

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: 7:00 am —11:30 pm
Thursday: 7:00 am —11:00 pm

Volunteer Schedule...

COFFEE SERVERS:

August 20 & 27 Cameron & Helen Brown/Sue & Jonathan Mejeur
Sept. 3 & 10 John & Kim Bruinwood/Sue Florian & Judy Wieringa

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY: Glen Wagner/Judy Fletcher

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SERVICE MINISTRY: Judy Wieringa/Kathy VanderMeer

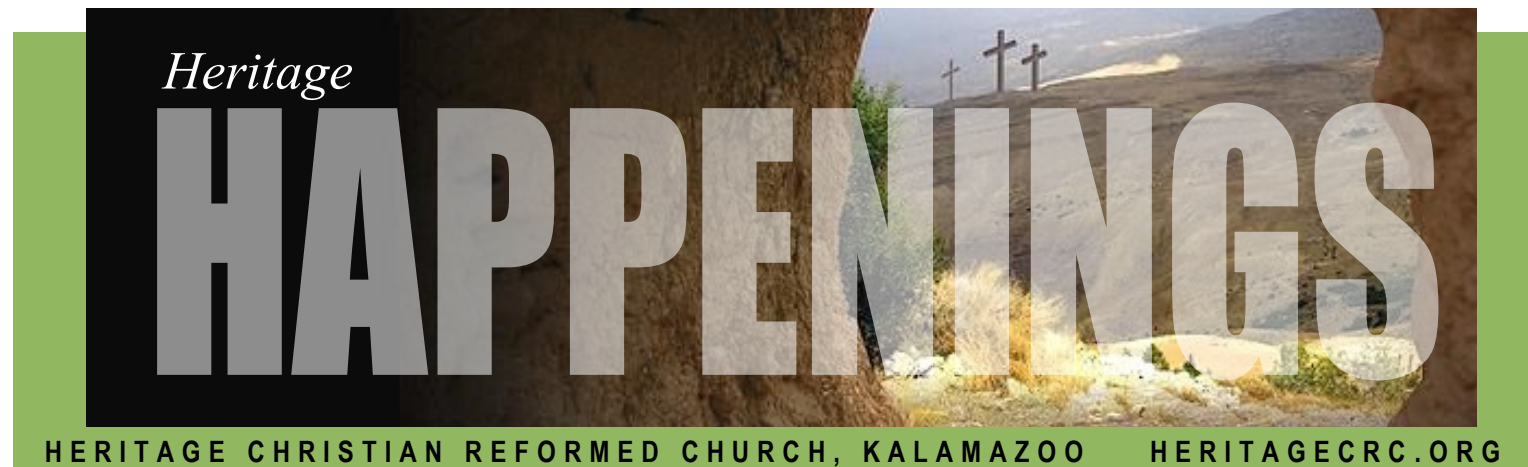
MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY:

Aug. 20 - Paul Booden
Aug. 27 - Lisa Durian
Sept. 3 - Pat Schewe
Sept. 10 - LillieAnn Durian

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:

Aug. 20 - Mary Deters & Joyce Truscott
Aug. 27 - Sue Florian & Joy Knurr
Sept. 3 - Kris Carlisle
Sept. 10 - Pam Gould & Sue Mejeur

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				17	18	19
20 9:30 am Pastor Simon "How Can We Sing?" Psalm 137	21	22 10 am Book Club	23	24	25	26 7:45 am Mobile Food Initiative
27 9:30 am Pastor Simon "To the One Who Gives Victory" Psalm 144	28	29 11:30 am Ladies Church Picnic at Oshtemo Park	30	31	1 	2
3 Communion Sunday 9:30 am Pastor Simon "Job's Tragedy: When The Storm Breaks" Job 1 & 2	4	5 9:30 am Coffee Break	6 8:00 am Men's Bible Study	7	8	9



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What's up in Worship

This week Pastor Simon will continue his "Summer in the Psalms" series. His sermon is based on Psalm 137, "How Can We Sing?"



Upcoming Sermon Series: The story of Job deals with something with which every Christian must wrestle – God's sovereign control over every area of our lives, including our suffering. It invites us to bring our pain and tears to God and teaches us how to trust God's wisdom when we do experience or encounter suffering. Beginning Sunday, September 3, join us for a sermon series called The Book of Job: Suffering and Sovereignty.

College Address:

Connor S. Tuin (Be sure to include middle initial)
501 College Ave. CPO 2948
Wheaton, IL 60187



Celebrations...

Birthdays...

Ruth Fletcher ~ August 25



Anniversaries...

Ernie & Donnie Waterhouse ~ August 20



ALL LADIES OF THE CHURCH!

It's time for our annual picnic in the park!

Date: August 29, 2023

Time: 11:30 am

Place: Oshtemo Park, 7275 W. Main Street, behind the Oshtemo Fire Station.

As in the past, bring your sack lunch. Coffee and something cold to drink will be provided.

If you have a "favorite" something you wish to share ~ samplers await :)

If you have any questions, please call Betty Vlietstra @ 345-8205 or Joyce Truscott @ 342-1686. We hope you can join us!



Planning ahead: Tea for Tara Bridal Shower! We are planning a bridal shower for Tara Razenberg on September 23, drop in from 2-4. More details in the weeks ahead.

