

Heritage CRC

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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:

May 11 & 18 Bob & Jane Pangle/Nick & Melissa Piontek
May 25&June 1 Linda DeLoof, Arnie Keur, Becky Smith, Linda VanGoeye

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY: Glen Wagner/Donnie Waterhouse

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SERVICE MINISTRY: Judy Wieringa/Kathy VanderMeer

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

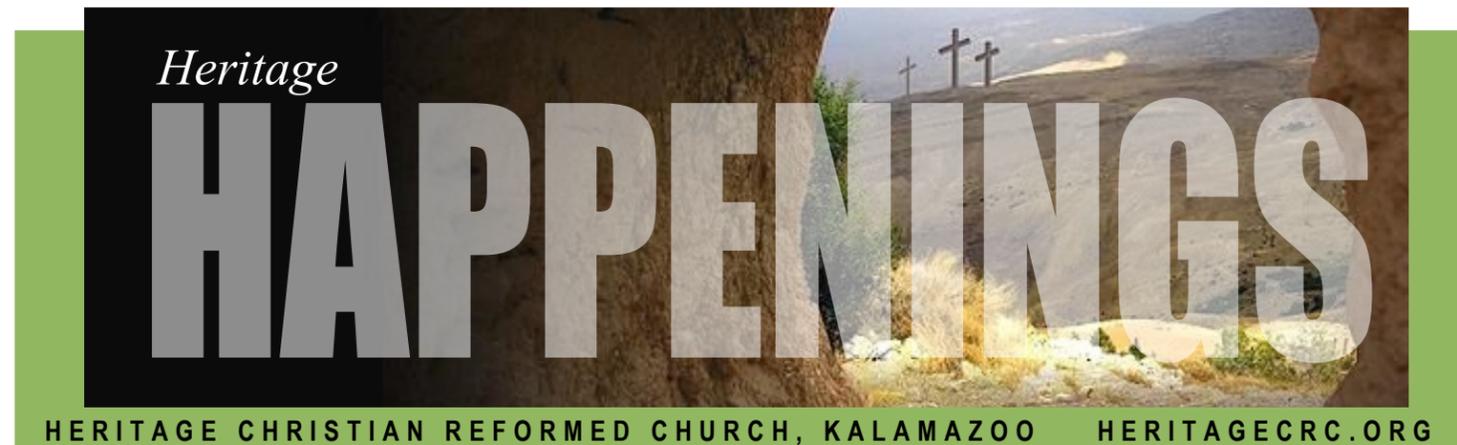
MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY:

May 11 - Chris Vandenberg
May 18 - Paul Booden
May 25 - Lisa Durian

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:

5/11 - John Bruinwood & Sue Florian
5/18 - Lisa & Olivia Bosch
5/25 - Joyce Truscott & Nancy Vandenberg

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				8 9:30 GROW Group	9 9:30 Heritage Piecemakers	10
11 10 am Pastor Simon "Cultivating Christlike Character" 2 Peter 1	12	13 7 pm Admin Council	14	15 9:30 GROW Group	16	17 7:45 am Mobile Food Initiative 
18 10 am Pastor Simon "Condemning False Teachers" 2 Peter 2 6:00 Singing Crusaders Concert	19	20 3:30 Shepherding Elders	21	22 9:30 GROW Group	23 5-8 Ian Tuin Gradu- ation Open House	24
25 10 am Pastor Simon "Confidence on the Day of the Lord" 2 Peter 3	26	27 10 am Book Club 7 pm Council	28	29 9:30 GROW Group	30	31



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What's up in Worship

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. This week Pastor Simon preaches on 2 Peter 1:1-21, **“Cultivating Christlike Character.”**



Mobile Food Initiative is **Saturday, May 17.**

7:45 AM at Heritage CRC.

See you there!

