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SUNDAY WORSHIP:@ 9:30 AM

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:
Thursday by 8:00 am. Call,
leave a note, or e-mail to
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OFFICE HOURS:
Wednesday: 8:30 am —12:30 pm
Thursday: 8:30 am —12:00 pm

Volunteer Schedule...

COFFEE SERVERS:

Nov. 27 & Dec 4 Fred & Pam Gould/Norm & Bonnie Langeland
Dec. 11 & 18 Bob & Barb Razenberg/Dan & Deb VanderMeer

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY: Glen Wagner/Judy Fletcher

PRAYER EMAIL MINISTRY: prayerline@heritagecrc.org

SERVICE MINISTRY: Judy Wieringa/Kathy VanderMeer

MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY:

November 24 (Thanksgiving) - Gary Broekhuizen
November 27 - Gary Broekhuizen
December 4 - Lisa Durian
December 11 - LillieAnn Durian



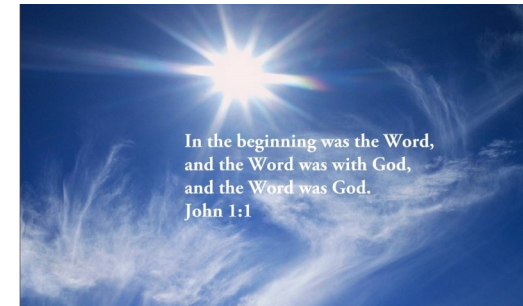
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What's up in Worship

Advent Sermon Series:

The Glory of the One and Only. The incarnation is shocking. When we live in light of the incarnation of Jesus, our lives will be shocking to others. Yet our lives will testify to the great news of Advent: Christ has come, God is with us, and one day He will come again. Beginning Sunday, November 27, join us in Advent for a series on John 1:1-18 as we discover how Jesus' incarnation shows He is worthy to be trusted and treasured. This week's message: *"In the beginning was the Word..."*, John 1:1-5.



Ladies, A Christmas Tea is being planned for Monday afternoon, December 12 here at church beginning at 1:30. Please save the date!! Hope you can come!!!
So we can plan accordingly, there is a sign up sheet on the table in the foyer Please let us know if you think you can come!!

Celebrations...

Birthdays...

Glen Wagner ~ November 27
Della Porter ~ December 3



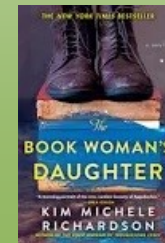
Upcoming Events

December 4 - all church potluck after the morning worship service.
December 11 - congregational meeting after the morning service. 2023 budget will be available next week via email.
December 18 - Candlelight Service




Join us this Thursday, November 24 at 9:30 am for our Thanksgiving Day worship service.

Book Club is meeting Tuesday November 29 at 10:00 am. We will be discussing *The Book Woman's Daughter* by Kim Michele Richardson.



The author follows the daughter of the beloved Troublesome book woman, who must fight for her own independence with the help of the women who guide her and the books that set her free. See Dorothy Broekhuizen for a book or any questions.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				24 9:30 am Thanksgiving Day Service "All Circumstances Gratitude" 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18	25	26
27 First Sunday of Advent 9:30 am Pastor Simon "In the beginning was the Word..." John 1:1-5	28	29	30	1 9:30 am GROW Group 	2	3
4 Second Sunday of Advent 9:30 am Pastor Simon "A Witness to the Light" John 1:6-9 11:00 am Church Potluck	5	6 9:30 am Coffee Break	7 8 am Men's Bible Study 10 am THE STORY Bible Study	8 9:30 am GROW Group	9	10
11 Third Sunday of Advent 9:30 am Pastor Simon "To All Who Received Him" John 1:10-13 11:00 am Congregational Meeting	12 1:30 pm Ladies Tea 7:00 pm KCHS Choir Concert	13 7:00 pm Admin Board 5:00 pm KCSA Preschool program	14 10 am THE STORY Bible Study	15 9:30 am GROW Group	16	17 8 am Mobile Food Initiative

DECORATE the Church

Christmas time is coming! It's time to decorate the sanctuary, here is the schedule for Friday, Nov. 25 & Saturday, Nov. 26.

