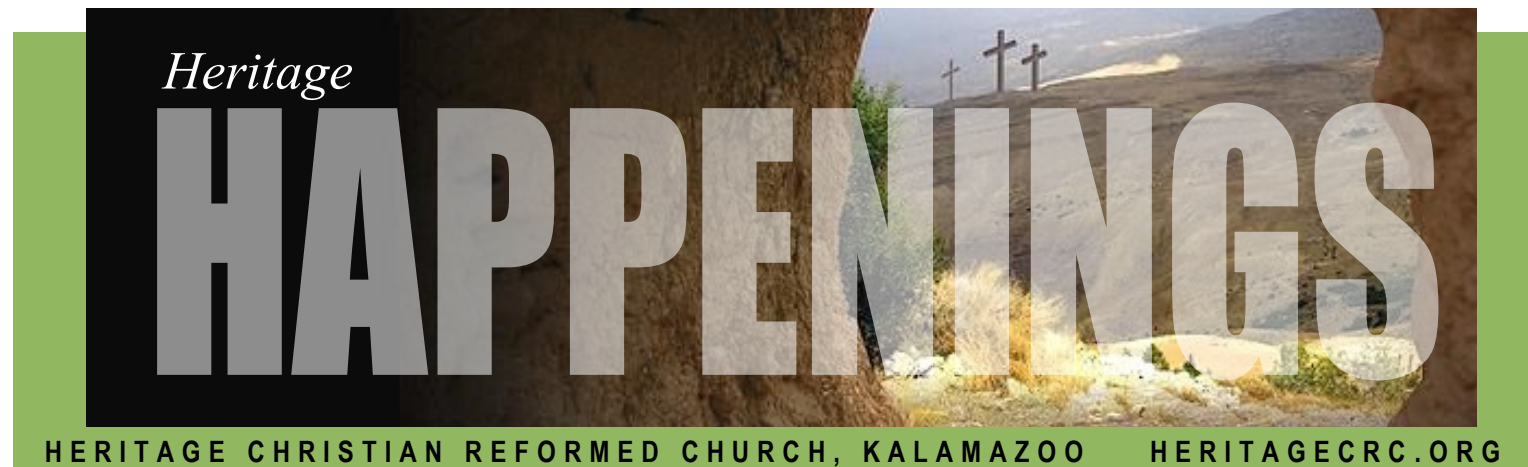
**MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY:**

May 19 - Paul Booden  
May 26 - Lisa Durian  
June 2 - Ian Tuin  
June 9 - LillieAnn Durian

**NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:**

5/19 - Sue Florian & Barb Razenberg  
5/26 - Joyce Truscott & Nancy Vandenberg

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				16	17	18 7:45 am Mobile Food Initiative 
19 Pentecost Sunday 10:00 am Pastor Simon "How Should We Live Then?" Hebrews 13 4:00 Singing Crusaders Concert	20	21 3:30 Shep. Elders	22 10 am Bible Study on Heaven	23	24	25
26 10 am Rev. Mike Vandenberg "Memorial Stones" Joshua 4	27	28 10 am Book Club 6:30 Council	29	30	31	1 
2 10 am Pastor Simon "How Long, O Lord, How Long?" Psalm 6 11:30 Church Potluck	3	4 11:30 Coffee Break at Erbelli's on Stadium	5	6	7	8



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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 resounding message that Jesus is better than everything we might try to satisfy the deepest longing of our hearts. This week's sermon title is: "How Should We Then Live?" based on Hebrews 13.



**FAITH PROMISE GIVING**

We are thankful to report that the Faith-Promise Commitments totaled \$17,604. If you have not had the opportunity to submit your commitment, the slips may be placed in the offering plates any Sunday through the month of May.

**Celebrations...**

**Birthdays...**

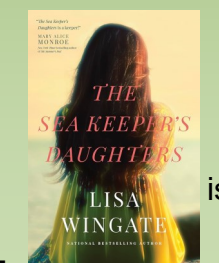
Ruth Wagner ~ May 19  
Donna Penning ~ May 20  
Marti Chingo ~ May 21  
Dave Bonselaar ~ May 25



**Anniversaries...**

John & Kim Bruinwood ~ May 24

The next book club will be Tuesday, May 28 at 10:00 am. We will be discussing *The Sea Keeper's Daughters* by Lisa Wingate. The restaurant owner Whitney Monroe desperate to save her business from a hostile takeover. See Dorothy Broekhuizen for a book.



**COMING UP THIS WEEK**

**Church Calendar for May 19-25:**

- Sunday 10:00 Worship Service  
4:00 Singing Crusaders Concert
- Tuesday 3:30 Shep. Elders
- Wednesday 10:00 Heaven Bible Study

**Congregational Meeting on May 19:** A congregational meeting is scheduled for Sunday, May 19 (DV) after the morning service. At the meeting, the congregation will discuss and vote on the following recommendation:

The council recommends that approval be given for Kalamazoo Christian School (KCS) to build an addition on to our facility so that the rest of the KCS early education program can be hosted at this location. KCS will be responsible for all costs related to the building addition. The building design will involve congregational input and approval before proceeding.