Ministry Opportunities



Tuesday, August 22 at 10 am the church book club will be discussing the book The Gown by Jennifer Robson. An enthralling historical novel set in 1947 with England still reeling from the war. It tells the story of two women working on the wedding dress of Queen Elizabeth. See Dorothy Broekhuizen for a book.

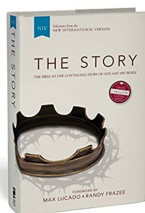
Attention Ladies: Coffee Break will start meeting on Tuesday Sept 5 at 9:30 AM. We will be discussing "The Fruit Of the Spirit. We will be meeting every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month. Any questions call Ellen Byle at 269-349-1122.



The Men's Bible study will begin again on Wednesday, September 6 at 8AM. We will meet on the first Wednesday of each month. Our study material will be the book of James. New members are always welcome. Contact Ken Byle or Pastor Simon for more information.

The Story: New Testament Bible Study: The Bible as one continuing story of God and His People

All are welcome to meet for 1 hour of study and discussion on this Biblical overview on Wednesdays at 10:00 am in the Council Room. The class will run every Wednesday from September 13 - November 22. Each class has a short video overview, lecture, and discussion. This class is open to the congregation and the community so please invite.



Offering Schedule

- Aug 20 General Fund & Faith Promise
Loose Change: Benevolence Fund
- Aug 27 General Fund & Building Fund
Loose Change: Calvin University
- Sep 3 General Fund & Christian Ed. Assistance
Loose Change: Hospice Care of SW Michigan
- Sep 10 General Fund & Ministry Shares
Loose Change: Alternatives of Kalamazoo

Offerings (deposited for August 13, 2023)

- Building Fund ~ \$80.00
- Christian Ed. Assistance ~ \$25.00
- Faith Promise ~ \$80.00
- General Fund ~ \$6,956.00
- Kal. Gospel Ministries ~ \$205.00
- Memorial Fund ~ \$25.00
- Ministry Shares ~ \$205.00

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 and pray for God's word to change lives. Thank you, Bonnie Colvin & Barb Nieboer.

Mobile Food Initiative is Saturday, August 26.

7:45 AM at **Heritage CRC.**
Please let the office know if you can help out.

See you there!



ReFrame Ministries

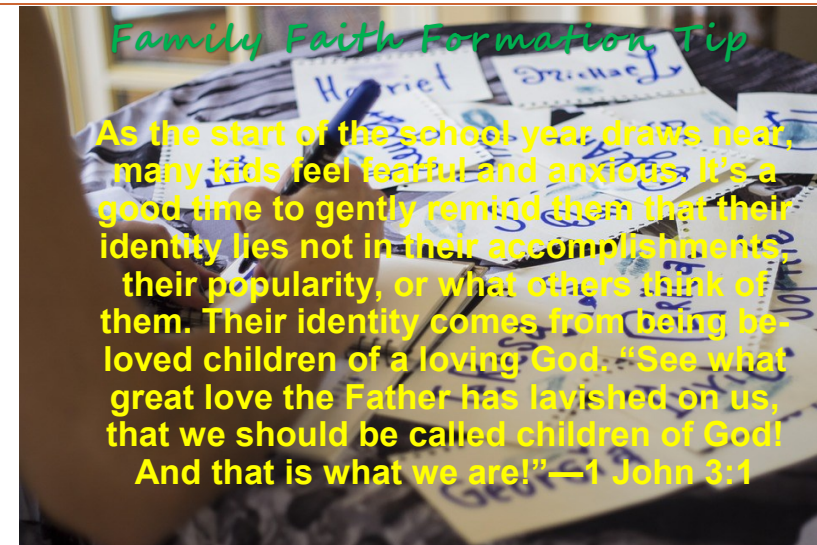
Family Fire - Family Fire is an online community exploring Spirit-led family, marriage, parenting, in-laws, blended families, and intimacy. Find encouraging articles and devotions at familyfire.com. Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

Kids Corner: Encouragement: Hold Me Up! - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Who are the friends who help and encourage you? Lord, help us to encourage our family and friends when they need us. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net like the Kids in Action video "Bookmarks for Peace"

Groundwork: Understanding Christian Freedom. - What happens when our personal freedom is in direct conflict with someone else's personal freedom? Join our Groundwork conversation as we study 1 Corinthians 9-10 to discover why Paul does not equate personal freedom with Christian freedom and why remembering the second Greatest Commandment helps us embrace our Christian freedom more fully. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes..

World Renew

Prayer Request for Hawaii Wildfires - World Renew Disaster Response Services (DRS) requests prayers for those affected by wildfires on Maui, Hawaii. The fires were fueled by wind from Hurricane Dora, which passed south of the islands, and persistent dry conditions across the area. Pray for God's presence to be known among those who have lost homes and loved ones. Pray for those who are injured and for medical personnel on the islands. Please pray for safety for emergency crews and search and rescue teams. You can find out more about World Renew's work at worldrenew.net



Family Faith Formation Tip
As the start of the school year draws near, many kids feel fearful and anxious. It's a good time to gently remind them that their identity lies not in their accomplishments, their popularity, or what others think of them. Their identity comes from being beloved children of a loving God. "See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!"—1 John 3:1

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.



Bible League Conference

Join us on Friday, September 8 in Byron Center for the Growing Inward-Reaching Outward conference. Best-selling author, Carol Kent's life turned upside down when their only child was sentenced for murder. Carol shares from God's Word and her family's life experience in growing an enduring faith and impacting the world for Christ. Registration and more information can be found at Bibleleague.org/tickets