

**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:**

Sep. 1 & 8 Mike & Cheri Gavin/Dave & Kathy VanderMeer  
Sep. 15 & 22 Fred & Pam Gould/Norm & Bonnie Langeland

**PRAYER LINE MINISTRY:** Glen Wagner/Donnie Waterhouse

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


**SERVICE MINISTRY:** Judy Wieringa/Kathy VanderMeer

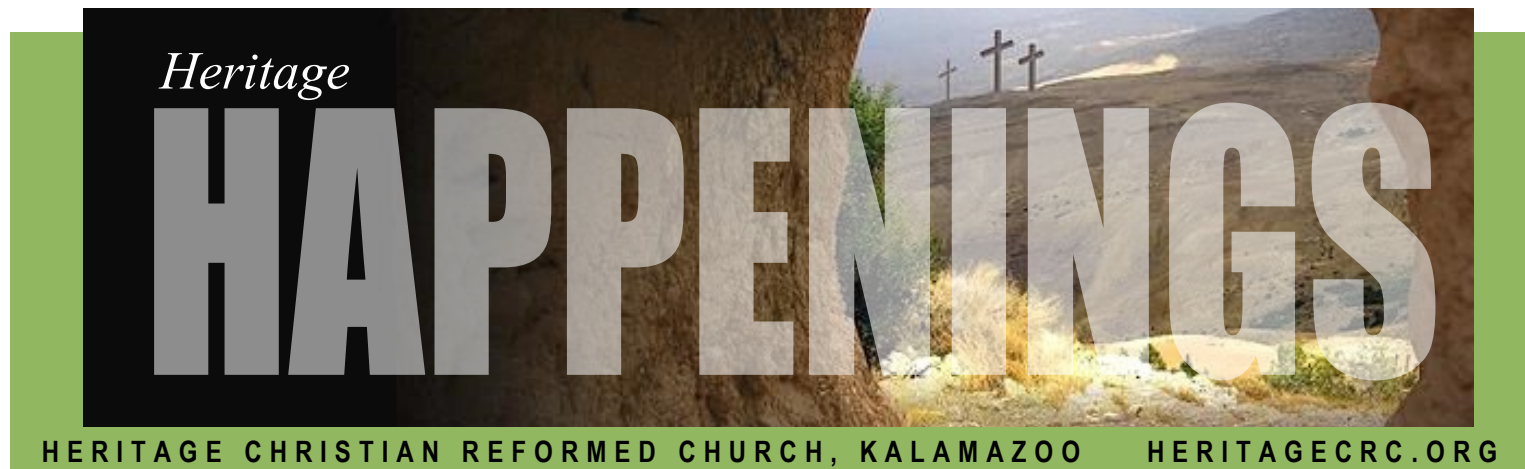
**MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY:**

Sep. 8 - Pat Schewe  
Sep. 15 - Paul Booden  
Sep. 22 - Lisa Durian  
Sep. 29 - Ian Tuin

**NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:**

9/8 - Lisa & Olivia Bosch  
9/15 - Wendy Rose & Barb Razenberg  
9/22 - Joy Knurr & Nancy Vandenberg  
9/29 - Sue Florian & Joyce Truscott

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				5	6	7
8 10 am Pastor Simon "Rebuilding: Remembering God's Covenant" Nehemiah 1	9	10 7:00 Admin Council	11	12 9:30 GROW Group	13	14
15 10 am Pastor Simon "Rebuilding: A Bold Request & Survey" Nehemiah 2	16	17 11:30 Coffee Break Picnic 3:30 Shep. Elders	18	19 9:30 GROW Group 11:00 International Student Luncheon	20	21
22 10 am Pastor Simon "Rebuilding: The Work Begins" Nehemiah 3	23	24 10:00 Book Club 7:00 Council	25	26 9:30 GROW Group	27	28 7:45 am Mobile Food Initiative 

