

Heritage CRC

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SUNDAY WORSHIP:@ 9:30 AM

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

OFFICE HOURS:
Wednesday: 8:15 am —1:00 pm
Thursday: 8:15 am —12:15 pm

Volunteer Schedule...

COFFEE SERVERS:

May 1 & 8 Cameron & Helen Brown/Sue Mejeur & Judy Fletcher
May 15 & 22 Bill & Kathy Cobern/Glen & Ruth Wagner

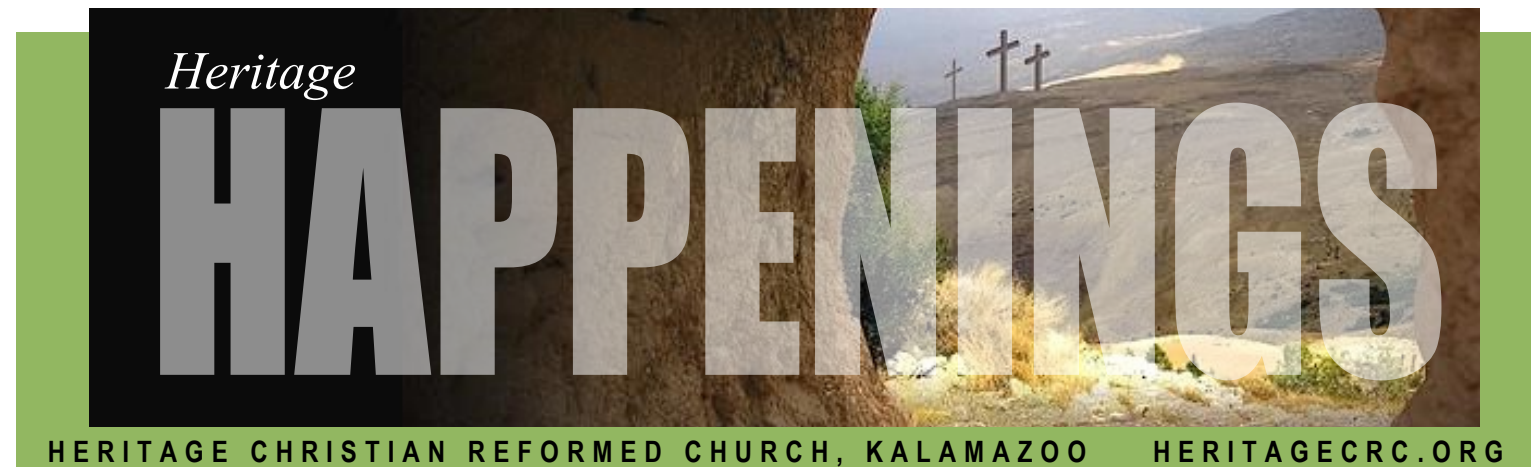
PRAYER LINE MINISTRY: Glen Wagner/Judy Fletcher

PRAYER EMAIL MINISTRY: prayerline@heritagecrc.org

SERVICE MINISTRY: Judy Wieringa/Kathy VanderMeer

MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY:

May 8 - LillieAnn Durian
May 15 - Paul Booden
May 22 - Gary Broekhuizen
May 29 - Gary Broekhuizen



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What's up in Worship

Exodus: God of Grace and God of Glory ~ The book of Exodus is the story of what it means to be redeemed by God, to live with God and to worship God alone. Exodus shows us how God formed a people for Himself and how their rescue from slavery points us to Christ who set us free from sin and calls us to walk with a holy God. Join us each week as Pastor Simon preaches on a sermon series about the book of Exodus. This week's message: "God's Concern for Community". Exodus 21-23

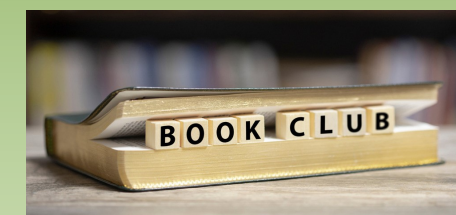


Our next all church potluck will be on Sunday, May 15 following the morning worship service. Bring a dish to pass if you are able; drinks and table service will be provided. Come and enjoy some delicious food and wonderful fellowship!

Celebrations...

Birthdays...

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



Our book this month is Before and After. This is the real-life story of orphans that survived the Tennessee Children's Home Society written by Judy Christie and Lisa Wingate. We will be meeting Tuesday, May 24 at 10:00 am. The book is available through the public library or purchase online at a bookstore. Come join us!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			4	5	6	7
8 9:30 am Pastor Simon "God's Concern for Community" Exodus 21-23	9	10	11	12 9:30 am GROW Group	13	14
15 9:30 am Pastor Simon "The Tabernacle: God Among His People" Exodus 24-31	16	17 3:30 pm Shepherding Elders	18 7 pm P.U.S.H.	19 9:30 am GROW Group	20	21
22 9:30 am Pastor Simon "The Golden Calf: A People Prone to Evil" Exodus 32-34	23	24 10 am Book Club 7 pm Council	25	26 9:30 am GROW Group	27	28 8 am Mobile Food Initiative

Council News

This past Sunday the congregation affirmed the following individuals for council: Shepherding Elder: Rick Lingbeek, Shepherding Deacon: Teri Wagner, Administrative Elder: Matt Durian. The installation of new office-bearers will take place on Sunday, May 15.

