

### Heritage CRC

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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: 8:00 am —12:00 pm  
Thursday: 8:00 am —12:00 pm

### Volunteer Schedule...

#### COFFEE SERVERS:

Nov. 26 & Dec. 3 Ferrel & Marilyn Stremmer/Bill & Joyce Truscott  
Dec. 10 & 17 Matt & Lisa Durian/Bonnie Colvin & Teri Wagner

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

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

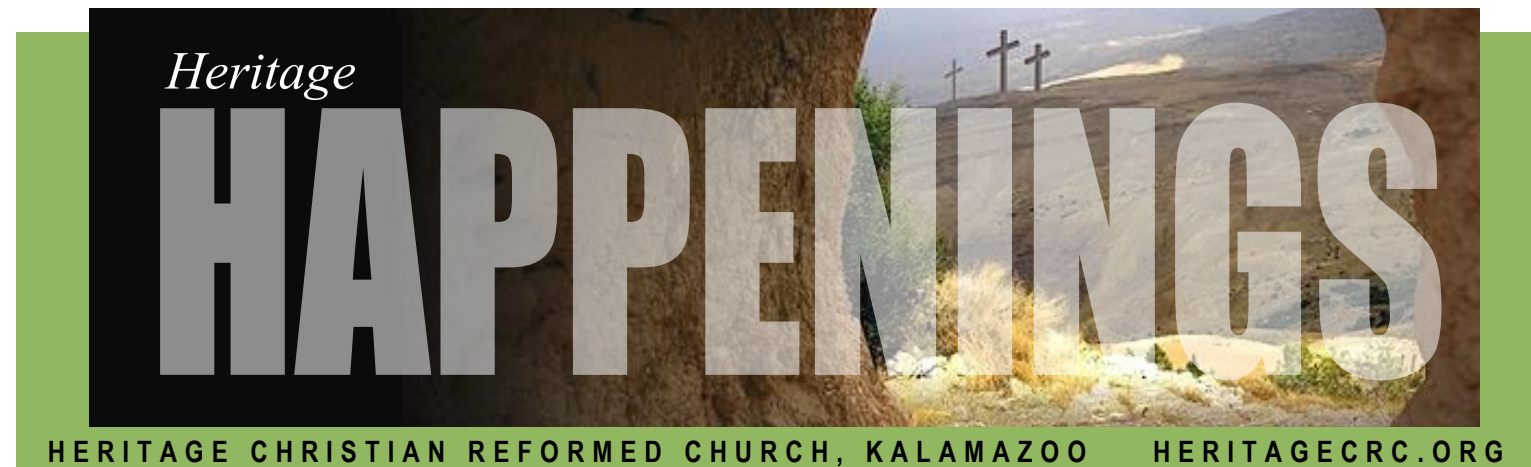
#### MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY:

Dec. 3 - Ian Tuin  
Dec. 10 - LillieAnn Durian  
Dec. 17 - Paul Booden  
Dec. 24 - Lisa Durian

#### NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:

12/3 - Melissa Piontek & Sue Florian  
12/10 - Pam Gould & Sue Mejeur  
12/17 - Joy Knurr & Wendy Rose  
12/24 - Barb Razenberg

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				30 9:30 GROW Group	1 	2
3 Communion Sunday 9:30 am Pastor Simon "God's Promise: The Hope of a Child" Isaiah 9:2-7	4	5 9:30 am Coffee Break	6 8 am Men's Bible Study	7 9:30 GROW Group	8 9:30 Heritage Piecemakers	9
10 9:30 am Pastor Simon "God's Promise: The Greatest Proof of All" Isaiah 7:1-17 10:45 Congregational Meeting	11 7:00 pm KCHS Choral Concert in our sanctuary	12 7 pm Admin Council	13	14 9:30 GROW Group	15	16 7:45 am Mobile Food Initiative 
17 9:30 am Pastor Simon "God's Promise: It Will Happen in Bethlehem" Micah 5:1-5a	18	19 9:30 am Coffee Break 3:30 Shep Elders 5-8 KCSA Preschool Program at our church	20	21 9:30 GROW Group	22	23

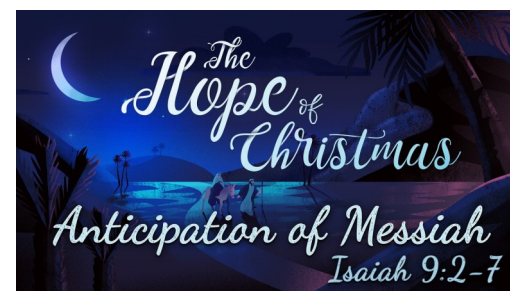


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### What's up in Worship

This week Pastor Simon begins his Advent series "Prepare Him Room". The season of Advent celebrates the first coming of Jesus Christ in the light of His saving work on the cross and the anticipation of His return. This Advent season we will explore some of the prophecies that foretold Christ's coming hundreds of years before it happened. Plan to join us as we trace God's plan to redeem all the way to Christ's second advent. This Sunday's sermon is based on Isaiah 9:2-7, "God's Promise: The Hope of a Child."