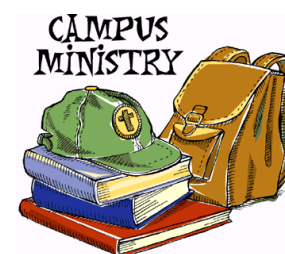


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**What's up in Worship**

**Rebuilding: The Book of Nehemiah** ~ Nehemiah is called by God to rebuild the wall around Jerusalem so that the remnant in Israel may dwell again in the city. It's ultimately the story of an unfaithful people's encounter with the unrelenting faithfulness of God who longs to see His people restored. In this series on the book of Nehemiah, which begins on Sunday, September 8, we will see what it means to be "living stones" whom God uses to build His church. This week's sermon is based on Nehemiah 1:1-11, "Remembering God's Covenant".



The next **International Student Luncheon** is on Thursday, September 19. Sign up sheets are on the table by the office. Foil pans are available. All food needs to be to church and ready to go by 11:00 am on September 19. Thank you!

**Celebrations...**

**Birthdays...**

Bob Pangle ~ September 12  
Bonnie Colvin ~ September 13  
Don Corstange ~ September 13



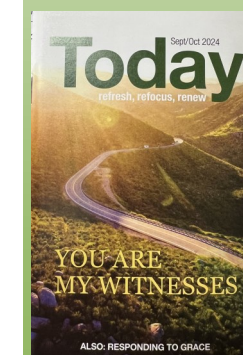
**Anniversaries...**

Bob & Jane Pangle ~ September 9

*What's Happening This Week*

**Church Calendar for September 8-14:**

Sunday 10:00 Worship Service  
Tuesday 7:00 Admin Council  
Thursday 9:30 GROW Group  
Friday 9:30 Heritage Piecemakers



The September/October Today booklets have arrived. Please pick up a copy outside the south-east sanctuary doors if you so desire a copy. We have more large print copies available as well.

### Council News

Roof replacement update: The contract with E.V.S Construction has been signed. The price for the materials and labor are as follows: To remove old shingles and install new standing seam metal roofing, the cost for materials and labor is \$150,600.00. The cost for 750' of snow bar is \$11,500.00. The snow bar is a safety feature that is needed to prevent snow from sliding off as the snow melts. The total cost of the new roof will be \$162,100.00.

It looks like work will commence around the end of September or beginning of October. The funds to pay for the roof will be taken from our savings and the building fund. If anyone from the congregation would like to give money for the new roof they can certainly do so. Please make sure the donation is marked "new church roof". Please let us know if you have any further questions.

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GROW GROUP BIBLE STUDY - Our GROW group will begin meeting on Thursday, September 12 at 9:30 am. We plan to study the 4th season of The Chosen. All women are invited to join us!



The Wednesday Bible Study will begin again on September 18. We will study "Becoming a Welcoming Church" and the cost of the book is \$5.00 for any in the congregation who would like to take part in the study. We will meet on

Wednesdays at 10:00 am starting September 18 and going for 6 weeks. See Michael VandenBerg with any questions and to request a book.

### Offering Schedule

- Sep. 8 General Fund & Ministry Shares  
Loose Change: Alternatives of Kalamazoo
- Sep. 15 General Fund & Faith Promise  
Loose Change: Calvin Theological Seminary
- Sep. 22 General Fund & Benevolence Fund  
Loose Change: Building Fund
- Sep. 29 General Fund  
Loose Change: Luke Society

### Offerings (deposited for September 1, 2024)

- Building Fund ~ \$70.00
- Christian Ed. Assistance ~ \$80.00
- Faith Promise ~ \$685.00
- General Fund ~ \$7,115.00
- Centrica Hospice of SW Michigan ~ \$318.00
- Ministry Shares ~ \$95.00



### Bible League

Each year the Bible League volunteers send out a special fundraising letter to you. Together we are equipping Christians and churches all over the globe to engage people in the Word of God. As a result, God's Kingdom is growing! Look for this letter in your church mailbox and pray for God's word to change lives. Thank you, Bonnie Colvin & Barb Nieboer.