Council Update: At the congregational meeting this past Sunday, the proposal to replace all but part of the East and North portion of the parking lot was approved as well as the plan to fund the project. The total is \$162,500. Using resources from several funds, \$91,975 has already been set aside for this project. We received news this week we were approved for an interest free, 15-year loan of \$30,000 from Classis Kalamazoo. The outstanding balance is \$40,525. On Sunday, May 15 a special collection will be received to begin fundraising for this project.

Membership Updates: At their request, the shepherding elders released the membership of Bill & Ruth Vroegop to Central Avenue CRC in Holland, MI. May God bless Bill & Ruth as they commit themselves to this faith community.

Spring Work Day: A work day is scheduled for Saturday, May 21 from 9-noon. Along with tending to a few things outside to get ready for Spring, work will take place inside the building to get it ready for the preschool which hopes to begin setting up at the beginning of June. A dumpster will be available as several rooms need to be cleared out as well as some storage spaces. Join us for a morning of Spring-cleaning!

Offering Schedule

- May 8 General Fund & Ministry Shares
Loose Change: Elim Christian Services
- May 15 General Fund & Faith Promise
Loose Change: Alternatives of Kalamazoo
- May 22 General Fund & Building Fund
Loose Change: Rehoboth Christian School
- May 29 General Fund
Loose Change: Park Village Pines

Offerings (deposited for May 1, 2022)

- Building Fund ~ \$60.00
- Christian Ed. Assistance ~ \$160.00
- Faith Promise ~ \$210.00
- General Fund ~ \$4,118.00
- Ministry Shares ~ \$175.00
- ReFrame Ministries ~ \$205.00

Faith Promise Commitment Sunday: On Sunday, May 1 we began our 29th year of Faith Promise, a ministry fund we use to support individuals and agencies actively involved in sharing the Gospel with others both locally and around the world. During the month of May, everyone is invited to fill out a Faith Promise commitment slip and place it in the offering as you leave the sanctuary. Thank you in advance for your support of God's mission. If you have any questions, please contact Jerry Oele, chair of the Faith Promise Team.



ReFrame Ministries

God is Our Protector - Check out the new kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Psalm 121 tells how God is our ultimate protector. The psalmist reminds us that "He will not let your foot slip" (v. 3) and that God "is your shade at your right hand" (v. 5). This means that if we reach for help, God will be there. Listen now at kidscorner.net and check out all the new content.

Believe: Jesus and the Disciples - Studying Jesus' first appearance to his disciples and later his appearance to Thomas offers us encouragement for our faith even when believing in Jesus isn't easy. Join our **Groundwork** conversation as we study John 20:19-31 to learn why belief in Jesus is a lifestyle, not a one time event, and why Jesus' promises to his disciples give us hope yet today. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Join us in **Praying for Synod 2022** - Synodical delegates, church leaders, and CRCNA members across the continent are praying for Synod 2022. Please join us! Prayer gatherings for synodical delegates are scheduled for May 11 and May 25. We will post prayer guides on the Network each time so that you can pray with us at a time that works for you as families, individuals, church councils, small groups, and others. Need some prayer points to pray through now? Find the April 27 prayer guide at <https://network.crcna.org/prayer/prayer-guide-synod-psalm-13>

World Renew DRS 50th Anniversary Tour - At World Renew Disaster Response Services (DRS), we are grateful to celebrate 50 years of service! Our work with churches and volunteers is how Christ's hope and love is shared through disaster response, home repairs, and more. Join us on our anniversary tour in 2022 to reconnect, join in fellowship with a meal, and more on June 15th from 4-7PM at World Renew's new office building: 8970 Byron Commerce Dr SW, Byron Center, MI, 49315. Let us know if you're coming at worldrenew.net/drs-50th-anniversary-tour/

Family Faith Formation Tip

Read Psalm 145 and ponder or discuss the following question.

How might you incorporate more adoration and praise into your prayer life?

crcna.org/faithpracticesproject

Video Recording

A video recording of the morning worship service will be posted to our church YouTube page either on Sunday or Monday. Here is the link to our YouTube page: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCutET663hVzpPohBmiCXEQA>. If you haven't already done so, be sure to subscribe to our YouTube channel and click the notification bell to receive updates whenever a new video becomes available.




Prayer line Reminder: If your email address has changed, you wish to have your or a friend's email added to the Prayer Line, or you wish to no longer receive Prayer Line emails, please send an email request to: jerry.oele@yahoo.com or prayerline@heritagecrc.org

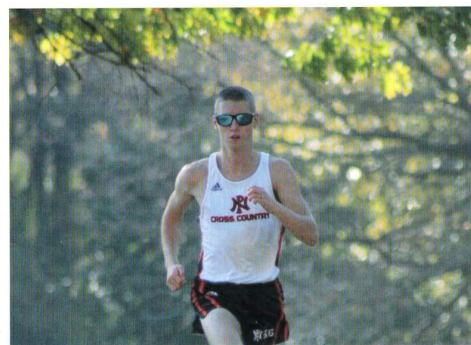


PLEASE JOIN US FOR A
Graduation
CELEBRATION
— HONORING —
MATTHEW CARLISLE

2022
CLASS OF



Sunday, May 29th, 1-4pm
A joint open house honoring Matthew Carlisle & Sam Carlisle
Southern Heights Church
4141 E. Hillandale Dr.
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Lower Level Entrance
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"And let us run with endurance the race that God has set before us."
-Hebrews 12:1