### This Sunday, December 3, is Communion Sunday.

We invite all who have been baptized in the name of the Triune God and confess Jesus as their Savior, to join us at the table of our Lord for Communion. Trays will be passed down each pew, if you prefer you can pick up prefilled cups in the lobby before the service.



### Celebrations...

#### Birthdays...

Della Porter ~ December 3  
Evelyn Vroegop ~ December 5  
Carol Bonselaar ~ December 6  
Cheri Gavin ~ December 7



#### Anniversaries...

Norbert & Joy Hegelmann ~ December 7



Church Calendar for December 4-10:

Tuesday  
9:30 am Coffee Break

Wednesday  
8:00 am Men's Bible Study

Thursday  
9:30 am GROW Group

Friday  
9:30 am Heritage Piecemakers

Sunday  
9:30 am Worship Service  
11:00 am Congregational Meeting

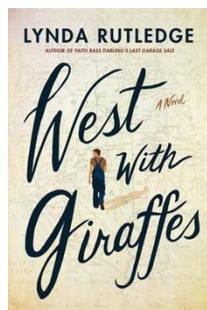
### Council News

**Annual Congregational Meeting:** The annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, December 10 following the morning Worship Service. A copy of the proposed budget for 2024 was sent out via e-mail this week. Extra copies are available on the table outside the church office. If you have any questions, please contact Matt Durian, council president, Jim Bosch, council VP/clerk or Jonathan Mejeur, Administrative Deacon.



Coffee Break Ladies are studying "The Gift Of Christmas" in preparation for advent season. On December 5 we will discuss lesson 3.

No Book Club for December. We will be discussing West with Giraffes by Lynda Rutledge on Tuesday January 23, 2024. In 1938 two giraffes ordered for the San Diego Zoo make a remarkable journey across the Atlantic and from New York to San Diego. The story blends a coming-of-age story, a road trip, and first love romance. Books available from Dorothy Broekhuizen.



**Directory Update:**  
Jim & Lisa Bosch  
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Please update your directories.

### Offering Schedule

- Dec. 3 General Fund & Christian Ed. Assistance  
Loose Change: Hospice Care of SW Michigan
- Dec. 10 General Fund & Ministry Shares  
Loose Change: Kal. Christian Schools
- Dec. 17 General Fund & Faith Promise  
Loose Change: World Renew
- Dec. 24 General Fund & Building Fund  
Loose Change: Kalamazoo Gospel Ministries

### Offerings (deposited for November 26, 2023)

- Building Fund ~ \$145.00
- Faith Promise ~ \$585.00
- General Fund ~ \$3,335.00
- International Campus ~ 136.00
- Loaves & Fishes ~ \$797.00
- Ministry Shares ~ \$75.00



**It's that time again. Time to make room for new winter wear!** Once more, the Coffee Break ladies will be gathering winter coats, hats, scarves, blankets, etc. for those in need within the community. This will be an ongoing effort until the holiday season is over! Right after the year's end we will gather the many blessings and deliver them to Kalamazoo Gospel Ministries. *Look for the box in the lobby area to place your donations.* Any questions, talk to Barb Nieboer (343-5378) or Joyce Truscott (342-1686). Thank you!

### World Renew

God's Love at Christmas - As we begin the Advent season, share the warmth of God's love with a person living in poverty through your donation for World Renew's Gift Catalog. Give a life-changing gift to a family that is facing hardship and hunger in the year ahead. Donate today at [worldrenew.net/gifts](http://worldrenew.net/gifts) or call 800-552-7972. The catalogs are on the table by the church office.



Grace Christian Reformed Church, 1724 Whites Road, is hosting its annual Christmas Carol Sing at 5:00 pm on December 3. Come join us for an evening of Scripture and song.

**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

**Ponder this quote from Mother Teresa:** "This Christmas when Christ comes, will he find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving others with God's own concern." How might you and your family love and serve others during this season? Learn more at [cena.org/FaithPracticesProject](http://cena.org/FaithPracticesProject)

### ReFrame Ministries

**Kids Corner:** The Prophet's Message of Hope - Check out this week's kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). The devotion is all about how the prophet Isaiah talked about how light shining in the darkness gave people comfort. We know Isaiah 9:2 is about Jesus coming to earth and dying on the cross for our sins. How amazing is that! The hope we have is a person! Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net) like the Bible story podcast "The Story of the Prophets."

**Devotions for a Blue Christmas** - In the midst of hard times, find strength and encouragement through God's word. A set of fourteen encouraging Today devotions reassure you that even during the darkest of Christmas seasons, you're not alone. Receive this free email series and ebook when you subscribe to Today at [todaydevotional.com/bluechristmas](http://todaydevotional.com/bluechristmas)

**Groundwork:** Jesus: Our Wonderful Counselor - The prophet Isaiah calls the coming Messiah a "Wonderful Counselor." Join Groundwork as we explore Isaiah 9:6, Proverbs 1:1-7, 1 Corinthians 1:18-24, and Colossians 1:15-19 to discover what this title communicates to us about Jesus and its connection to the biblical wisdom tradition. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.