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SUNDAY WORSHIP:  
@ 9:30 AM (Nursery provided)  
SUNDAY EVENING @ 5:00 PM

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:  
Thursday by 9:00 am. Call,  
leave a note, or e-mail to  
churchoffice@heritagecrc.org.

OFFICE HOURS:  
Wednesday: 9:30 am—2:30 pm  
Thursday: 11:30 am—2:30 pm

**Volunteer Schedule...**

**NURSERY:** **November 19:** Glen Wagner & Matt Carlisle  
**November 23:** Kris Carlisle & Ruth Mather  
**November 26:** Barb Razenberg & Ruth Wagner

**COFFEE SERVERS:**  
**Nov. 12 & 19:** Matt & Lisa Durian; Bill & Kathy Cobern; Bill & Ruth Vroegop  
**Nov. 26 & Dec. 3:** Phil & Barb Nieboer; Jack & Evelyn Wenke; Bob & Barb Razenberg



**HALLMARK LIVING**  
**(Services begin at 3:30 pm & last approximately 30 minutes)**  
**November 19:** Simon Tuin & Marilyn Stremmer  
**November 26:** Glen Wagner

**PRAYER LINE MINISTRY:** Glen Wagner/Judy Fletcher

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

**SERVICE MINISTRY: November:** Joy Hegelmann

**MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY: Nov. 19:** Paul Booden **Nov. 26:** Ferrel Stremmer  
**PM:** Gary Broekhuizen

| Sun   | Mon | Tue   | Wed   | Thu  | Fri  | Sat  |
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| 19<br>9:30 am Pastor Simon<br>“In Whom is Your Strength?”<br>1 Samuel 30<br><br>5:00 pm Pastor Simon<br>“By Faith Alone”<br>Romans 1:8-17                       | 20  | 21<br><br>Shepherding Elders<br>3 pm<br><br>Council 7 pm                                      | 22  | 23<br><br>Thanksgiving Day<br>Worship<br>9:30 am<br> | 24   | 25   |
| 26 <b>CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY</b><br>9:30 am Pastor Simon<br>“The Lord Is On His Throne”<br>Psalm 11<br><br>No Evening Worship                                   | 27  | 28<br><br>Coffee break<br>Bible Study<br>9:30 –11 am<br><br>Christmas<br>Gathering<br>6:15 pm | 29  | 30<br><br>G.R.O.W.<br>Bible Study<br>9:30—11 am  | 1<br> | 2  |
| 3 <b>COMMUNION SUNDAY ADVENT #1</b><br>9:30 am Pastor Simon<br>“What Are You Waiting For?”<br>Isaiah 64:1-9<br><br>5:00 pm Pastor Simon<br>“Trinity— God Is”    | 4   | 5<br><br>Coffee break<br>Bible Study<br>9:30 –11 am   | 6<br><br>Men’s Bible<br>Fellowship<br>8 am<br><br>Book Club<br>2 pm | 7  | 8  | 9  |
| 10 <b>ADVENT #2</b><br>9:30 am Pastor Simon<br>“Are You Ready?”<br>Isaiah 40:1-11<br><br>Congregational Meeting<br><br>5:00 pm Pastor Simon<br>Lessons & Carols | 11  | 12<br><br>Coffee break<br>Bible Study<br>9:30 –11 am<br><br>Admin. Board<br>3:30 pm           | 13  | 14   | 15   | 16<br><br>Mobile Food<br>Initiative<br>Prairie Ridge Elem.<br>8 am Set Up<br>9 am Food<br>Distribution |



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**What’s up in Worship**



**Thanksgiving Day Service:**  
Join us Thanksgiving Day, November 23 at 9:30 am for a time of worship and giving thanks for God’s many blessings.

We will collect food items for the **Kalamazoo Loaves & Fishes** pantry located at Voyage Church as part of our thank offering during our Thanksgiving Day worship service. This year’s special request items include **pancake mix & syrup, saltines, canned beef stew, jelly (Grape & Strawberry), canned fruit, and all-in-one meals.** Please give as you are able.

