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SUNDAY WORSHIP:@ 9:30 AM

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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:**

Oct. 1 & 8 Mike & Cheri Gavin/Dave & Kathy VanderMeer  
Oct. 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:**

Oct. 8 - Lillie Ann Durian  
Oct. 15 - Paul Booden  
Oct. 22 - Lisa Durian  
Oct. 29 - LillieAnn Durian

**NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:**

10/8 - Sue Florian & Ruth Mather  
10/15 - Joy Knurr & Wendy Rose  
10/22 - Pam Gould & Sue Mejeur  
10/29 - Barb Razenberg & Kim Bruinwood

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				5 9:30 GROW Group	6	7
8 9:30 am Pastor Simon "Job's Response, Part II: You Are Miserable Comforters" Job 16-17,19,21	9	10 7 pm Admin Council	11 10 am The Story Bible Study	12 9:30 GROW Group	13 9:30 Heritage PieceMakers	14
15 9:30 am Pastor Simon "What Not to Say, Part III: Repent!" Job 22,25	16	17 9:30 am Coffee Break 3:30 Shep. Elders	18 10 am The Story Bible Study	19 9:30 GROW Group	20	21
22 9:30 am Rev. Dan Sarkipato	23	24 10 am Book Club	25 10 am The Story Bible Study	26 9:30 GROW Group	27	28 7:45 am Mobile Food Initiative

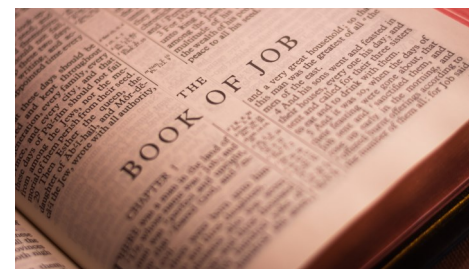


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**What's up in Worship**

This week Pastor Simon continues his series "The Book of Job: Suffering and Sovereignty". His sermon this Sunday is based on Job 16-17, 19, 21, "Job's Response, Part II: You Are Miserable Comforters."



**Faith-Promise:** We have just completed the 2nd Quarter of our 2023-24 Faith-Promise Year and wish to remind the congregation that funds are available for upcoming mission and evangelism type ministries involving our members. Please submit your request to Pastor Simon or Jerry Oele. The 2nd Quarter Report will be distributed in the next few weeks.



**Celebrations...**

**Birthdays...**

Matt Miller ~ October 10  
Donn Carlisle ~ October 13



**Anniversaries...**

Dan & Deb VanderMeer ~ October 10



Thank you to everyone who gave so generously for the Special offering for World Renew and the fires in Maui. We received over \$1,600 to give to help those in need! God's blessings to our Church families.

The **book club** is meeting Tuesday, October 24 at 10:00 to discuss the book Once Upon a Wardrobe by Patti Callahan. When college student Megs approaches author C.S. Lewis with her younger brother's request to find out if Narnia is real, he instead takes her on a magical journey through the moments in his life that led to his greatest creation. See Dorothy Broekhuizen for a book.

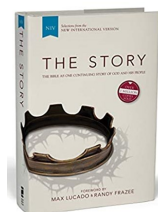


### Ministry Opportunities



The **Service Ministry committee** is looking for "Helping Hands" that would like to help out with meals for our church families when requested. There is also a need for transportation for some of our shut-ins. If you would like more information please contact: Kathy VanderMeer 269-382-1455 or Judy Wieringa 269-327-1913. Thank you!

Coffee Break's next meeting will be this Tuesday, October 17 at 9:30 AM at Heritage in the council room. We are discussing "The Fruit Of the Spirit". **All ladies are welcome any time.** Any questions call Ellen Byle at 269-349-1122.



The Story Bible study meets every Wednesday morning at 10 am. Each class has a short video overview, lecture, and discussion. All are welcome!

