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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.

OFFICE HOURS:
Wednesday : 8:00 am—2 pm
Thursday : 8:00 am—Noon

Volunteer Schedule...

NURSERY: **May 8:** Dorothy Broekhuizen & Tara Razenberg
May 15: Sue Mejeur & Pam Gould

COFFEE SERVERS: **May 8:** Rick & Donna Lingbeek, Pat & Carol Schewe,
Joy & Norbert Hegelmann **May 15/22:** Harold & Phyllis Triezenberg, Teri Wagner, Norm &
Bonne Langeland

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

May 8: Glen Wagner & Ellen Byle
May 15: Harold Triezenberg & Phyllis Triezenberg

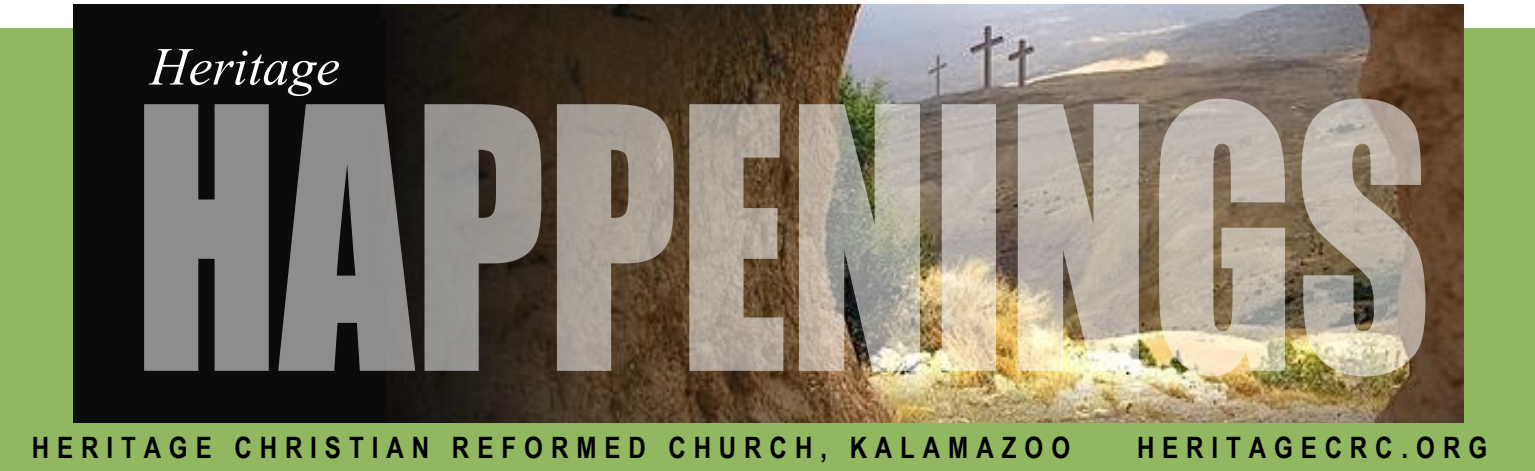
PRAYER LINE MINISTRY: Glen Wagner/Judy Fletcher

PRAYER EMAIL MINISTRY: prayerline@heritagecrc.org

SERVICE MINISTRY: **May:** Judy Wieringa

MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY: **May 8:** Pat Schewe **May 15:** Paul Booden
PM: Gary Broekhuizen

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
8 ASCENSION SUNDAY 9:30 am Pastor Simon “ Standing Firm ” 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12 5 pm Mr. Joey DeKoekkoek “ At the Feet of Jesus ” Luke 10:38-42	9	10 Kalamazoo Classis Prayer Meeting 7am Kalamazoo Classis Meeting 9 am—3 pm Administrative Board Meeting 7 pm	11	12	13	14
15 PENTECOST 9:30 am Pastor Simon “ The Call to Christian Living ” 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12 5 pm Rev. Phil Kok (post classis pulpit exchange) BREAKOUT: 6:30—8:30 PM	16	17 Shepherding Elders 7 pm	18 P.U.S.H. Prayer Meeting 7 pm	19	20	21
22 9:30 am Pastor Simon “ Hope is Not Wishful Thinking ” 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 5 pm Pastor Simon	23	24 Council Meeting 7 pm	25 Book Club 2 pm	26	27	28 Food Giveaway at Prairie Ridge 7:30 am set up 9 am Food drop
29 9:30 am Pastor Simon “ Children of the Day ” 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 No Evening Worship BREAKOUT: 6:30—8:30 PM	30	31	1 	2	3	4



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What’s Up In Worship



Series Title: Standing Firm in the Faith
What makes for a good church? In the book of 1 Thessalonians, God reveals through Paul an excellent primer of what constitutes a healthy and thriving church, even amid adversity.

We will continue this series through June 5.

Celebrations

Birthdays
Tom Molenaar ~ May 9
Sharon VanKalker ~ May 10
Hannah Taibu ~ May 14



Anniversaries
Ken & Dorothy VanDenBerg ~ May 8 ~ 57 years!
Dave & Alli Ericks ~ May 9



Heritage CRC is the host site for the May 10 (this Tuesday) meeting of Classis Kalamazoo (a regional gathering of CRC churches). Our delegates are Pastor Simon, Gary Broekhuizen and Jerry Mather.

Ministry

Ladies our day in Amish Country is fast approaching; Tuesday, May 17. Please sign up today at the table in the Narthex if you plan to attend and check what you plan on doing; flea market, lunch, and/or able to drive. If you have any questions, please see Betty Vlietstra.

Summer is coming! The BLESS Group is asking for prayers as we plan for another season of Sunday afternoon story time.

Breakout Fundraiser Breakfast will take place on Saturday, June 11 from 8-10 am in our Fellowship Hall. Please watch future newsletters for more details.