**Count Your Blessings** slips are available in the bulletins this morning and at the information center. Please take some time to record your response to the statement: “I am thankful to God for. . .” Responses of thanksgiving to God recorded on these slips may be used in the worship service Thanksgiving Day.

**Celebrations Birthdays**

Chad Scheel ~ November 21  
Gary Broekhuizen ~ November 23  
Norbert Hegelmann ~ November 25

**Anniversaries**  
Bill & Ruth Vroegop ~ November 20 ~ 55 years!



***O Come, O Come Emmanuel!*** The season of Advent is for those who know Jesus has come and will come again. It’s also for those who need to hear the Good News of the One who is the light that shines in the darkness. This Advent season, which begins on Sunday, December 3, join us as we discover through the prophet Isaiah why we celebrate Jesus’ birth and how to live in hopeful expectation of His return in glory.

**Ministry . . .**

The **Coffee Break Ladies** will be collecting winter **coats, mittens, hats, scarves, blankets, and other warm clothing** for all ages. Children’s clothing will be delivered to Prairie Ridge Elementary and the adult clothing will go to a downtown organization. A box has been placed in the narthex for your items. Thank you!





Ministry Continued. . .



**Book Club** will be meeting Wednesday, December 6 at 2:00 pm to discuss the book **Ordinary Grace** by William Kent Krueger.

**Food for Thought** – Fresh fruits and vegetables are not always available or affordable to many in our community. Fresh produce donations are always accepted at the warehouse. Always on the wish list for Kalamazoo Loaves and Fishes are macaroni and cheese, boxed instant potatoes, peanut butter, canned fruits and vegetables, canned tuna and high-protein soups and stews. Remember, the grocery cart for Loaves and Fishes is located in the Fellowship Hall and can hold any food at any time.

Thank You . . .

Dear Pastor Simon and Crew,  
You all are a blessing to ministry in many ways. Thank you for the wonderful lunch in October. We also thank you for your continued financial support.

Sincerely,  
*Laura Osborne & Jordan Palladino*

Dear Pastor Simon & Heritage Family,  
I wanted to send a note of thanks and blessing to you all. Your recent special collection for the work of Alternatives was a wonderful blessing and encouragement. Know that each one of you are partners with us and a part of every interaction we are privileged to have. Please come by for a tour, as we would love to meet you and let you see for yourself!

May God Bless you all,

*Cathy Stoner*  
Executive Director

Missions & Missionaries...

**Loaves & Fishes wish list:**  
**November:** Low or no-salt canned vegetables

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

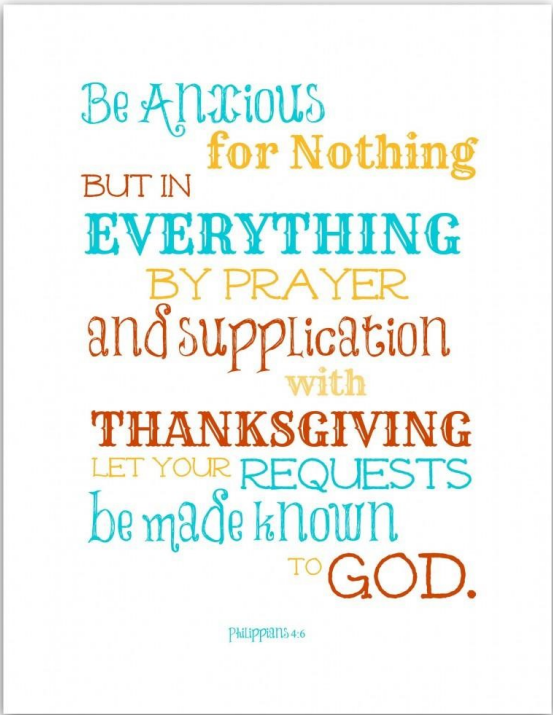
**Emails or Letters to Missionaries...**  
Matt & Lisa Durian ~ Larry Spalink  
Si & Jan Ellens ~ VanAnkum Family  
Ed & Karen Finch ~ Kathleen Lauder