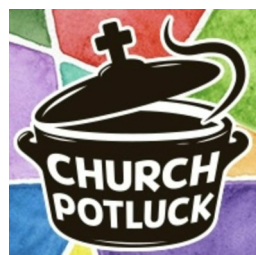
**Shepherding Districts:** One way the shepherding elders and deacons encourage and support the members of Heritage is through shepherding districts, arranged by last names. Here are the district assignments for the 2024-2025 year on council:

Shepherding Elder	Shepherding Deacon
A-M: Glen Wagner	Cheri Gavin
N-Z: Rick Lingbeek	Roger Selles

When a need comes up, please contact the shepherding elder or deacon for your district.

We also grateful to have several members who serve as Pastoral Care Ministry Assistants (PCMA) who assist in regularly visiting and encouraging members who are homebound, in the hospital or living in nursing homes. Our PCMA's are Judy Fletcher, Laura Goethe, and Irene VanderBerg.

Our next church potluck will be Sunday, June 2 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

- May 19 General Fund & Faith Promise  
Loose Change: Wings of God
- May 26 General Fund & Building Fund  
Loose Change: Rehoboth Christian School
- June 2 General Fund & Christian Ed. Assistance  
Loose Change: Jesus Loves Kalamazoo
- June 9 General Fund & Ministry Shares  
Loose Change: Dordt College

### Offerings (deposited for May 12, 2024)

- Alternatives of Kalamazoo ~ \$180.03
- Building Fund ~ \$50.00
- Faith Promise ~ \$1,330.00
- General Fund ~ \$4,652.00
- Growing Hope Globally ~ \$95.00
- Ministry Shares ~ \$390.00

Mobile Food Initiative is  
**Saturday, May 18.**

7:45 AM at Heritage CRC.

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



**Please pray for Synod 2024!** - We need everyone to be involved. The theme for synod worship and prayer is God With Us. You can sign up to pray on your own, with your church or small group, or at Calvin University in June. Check out the many opportunities at [crcna.org/synod/prayer](http://crcna.org/synod/prayer) and join us in humble prayer for God's will to be done in the CRC. Email [SynodPrayer@crcna.org](mailto:SynodPrayer@crcna.org) with your questions or comments.

### Spring Christian Music Celebration!

**The Singing Crusader Men's Chorus and the Allegan Brass Collective** will be celebrating our love of God and Music with a free concert on May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 4 pm at Heritage Christian Reformed Church in Kalamazoo.

The Singing Crusaders are a men's chorus based in West Michigan and has been performing since WW2. The Crusaders have performed in Europe, at West Point Military Academy, Annapolis Naval Academy, in Washington DC, at Ground Zero in NY, at numerous Detroit Tigers and Detroit Red Wings games, and even on an aircraft carrier at Naval Station Norfolk in Virginia. Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup> is your chance to hear them together with the excellent Allegan Brass Collective right here in Kalamazoo! Please be our guests at this wonderful afternoon of praise and music as we continue our Christian mission.

**What:** Concert of Christian singing and instrumental music

**When:** 4 pm on Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup> 2024

**Where:** Heritage Christian Reformed Church, 2857 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Kalamazoo MI 49009

There will be a free will offering to support the Singing Crusaders Men's Chorus at the concert.



**Park Village Pines Annual Flower Sale** is on June 1, 7:30 am-1 pm. Come join PVP for their annual flower sale. Buy your flowers and support Park Village Pines as you beautify your yard. More than 25 local growers donate to this sale.

*Family Faith Formation Tip*  
**Families, check out the free downloadable resource 5 Ways to Pray with Kids—[tinyurl.com/5WaysPray](http://tinyurl.com/5WaysPray). Here's one of those ways to pray: have each person create a shape that represents what they'd like to pray about. Lego bricks, play dough, or pipe cleaners work well! Then pray about those things together. Learn more at [crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject](http://crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject)**

### ReFrame Ministries

**Kids Corner: The Promised Gift: Pentecost** - Check out this week's kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). When Jesus was about to return to heaven to be with his Father, he reminded his disciples of the gift his Father had promised them. Did you know that the same gift is promised to you as well? God sends his Holy Spirit to everyone who believes in Jesus. It's an old promise that is still good for you today! Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net), like the KC Bible Story Podcasts.

**Groundwork: Salvation Through Jesus Christ Alone** - As the Christian faith spread, the Apostle Paul often wrote letters to churches he planted to help clarify and solidify his teachings. Join Groundwork as we begin a study of his letter to the church in Galatia by studying Galatians 1. Together, we'll study Paul's teaching about salvation and let it continue to encourage our faith and strengthen our commitment to Christ today. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

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