Today’s loose change offering supports the CRC’s worldwide media outreach of *Back to God Ministries International*. Your gifts, offerings and ministry shares make it possible to share God’s Word in remote villages of South Asia, growing faith communities in Africa and Latin America, “closed” countries in the Middle East, and among tech savvy seekers in China, Japan, and North America.

Building Hope Campaign for the Gospel Mission: There is a new campaign launched to try and raise awareness and funds to support a new women and children’s shelter being built for the Gospel Mission. Please go to www.kzoobuildinghope.org for more information. Let’s all pitch in to help show Christ’s love to these women and children in need.





Book club meets again on Wednesday, May 25 at 2 pm to discuss the book “Flight Behavior” by Barbara Kingsolver. See you there!

Council News...

Over the past several weeks the Council has worked to put together a list of nominees for the offices of elder and deacon. Here is the list of those who are willing to serve:

- Administrative Elder (1 needed): Jerry Oele
- Shepherding Elder (2 needed): Ferrel Stremmer and Bill Vroegop
- Shepherding Deacon (2 needed): Zach Razenberg, John Bruinwood, Emma Schering, Betty Vlietstra, Lisa Durian, and Taylor Bruinwood.

Today at a moment in the service, members will have the opportunity to mark a form approving or disapproving each nominee. This form will be handed out by the council as members enter the sanctuary and collected during the offering. Following the service, the Council President and Clerk will collect the sheets and determine which nominees have received more than 50% approval. The final list will be known only to the Council President and Clerk.

Next Sunday, May 15, the names of those affirmed as nominees will be placed in a basket at which time two names will be drawn and announced to the congregation. Following the “casting of lots” the congregation will be asked to affirm the entire slate of nominees. The installation of new office-bearers will take place during the morning service on Sunday, May 22.

Please keep this process in prayer as we place those nominated before God’s throne and ask for the Holy Spirit to lead and guide us in the ministry of Heritage Christian Reformed Church.

Missions & Missionaries...

Our Faith Promise commitment for 2015-16 was \$13,140.00 and we are thankful that the total commitments received to date for 2016-17 are \$9,840.00. You have the entire month of May to make your commitment, if you’ve not already done so. *(Extra Faith Promise Information & Commitment Brochures can be found at the Information center.)* Please keep our Faith Promise ministry and our missionaries in your prayers.

Each year at the end of the Faith Promise Year (March 31), we “zero-out” the fund so that we begin a new year fresh. This year we were able to use that balance (\$1,000.02) for BUILDING HOPE at the Kalamazoo Gospel Mission. (www.kzoobuildinghope.org)

Loaves & Fishes wish list:
May: Low or no salt canned vegetables

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

Emails or Letters to Missionaries...

- Bill & Kathy Coburn ~ Joseph Mutebi
- Bonnie Colvin ~ Jairo Solano
- Roger & Jackie Croy ~ Larry Spalink

Please note: Rev. Larry Spalink will be in the States through summer so if you write him it should be by email, not snail mail.

→ *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

May 8	General Fund: Ministry Shares Loose Change: Back to God Min
May 15	General Fund: Faith Promise Loose Change: Elim Christian Sch
May 22	General Fund: Building Fund Loose Change: Benevolence Fund
May 29	General Fund: Loose Change: Kzoo Deacons Conf

Requested Announcements

Detroit Tiger Game—June 23, 2016: The Kalamazoo Christian High School Alumni Association will be sponsoring their 15th annual trip to Comerica Park to see the Detroit Tigers in action against the Seattle Mariners on June 23, 2016. The game will take place in the afternoon at 1:08 pm. Charter buses will leave Kalamazoo Christian High School parking lot at 8:30 am. Tickets are \$70. Please call Connie VanDerSlik at 269-381-2044 or email at cvanderslik@kcsa.org to reserve your ticket. Don’t delay! Put your reservations in today!

Kalamazoo Christian Schools Spring Recycle Drive 2016... This year’s Metal Recycle Drive will be held on June 2-4 in the High School parking lot. All proceeds will benefit the Kalamazoo Christian School’s debt reduction effort. Now is a great spring clean up time. Clean out and safely get rid of all those metal recyclables: clothes hangers, clean tin cans, Christmas tree lights, electrical cords, appliances, scrap metal, metal tools, equipment, metal bed frames and even engines. Please no TV’s and computer monitors. We also accept laptops, computer towers, keyboards, plasmas and LCD’s, printers, copiers, fax machines and all business/office electronics, medical equipment with NO biohazards, cell phones & telecom equipment, DVD players & stereo equipment, network equipment & servers.

Check with school office at 381-2044 with questions. Unloading assistance will be available at the site at scheduled times. If you have a lot of heavy items, call to see if we have been able to arrange an option for large heavy item pick up.

Drop off hours with onsite unloading assistance:
Thursday June 2: 7 to 10 am and 4 to 7 pm
Friday June 3: 7 to 10 am and 4 to 7 pm
Saturday June 4: 7 am to noon

It is with praise and thanksgiving to God that the Christian Reformed Conference Grounds invites you to join us for our “First Look” Fund-raising dinner on Monday, May 16. Please join us in celebrating God’s faithfulness as we open up our new Worship Center for the first time. The festivities will begin with punch at 6:15 pm, dinner will be served at 6:45 pm followed by a short program and tours of the new facility. Space is limited so call the Grounds to reserve your spot—616-842-4478.

Celebrate Transformation!
Love INC’s Annual Fundraising Banquet will be held on Thursday, May 19, 2016 at 6 pm at Westwood CRC (620 Northampton Road). Dinner & dessert catered by Maggie’s Café. Please RSVP by calling (269) 353-6798 or emailing at admin@kzooloveinc.org