What's Happening This Week

Church Calendar for May 11-17:

- Sunday 10:00 am Sunday Worship
- Tuesday 7:00 pm Admin. Council
- Thursday 9:30 am GROW Group
- Saturday 7:45 am Mobile Food Initiative



The family of Don Corstange would like to express their deep gratitude to Pastor Simon and the family of Heritage CRC for all the love and support given in the passing of my husband and our Dad. What a blessing it is to be part of the family of God! Dena Corstange & Family



Graduation Open House

Come celebrate with us on Friday, May 23 from 6:30 - 9:00 pm at Heritage CRC Ian Tuin's graduation from Kalamazoo Christian High School with a Plainwell Ice Cream Sundae Bar.

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 May 27 at 10:00 in the church library. See Dorothy Broekhuizen with questions.



Offering Schedule

- May 11 General Fund & Ministry Shares
Loose Change: Alternatives of Kalamazoo
- May 18 General Fund & Faith Promise
Loose Change: Wings of God Transition Home
- May 25 General Fund & Building Fund
Loose Change: Rehoboth Christian School

Offerings (deposited for May 4, 2025)

- Benevolence Fund ~ \$75.00
- Building Fund ~ \$50.00
- Christian Ed. Assistance ~ \$224.00
- Elim Christian Services ~ \$229.00
- Faith Promise ~ \$1,190.00
- General Fund ~ \$5,441.00
- Growing Hope Globally ~ \$870.00
- Ministry Shares ~ \$75.00



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!!**



We are grateful for the encouraging Mission Emphasis messages from Rev. Kurt Selles and Rev. Jim Halsted to begin our 2025-26 Faith Promise Year. We are also thankful to report that the Faith Promise Commitments last Sunday totaled \$22,780. If you have not had the opportunity to submit your commitment, the slips may be placed in the offering plates either this Sunday or next Sunday (additional slips available on the Information Center). Since this commitment is only between you and God, your name should not appear on the commitment slip since no record is kept of individual commitments. Thank you.

We are in need of four dozen mini muffins for the Kalamazoo Gospel Ministries WOW (Women of Worth) luncheon on May 23. The muffins are needed by May 22. Please call Joy Knurr if you are able to help with this, 269-929-5533. Thank you!



The Singing Crusaders will have a spring concert here at Heritage CRC on May 18 at 6:00 pm. All are welcome!



Annual Park Village Pines Flower Sale is coming on Saturday, May 31st from 7:30am-1:00 pm. Buy your flowers and support PVP as you beautify your yard. More than 25 local growers donate to this sale. See you there! 2920 Crystal Lane



The Alternatives Walk for Life will be held on June 14 at 8:30 am at Radiant Church in Portage. You can go to [walk for life 2025](#) for more information and to register by May 31. Events begin at 8:30 am with food, fellowship and fun!



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.

Family Faith Formation Tip

Mother's Day - While Mother's Day is not part of the church calendar, it provides a great opportunity to give thanks to God for the people in our lives—whether they be mothers, siblings, aunts, grandmothers, or friends—who nurture, support, love, and encourage us to be all that God created us to be. Consider who has functioned in this way in your life, and take time this week to thank them. Brought to you by Thrive: [crcna.org/Thrive](#)

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner: Rest and Recharge - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Rest and Recharge: Following Jesus' Example in a Digital World" at [www.kidscorner.net](#). Jesus took time to rest, pray, and spend time with his friends, and we should too! Taking breaks from technology helps us feel refreshed, connect with God, and enjoy time with the people we love. Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](#), like KC's Coloring Packet Collection.

Groundwork: Adopt the Mindset of Christ - As Christians, many of us long to make the world a better place. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study Philippians 2:1-11, Matthew 22:15-45, 1 Peter 2:21-23, and Matthew 20:24-28 to study the servant mindset Jesus modeled. Together we'll glean biblical wisdom for discerning the relationship between faith and power and we'll discuss the importance of developing Christlikeness. 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](#)