Friday at 9 am we will remove the fall decorations and put them in storage boxes on east side of hall. Next we will start emptying out the Christmas decorations and tress from the storage room and move the trees into the sanctuary to start setting them up. Hopefully by 10 am we can start putting the lights on the trees. We need plenty of people to help Connor string the lights on the trees. Around 10:30 am we will start decorating the trees with ornaments. Fun Fact: breaking a few bulbs is expected and has made for some good laughs in past year. Other jobs include: hanging garland, decorating the window sills, arranging poinsettias, setting up advent candles and nativity sets, hanging and decorating the four wreaths on the walls, add ribbons and bows, change the banner and table colors, and add candles and chimneys. **We would love your help with all these items.** On Saturday at 10 am we will do the finishing touches and cleaning up the glitter off the carpet and make sure we have everything back in order for the first Sunday of Advent. If you have any questions please talk to Jane Pangle.



Anyone have an excess of Christmas tree ornaments or decorations they do not use anymore? We can use them here at church and would love to have them. If we can not use them we will make sure to get them to a program that helps families with decorations in the community. Thank you!

Offering Schedule

- Nov. 24 THANKSGIVING DAY - Kalamazoo Loaves and Fishes
- Nov. 27 General Fund & Building Fund
Loose Change: International Campus Ministry
- Dec. 4 General Fund & Christian Ed. Assistance
Loose Change: Hospice Care of Southwest Michigan
- Dec. 11 General Fund & Ministry Shares
Loose Change: Benevolence Fund



The deacons have decided to bless the organization, Alternatives, for our Christmas project this year. After consulting with them on what is most needed, we are asking those whose last names start with A to M to choose from the following: girls clothing sizes 3T to 5T, pajamas sizes 2T to 5T, baby wipes, or formula (regular, sensitive, and gentle). We are asking those whose last names start with N to Z to choose from the following: boys clothing sizes 3T to 5T, infant sleepers sizes 12 months to 24 months, new bottles, or formula. By dividing these items up we hope to get a good variety of items. We will also put this information in your mailboxes next week. Thank you in advance from the deacons! IF you have any questions please see Teri Wagner, Emma Schering, or Judy Wieringa.

Severe Weather Cancellation: In the event of severe weather and Sunday services are cancelled, closing information will be posted on Channel 3 WWMT as well as WOODTV 8 at least 1-hour prior to the worship service start time. You can also sign up to receive text or email alerts from Channel 3, WWMT. Go to WWMT website. Click on School/ Business/Church Closing Alerts. Then sign up to receive texts on your phone or email alerts for Heritage Christian Reformed Church.



ONCE AGAIN, we ask for your help in collecting warm items for those in need. All things collected will be taken to KGM after the first of the year. We can use new or gently used: coats, sweaters, gloves, scarves, boots, blankets, etc. **Thank you so much!** *The gals from Coffee Break.* The box is located by the church office. Any questions, please call Barb Nieboer, 343-5378 or Joyce Truscott, 342-1686.



Thanksgiving Day: Join us Thanksgiving Day at 9:30 am for a time of worship and giving thanks for God's many blessings. As part of our Thanksgiving Day worship, Kalamazoo Loaves & Fishes is once again the designated ministry for the offering. Along with our financial support, you are invited to bring food items for the Kalamazoo Loaves & Fishes pantry. Here is a food wish list from KLF:

- PROTEINS: canned meats, hearty soups, nuts
- FRUITS & VEGGIES: Canned without sugar or salt
- GRAINS: Pasta, rice, oatmeal, granola bars
- OTHER: Jam/jelly, peanut butter, cooking oil, all-in-one meals



FIVE MINUTES: Here's the challenge: When the service ends, let's do our utmost to give the first five minutes to someone we don't know or to someone we don't know well. There will be time to catch up with the people you know. But first we can make a difference in someone's day if we will make the most of the moments following that final "amen." The power of a sincere welcome matters!



Family Faith Formation Tip

During Advent, we light the candle of Hope. Through Jesus Christ, God provides us with hope for our daily living and hope for our future.

How can you be a messenger of hope this week?

Wonder and talk about that with someone this week.

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World Renew Announcement

We're so excited to share our BRAND NEW Gift Catalog with you! **In this season of giving, you can give a gift for good through World Renew's Gift Catalog.** With so many gifts like chickens, goats, tools for farming, and clean water, there are plenty of ways to give your loved ones. With old favorites and exciting new items, there's something for everyone. Check out our online Gift Catalog: it's the easiest way to give! And the best part - families living in poverty will find hope when they receive these essential items. Because your gift, whether big or small, means you are sharing the tangible love of Jesus with someone experiencing a real need. **You will find the gift catalog on the round table by the church office.**

