

HERITAGE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH, KALAMAZOOHERITAGECRC.ORG

Heritage CRC

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SUNDAY WORSHIP:@ 10:00 AM

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:
Apr. 28 & May 5 Dorothy Broekhuizen & Rose Dame/Glen & Ruth Wagner
May 12 & 19 Ferrel & Marilyn Stremmer & Bill & Joyce Truscott

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY: Glen Wagner/Donnie Waterhouse

PRAYER EMAIL MINISTRY: prayerline@heritagecrc.org

SERVICE MINISTRY: Judy Wieringa/Kathy VanderMeer

MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY:
May 5 - Lisa Durian
May 12 - LillieAnn Durian
May 19 - Paul Booden
May 26 - Lisa Durian

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:
5/5 - Mary Deters & Wendy Rose
5/12 - John Bruinwood & Nick Piontek
5/19 - Sue Florian & Barb Razenberg
5/26 - Joyce Truscott & Nancy Vandenberg

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HAPPENINGS

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What’s up in Worship

This week we welcome Guest Preacher, Pastor Doug Cupery to lead us in our mission emphasis week worship. His sermon is based on Matthew 25:35-40, “I See You and You Are Important to Me.”

This Sunday, May 5, is Communion Sunday. We invite all who have been baptized in the name of the Triune God and confess Jesus as their Savior, to join us at the table of our Lord for Communion. Trays will be passed down each pew, if you prefer you can pick up prefilled cups in the lobby before the service.

Faith Promise Commitment Sunday: This Sunday, May 5 we begin our 31st year of Faith Promise, a ministry fund we use to support individuals and agencies actively involved in sharing the Gospel with others both locally and around the world. On this Commitment Sunday, everyone is invited to fill out a Faith Promise commitment slip and place it in the offering as you leave the sanctuary. These commitment slips will be accepted through the month of May. Thank you in advance for your support of God’s mission. If you have any questions, please contact Jerry Oele, chair of the Faith Promise Team.

Birthdays...

Nickolas Finch ~ May 5
Joyce Gjeltema ~ May 6
Sharon VanKalker ~ May 10

Church Calendar for May 5-11:

Sunday

10:00 Celebration of Lord’s Supper

Tuesday

10:00 Coffee Break at Colonial Kitchen

Wednesday

10:00 Heaven Bible Study

Thursday

9:30 Last GROW Group

Friday

9:30 Heritage Piecemakers

Thank you for the many prayers, calls, cards and conversations received during the past several months during Ken’s radiation treatments for recurring prostate cancer. We received so many wonderful comments of support and encouragement. We are blessed by the love and care of our Heritage church family. Ken & Ellen Byle

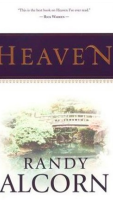
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				2 9:30 GROW Group KCHS Fine Arts Showcase through May 10—display in Fellowship Hall	3 5:30-7:30 Razenberg Adoption Fundraiser	4
5 Mission Emphasis Communion 10 am Pastor Doug Cupery “I See You and You Are Important To Me” Matthew 25:35-40 11 am Congregational Mtg	6 KCHS FINE ARTS SHOWCASE	7	8 10 am Bible Study on Heaven	9 9:30 GROW Group	10 9:30 Heritage Piecemakers Final Day of KCHS Fine Arts Showcase	11
12 Ascension Sunday 10:00 am Pastor Simon “A Call to Holiness” Hebrews 12:14-29	13	14 7 pm Admin Council	15 9:30 am Bible Study on Heaven	16 9:30 GROW Group	17	18 7:45 am Mobile Food Initiative
19 Pentecost Sunday 10:00 am Pastor Simon “How Should We Live Then?” Hebrews 13 Singing Crusaders Concert	20	21	22 10 am Heaven Bible Study	23 9:30 GROW Group	24	25

Report on Congregational Meeting: A congregational conversation and time for Q&A will take place this Sunday, May 5, after the worship service about expanding the Kalamazoo Christian preschool program at Heritage Church. We hope to bring this matter to a congregational vote on Sunday, May 19.