**Ladies:** Dig out your vintage lunch box or a brown paper bag. It's time for our annual gathering for lunch before all the fall activities begin. Coffee & water will be provided. If anyone has a recipe they want to try, tasters await! We will meet on **Tuesday, September 17 at 11:30**. The picnic will be at the Oshtemo Township Park, 7275 W. Main Street, behind the Oshtemo Firehouse. All ladies are invited, we hope you can join us! Any questions, see Betty or Joyce.



**Coffee Break** will begin on October 1 at 9:30 AM. We will be discussing a book on the 12 disciples. Coffee Break is open to all ladies. Contact Ellen Byle at 269-349-1122 in regard to getting the book for study.



On Tuesday Sept 24 at 10:00 join us to discuss The Next Ship Home by Heather Webb. Two women have come to America to fulfill their dreams. As they face the misdeeds of a system known to manipulate and abuse immigrants, they form an unlikely friendship. They also share a terrible secret that alters their fate and the lives of the immigrants who come after them. See Dorothy Broekhuizen.

**Grief Share** is a 13 week grief recovery support group that meets at Prairie Edge CRC, 9316 Oakland Dr. The group meets on Thursdays, September 19-December 12 from 6-8 pm. For more information contact Pastor Bill Fernhout, 269-760-3744 or visit [griefshare.org](http://griefshare.org).

**Park Village Pines' Cruise-In Car Show.** Join us for free hot dogs and vintage cars! We will revel in classic cars and old stories. No RSVP for spectators. Car owners, registration is required, there are no fees and the top 3 will receive an award and gift card. For questions and to register your car contact Maria Weathers at 269-364-6051 or [MariaWeathers@ParkVillagePines.org](mailto:MariaWeathers@ParkVillagePines.org). Come and enjoy an evening of fun from 5-7 pm on Thursday, September 12.

**Classis Kalamazoo is seeking a nominee for the Council of Delegates** (the governing board of the CRC). This is a three-year term starting July 1, 2025, renewable for a second three-year term. You can learn more about the Council of Delegates here: [Council of Delegates | Christian Reformed Church \(crcna.org\)](http://Council of Delegates | Christian Reformed Church (crcna.org)). If you would like to put forward someone as a nominee, or nominate yourself, please submit their/ your name and a brief bio to Rev. Mike Koetje, interim Stated Clerk, at [classiskalamazoostatedclerk@gmail.com](mailto:classiskalamazoostatedclerk@gmail.com) by September 30.

### Family Faith Formation Tip

**The Bible teaches us that God is redeeming the world, reversing the effects of the fall into sin, and restoring every area that is infected by sin. God invites us to join in this redeeming work as people who have experienced God's love and grace (2 Cor. 5:17-21). One way we can join in is by reflecting God's hospitality, welcome, and love to the people around us. Consider someone at school or work who could use a friend. In what small ways can you show kindness and be a friend to the person God has placed on your heart? Brought to you by Thrive: [crcna.org/Thrive](http://crcna.org/Thrive)**

### ReFrame Ministries

**Groundwork: God's Presence With His People** - God delights to dwell with his people, but he is holy and his presence cannot remain with unholy people. Join Groundwork as we study Ezekiel chapters 10, 11, and 36 to witness the painful consequences of Israel's unholy ways and hear the hope God offers even in the midst of those consequences. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

**Kids Corner: Church: We Belong to God** - Check out this week's kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). God brought all of us together so that we could be thankful for Jesus dying on the cross for our sins and to help each other live like him. The Church reminds us that we belong to God as part of his family. Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net), like the Church in Action comic book.

The Bible League presents: **The Helmsmen - Southern Gospel in Michigan**, on Thursday, September 19 at Westwood CRC. Light refreshments will be served at 6:30 and the concert is at 7:00 pm.