## GROW GROUP

The **Women's Grow Group Bible study** meets every Thursday at 9:30 am. We are studying the third season of "The Chosen". All ladies are welcome!

### Offering Schedule

- Oct. 8 General Fund & Ministry Shares  
Loose Change: Forgotten Man Ministries
- Oct. 15 General Fund & Faith Promise  
Loose Change: Kal. Christian Schools
- Oct. 22 General Fund & Building Fund  
Loose Change: Kal. Gospel Ministries
- Oct. 29 General Fund

### Offerings (deposited for October 1, 2023)

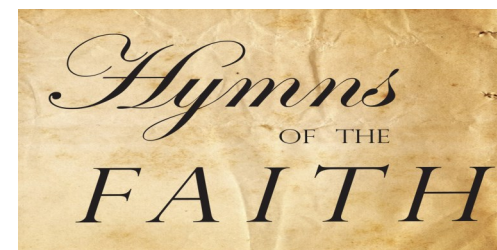
- Building Fund ~ \$115.00
- Christian Ed. Assistance ~ \$125.00
- Faith Promise ~ \$470.00
- General Fund ~ \$6,272.00
- Ministry Shares ~ \$320.00
- World Renew (CRWRC) ~ \$1,624.00

### September Council notes

- It was decided to increase the remuneration for visiting pastors to \$250.00 from our current \$175.00.
- We discussed changing the start time of the church service from 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. The time change will be brought to a vote at the next congregational meeting on December 10, 2023.
- The next potluck will be on November 5, 2023.
- We will be having a Christmas Eve service this year. There will be no service on Christmas Day.
- Delegates for Classis @ Northern Heights CRC on October 10, 2023, will be Rick Linkbeek and Cheri Gavin.
- Mobile Food Initiative transition from Centerpoint to Heritage has gone well. It's good to connect with our community and see so many Heritage members serving so faithfully.
- Pastor Simon will be on a week of continuing education October 16, 2023 -October 22, 2023.
- The annual congregational meeting will be held on December 10, 2023



The **Alternatives Autumn Gala** is Tuesday, October 24 at Gull Lake Ministries. You can register at [www.alternativescc.org/kzooautumngala](http://www.alternativescc.org/kzooautumngala). Tickets are free but RSVP is required. Funds raised at the gala help to sustain our ministry and allow us to continue providing services to our clients at no cost!



**Reformation Hymn Festival:** You are invited to a free musical event that will explore the person and work of Christ through the great hymns of the faith, accompanied by talented instrumentalists and singers from area churches. Come join your voices with ours as we rejoice in a salvation that is by grace alone! Saturday, November 4th, at 6:30PM at Grace Harbor Church (811 Gorham Lane, Kalamazoo).



### Family Faith Formation Tip

Read Luke 17:11-19 and ponder or discuss the following questions.

How have you experienced healing in your life? How did you, or how might you, express your gratitude to God?

[crcna.org/faithpracticesproject](http://crcna.org/faithpracticesproject)

### ReFrame Ministries

**Kids Corner:** God's Presence Gives Us Hope - Check out this week's kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Sometimes, life isn't easy. This week's devotion is all about how wonderful it is to know that God is there in good times and bad times. He is with you and he loves you. Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net) like the Kids in Action video "Wherever You Go."

**Revelation: A Comfort for Believers** - Groundwork has a new Bible study ebook and podcast, called "Revelation: A Comfort for Believers." It's a six-episode series that answers some of our biggest questions about the book of Revelation. It's great for personal or group study. Get it when you subscribe to Groundwork at [groundworkonline.com/revelation](http://groundworkonline.com/revelation).

**Groundwork:** Trusting God When Evil Abounds - Unfair realities are part of life. But when those circumstances threaten our way of life, it can be tempting to compromise our beliefs and values to preserve ourselves. Join Groundwork as we study the story of Daniel in the Lion's Den in Daniel 6 to give us the courage to trust God even when evil seems to be winning. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.