

HERITAGE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH, KALAMAZOOHERITAGECRC.ORG

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SUNDAY WORSHIP:@ 10:00 AM

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:
Thursday by 8:00 am. Call,
leave a note, or e-mail to
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OFFICE HOURS:
Wednesday: 8:00 am —12:00 pm
Thursday: 8:00 am —12:00 pm

Volunteer Schedule...

COFFEE SERVERS:
Apr 27 & May 4Matt & Lisa Durian/Bonnie Colvin & Teri Wagner
May 11 & 18Bob & Jane Pangle/Nick & Melissa Piontek

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY: Glen Wagner/Donnie Waterhouse
PRAYER EMAIL MINISTRY: hccrprayer@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:
May 4 - Ian Tuin
May 11 - Chris VandenBerg
May 18 - Paul Booden

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:
5/4 - Pam Gould & Sue Mejeur
5/11 - John Bruinwood & Sue Florian
5/18 - Lisa & Olivia Bosch

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HAPPENINGS

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What’s up in Worship

This week is the second Sunday of our Mission Emphasis Week, please welcome Rev. Jim Halstead as he leads us in worship this Sunday. His sermon is titled “**The Great Commission**” based on Matthew 28:18-20.

Upcoming Sermon Series

2 Peter: A Precious Faith – In a culture that celebrates easy-going tolerance, the truth of the Gospel matters if we are to “grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.” (2 Peter 3:18). In this 3-part series on the book of 2 Peter we will see how God calls us to hold fast to His truth and guard against false teaching and false teachers. The series will begin on May 11.

Today Booklets: The May/June booklets are here, you can pick one up by the south-east sanctuary doors if you desire a copy.

Celebrations...

Birthdays...

May 5 ~ Nickolas Finch
May 10 - Sharon VanKalker

Church Calendar for May 3-10:

Saturday9-12 Go & Tell Seminar

Sunday10:00 am Sunday Worship

Wednesday8:00 am Men’s Bible Study

Thursday9:30 am GROW Group

Friday9:30 am Heritage Piecemakers

Council News: Over the past several weeks the Council has worked diligently to put together a list of nominees for elder and deacon. We thank the congregation for your prayers. Thank you also to everyone who was nominated for giving this opportunity to serve your prayerful consideration. Here is the list of those willing to serve:

Administrative Deacon (1 needed):
Kim Bruinwood and Judy Wieringa

Shepherding Deacon: (1 needed):
Becky Smith and Teri Wagner

We are grateful to Jim Bosch (Administrative Elder) and Glen Wagner (Shepherding Elder) for their willingness to extend their term and continue to serve for another year. This does mean we were not able to find a nominee to fill the other open position of Shepherding Elder. Though several were asked to serve, they declined for valid reasons. The Council approved moving ahead with the process as they continue to work to find someone to fill this role.

On Sunday, May 11, the casting of lots will be used in the worship service to select a shepherding and administrative deacon. Once selected, the congregation will be asked to affirm the slate of nominees by a voice vote. The installation of new office bearers will take place on Sunday, May 18. Please keep this process in prayer as we place those nominated before God’s throne and ask the Holy Spirit to lead us in the ministry of Heritage Christian Reformed Church.

Book Club: The Booklover's Library by Madeline Martin is a heartwarming story about a mother and daughter in wartime England. The power of books bring them together. Let books bring us together Tuesday April 22 at 10:00 in the church library. See Dorothy Broekhuizen with questions.



Offering Schedule

- May 4 General Fund & Christian Ed. Assistance
Loose Change: Elim Christian Services
- May 11 General Fund & Ministry Shares
Loose Change: Alternatives of Kalamazoo
- May 18 General Fund & Faith Promise
Loose Change: Wings of God Transition Home

Offerings (deposited for April 27, 2025)

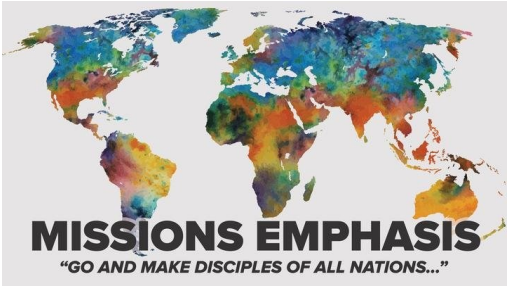
- Benevolence Fund ~ \$20.00
- Building Fund ~ \$350.00
- Christian Ed. Assistance ~ \$70.00
- Faith Promise ~ \$582.00
- General Fund ~ \$4,043.00
- Kalamazoo Christian ~ \$322.00
- Ministry Shares ~ \$70.00