*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

- Nov. 19 General Fund & Faith Promise  
Loose Change: Wycliffe
- Nov. 26 General Fund & Building Fund  
Loose Change: Kal. Gospel Mission
- Dec. 3 General Fund & Christian Education  
Loose Change: Rose Arbor Hospice
- Dec. 10 General Fund & Ministry Shares  
Loose Change:

**Offerings (deposited for November 12)**  
Building Fund ~ \$1,000.00  
Faith Promise ~ \$225.00  
General Fund ~ \$4,697.00  
Kalamazoo Christian ~ \$174.00  
Ministry Shares ~\$581.00



Requested Announcements

**Kalamazoo Christian High School's Kenya Group** are having a **Kid-sitting Night Fund-raiser:** Parents take the night off to shop, have dinner or just enjoy time with no kids around. All potty-trained kids up to 6th grade are welcome to join us at the high school (2121 Stadium Drive) on Friday, Nov 24 from 4:30 until 9:00. There will be plenty of chaperones, dinner and activities to keep them busy and send them home tired. All donations will go to the Kenya Mission Trip in July, 2018. Please put this date on your calendars and more info will be coming!

**Park Village Pines**, the Christian assisted living facility in Kalamazoo, has full and part-time **Medical Caregiver** and **Personal Caregiver** openings on our Resident Care Team. Medical Caregivers must possess basic medical terminology and medical knowledge, as well as experience in administering medications. Personal Caregivers require basic training/experience related to assisted living care, and would preferably possess a CNA. Park Village Pines is also looking for a full-time prep cook for our Dining Services department. For more information please contact Eric Hines, Human Resources Manager at (269) 364-6058 or visit our webpage [www.parkvillagepines.org/careers](http://www.parkvillagepines.org/careers).

Twin Lakes Reformed Church will be hosting an **Advent/Christmas Concert and Sing-Along** featuring The Silvertones. The concert will be held on Sunday, December 3, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. Twin Lakes Reformed Church is located at 5475 Ravine Rd., Kalamazoo, MI 49009. For more information, please contact the church at 269-382-1158.

**Advent Devotional Series** - Looking for more meaning in the midst of a busy Christmas season? This Advent, ReFrame Media offers a special email devotional series just for you. With daily devotions and encouragements from Today, Family Fire, Groundwork, and the fun of Kids Corner, we designed it to help your whole family experience the true wonder of Christmas, the coming Christ. Subscribe at [reframemedia.com/advent](http://reframemedia.com/advent).



Annual Christmas Gathering

The Christmas Gathering on Tuesday, November 28 is just 3 weeks away! Have you thought about serving as a Hostess? This is a wonderful opportunity to invite people to discover our church and enjoy a great evening at the same time. Have you signed up to attend? We will seat you and your guests at a table!

A very interesting evening is planned with the theme of **"Christmas Around the World."** We will have the privilege to hear from several women who will be giving brief talks regarding Christmas celebrations in various countries, interspersed with singing and good fellowship. Delicious soup and a salad bar will be served at 6:15 pm with dessert at each table provided by the Hostess. Following the program, the church will be open for your guests to see where we worship each week.

PLEASE sign up today so that we can make final preparations for this event - a wonderful way to begin the Christmas Season. Questions? Ask any committee member: Betty Vlietstra, Ruth Mather, Marilyn Stremmer, Judy Fletcher, Kris Carlisle, Irene VanderBerg or Jenni Scheel.

**CHRISTMAS CAROL SING:** Grace CRC presents, "How to Save the World: The Story of Christmas through Scripture and Song," on Sunday, December 10 at 7p.m. A light lunch will be served between the worship service and the 7 p.m. carol sing.