Council News

Over the past several weeks the Council has worked diligently to put together a list of nominees for elder and deacon. Here is the list of those willing to serve:
Shepherding Elder (1 needed): Rick Lingbeek has agreed to serve one more year.
Shepherding Deacon (1 needed): Laura Goethe and Roger Selles
Administrative Elder (1 needed): Bob Razenberg

On Sunday, May 5, the casting of lots will be used in the worship service to select a shepherding 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 12. 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.



Join us on Wednesday mornings as we have a Bible study based on the Randy Alcorn book “Heaven”. All are invited to attend every Wednesday at 10:00 am in the council room, **with the exception of May 8 when we will meet at 9:30 am.** All are welcome!



Attention: Coffee Break ladies, we will meet for breakfast/lunch during the summer. Our first meeting will be at Colonial Kitchen on May 7 at 10:00 am. Call Kathy VM with any questions.

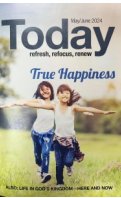
Offering Schedule

- May 5 General Fund & Christian Ed. Assistance
Loose Change: Elim Christian School
- May 12 General Fund & Ministry Shares
Loose Change: Alternatives of Kalamazoo
- May 19 General Fund & Faith Promise
Loose Change: Wings of God
- May 26 General Fund & Building Fund
Loose Change: Rehoboth Christian School

Offerings (deposited for April 28, 2024)

- Benevolence Fund ~ \$130.00
- Christian Ed. Assistance ~ \$10.00
- Faith Promise ~ \$35.00
- General Fund ~ \$2,691.00
- Growing Hope Globally ~ \$235.00
- Kalamazoo Christian ~ \$248.00
- Ministry Shares ~ \$60.00

Today Booklets: The May/June booklets have arrived. Please pick up a copy outside the southeast sanctuary doors if you so desire a copy.



The Heritage Piecemakers could use fabric donations for their projects. They can use old blankets, inexpensive fleece throws, fabric items, etc. A great place to look for these items is at garage sales and thrift stores, or even your own house. Thank you so much for your help!



Our church kitchen has pans, insulated bags and cookie sheets from previous potlucks, the international student luncheon, etc. Please take a look at the counter in the kitchen if you are missing items.

Combined Ascension Day Service- Ascension Day is a witness and guarantee of our bodily resurrection, as well as an invitation for us to set our hearts and minds “on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God” (Colossians 3:1-2). Join us for a special multi-church service of celebration on **Sunday, May 5th at 5:00 PM at Grace Christian Reformed Church (1724 Whites Road)** to remember this important story and worship with fellow believers! *If you are interested in joining the pop-up choir, please contact Westwood CRC Director of Worship & Discipleship Kristina Jipping (kristina@westwoodcrc.org) for rehearsal details.*

The **Kalamazoo Gospel Ministries** will be hosting an event exclusive for the women staying at the shelter. This Women of Worth brunch will be held on May 17, 2024. A sponsorship of \$25 will provide each woman with a new outfit, a haircut or painted nails and a beautifully served meal. Most importantly, it will provide encouragement and bring words of hope as she discovers how God views her as a Woman of Worth. You can find more information on this event on the table in the narthex. To donate, visit their website at www.kazoogospel.org/wow-brunch.



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: Go to cpministries.org/events for more information and to register for an event.

Family Faith Formation Tip

In Whistling in the Dark, Frederick Buechner writes, “‘Thy kingdom come . . . on earth’ is what we are saying. . . . To speak those words is to invite the tiger out of the cage, to unleash a power that makes atomic power look like a warm breeze.”

What are we asking when we pray for God’s kingdom to come on earth?

Learn more at crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner: The Unhurried Jesus - Check out this week’s kids’ devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Jesus knew that quiet time with God is special in a busy world. Sometimes, when all the activity stops and our bodies slow down, we feel bored. Instead of searching for a way to fill the quiet with extra activities, try this: Talk to God! Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the KC Bible Story Podcasts.

Groundwork: Spiritual Priorities in Haggai and Zechariah - In good times and bad, life is full of struggles and challenges. Even when God answers our prayers, the way forward isn’t always straight. Join Groundwork as we study Haggai 1-2 and Zechariah 1-14 to glean biblical wisdom for navigating and enduring our own spiritual and physical challenges today and find courage to continue trusting God. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork’s weekly emails for future episodes.

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 and join us in humble prayer for God’s will to be done in the CRC. Email SynodPrayer@crcna.org with your questions or comments.