Mission Update: Thank you to everyone who has signed up to support Daisy & Maisy and Growing Hope Globally. **We only have four weeks left to fill!!!**



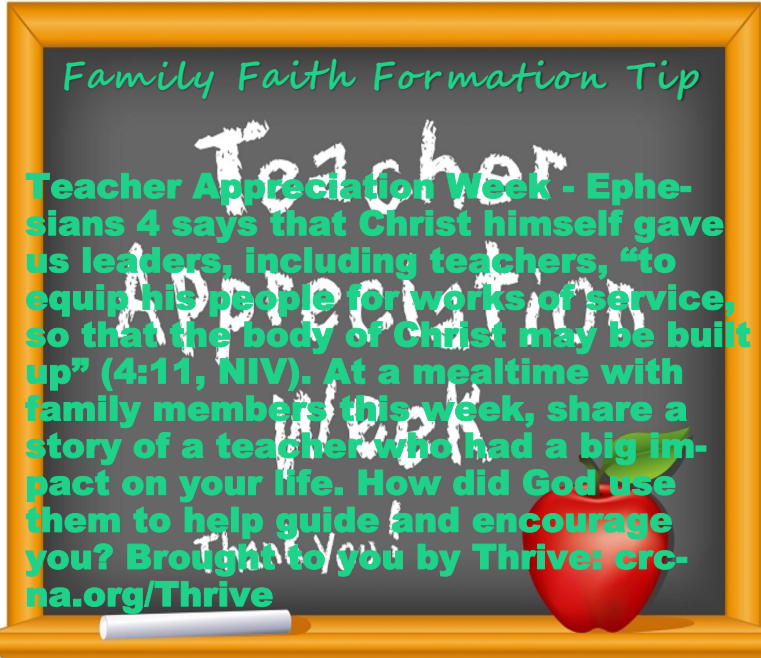
Go & Tell Workshop: GO & TELL is an easy and practical way to equip you to become a fisher of men (Matthew 4:19). Plan to join others on Saturday, May 3 from 9am-noon as we discover how to share the Gospel with others. For questions, please talk to Pastor Simon. **Everyone is welcome to join us this Saturday at 9 am, even if you didn’t sign up, we have plenty of room!**



Faith-Promise ~ Mission Emphasis Week (and more!): What is Faith-Promise? Faith-Promise is a ministry fund we use to support individuals and agencies, both locally and globally, who are actively involved in sharing the Good News of Jesus so that, through the Holy Spirit, those who are far from God may come into a saving relationship with Jesus Christ. At the launch of a new year of Faith-Promise support we host Mission Emphasis Week (April 28-May 5, 2023) and invite missionaries and agencies we support to share what they are doing in their work of reaching the world for Christ. Every year, we are also invited to show our support of God’s Mission in this world through prayer, writing letters of encouragement to the missionaries and their families, and making a financial commitment toward Faith-Promise. Brochures explaining the purpose of Faith Promise will be available soon. We encourage you to pick this up and prayerfully consider the way in which God is asking you to take part in accomplishing His Mission. If you have questions, or would like more information, please contact our Faith Promise Coordinator, Jerry Oele.



If you have osteoarthritis and are interested in participating in a study at Western Michigan University, Arnie Keur’s granddaughter is the lead student for this study and would love to have people come and join the study. There is a flyer on the office window with more information or you can talk with Arnie.



ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner: Connecting Like Jesus in the Digital World - Check out this week’s kids’ devotion, “Connecting Like Jesus in the Digital World” at www.kidscorner.net. God wants us to build good relationships with others, just like Jesus did. We can use technology to stay connected, but we should always be kind, loving, and thoughtful in how we interact with others. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like KC’s Coloring Packet Collection.

Groundwork: Christian Engagement in Societal Issues - Together, let’s delve into the complexities of Christian engagement in societal issues. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study Romans 13:1-7, 1 Peter 2:13-17, Romans 3:10-12, and James 2:1-9 to discover practical insights and biblical wisdom to help us discern what it means to faithfully engage and embrace our role in shaping a more just and God-honoring society. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork’s weekly emails for future episodes.

CRC Communications

40 Days of Prayer for Synod - You’re invited into 40 days of intentional, guided prayer leading up to Synod 2025. The theme, Journey With Jesus, has been engaged with by a wide variety of CRC contributors. Learn more and sign up for either daily Scripture and prayers OR a week’s worth of Scripture and prayers that will be emailed to you. crcna.org/synod/prayer