

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
churchoffice@heritagecrc.org.

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

PRAYER EMAIL MINISTRY: prayerline@heritagecrc.org

SERVICE MINISTRY: Judy Wieringa/Kathy VanderMeer

MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY:

Aug. 27 - Lisa Durian
Sept. 3 - Pat Schewe
Sept. 10 - LillieAnn Durian
Sept. 17 - Paul Booden

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:

Aug. 27 - Sue Florian & Joy Knurr
Sept. 3 - Kris Carlisle
Sept. 10 - Pam Gould & Sue Mejeur

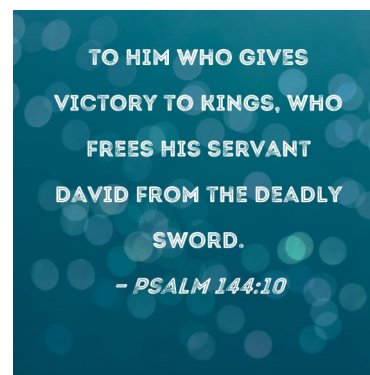


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What's up in Worship

This week Pastor Simon will continue his "Summer in the Psalms" series. His sermon is based on Psalm 144, "To the One Who Gives Victory"



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.



There are two directory updates in your church mailboxes, please be sure to add them to your church directory.

Celebrations...

Birthdays...

Kathy VanderMeer ~ August 27
Frances Smeda ~ August 29
Mike Gavin ~ September 1
Heather Tuin ~ September 1



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!



Mark on your calendars: The next church potluck will be September 10!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				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 HELLO September	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
10 9:30 am Pastor Simon "Job's Lament: I Have No Peace" Job 3 11:00 am Church Potluck	11 7 pm Admin Council	12	13 10 am The Story Bible Study	14	15	16

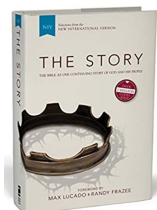
Ministry Opportunities

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.



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.

Offering Schedule

- Aug 27 General Fund & Building Fund
Loose Change: Calvin University
- Sept 3 General Fund & Christian Ed. Assistance
Loose Change: Hospice Care of SW Michigan
- Sept 10 General Fund & Ministry Shares
Loose Change: Alternatives of Kalamazoo
- Sept 17 General Fund & Faith Promise
Loose Change: Calvin Theological Seminary

Offerings (deposited for August 20, 2023)

- Benevolence Fund ~ \$588.00
- Building Fund ~ \$2,5400.00
- Christian Ed. Assistance ~ \$1,000.00
- Faith Promise ~ \$2,395.00
- General Fund ~ \$7,977.00
- Memorial Fund ~ \$220.00
- Ministry Shares ~ \$175.00
- Organ Fund ~ \$200.00
- Pacific Island Ministries ~ \$50.00



Bible League Conference

You are invited to the Growing Inward-Reaching Outward conference hosted for you by Bible League Volunteers on Friday, September 8 in Byron Center. Hear from Keynote speaker Carol Kent and friends of Bible League. For registration details go to Bibleleague.org/tickets. Deadline to register is August 31.

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: Bless Others - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. What does "blessing others" look like? We can bless others with our words, our actions, and our attitude. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net like the Kids in Action video "Bookmarks for Peace"

Groundwork: Love: The Guiding Principle For Christian Living. - The struggle for unity is not unique to the modern church. The Apostle Paul encouraged the Corinthian Christians to make Christ-like love their guiding principle and he taught them about spiritual gifts. Join Groundwork as we study 1 Corinthians 11-13 for guidance as we too seek to worship and live well together in community. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

World Renew

Pray for People Impacted by Wildfires in Canada - In the last two weeks, wildfires have forced more than 50,000 people from their homes in Kelowna, British Columbia; Yellowknife, Northwest Territories (NWT); and the First Nations communities of N'Dilo and Dettah. World Renew Disaster Response Services (DRS) is currently monitoring the situation and response. Please pray for people affected by wildfires in Canada this year: pray for safety for families evacuating danger zones; pray for those who have been injured. Pray too for military personnel and emergency crews; pray for wisdom and swift action among authorities and leaders. To help World Renew respond to disasters like this, please go to worldrenew.net to support World Renew DRS programs.

Family Faith Formation Tip

Something to think about this week: "We need help setting aside all the doing that we clutch so tightly, so that our hands can be open to receive the gifts God has in store. . . . We need time to be. Time to reflect. . . . Time to draw close to a God who revealed God's own name, which turns out not to have anything to do with doing, but everything to do with being: I Am Who I Am." —from a blog post titled "When Doing More Isn't Enough" by Austin Crenshaw Shelley.



Today Booklets: The Sept/Oct booklets have arrived. Please pick up a copy outside the southeast sanctuary doors if you so desire a copy.

The Christian life is one of priorities. If something is important enough to you, you will make time to do it. **Hopefully at the top of your list of priorities is carrying out the Great Commission given by Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.** Carrying out His commission involves being deliberate about evangelizing the lost and making disciples of those who fill the landscape of our lives each day. **The IRBC Basic Training Course in Reformed Biblical Counseling will equip you in a practical way to carry out Christ's commission in your home, church family, school, and workplace.** You are encouraged to examine your priorities if you sense the Lord is leading you to take the course, but have placed something of little or no spiritual value in place of this user-friendly series of bible-centered studies; a series that many confessionally reformed believers, elders, and pastors have testified as useful in equipping them to practically counsel in the light of God's truth. **The IRBC basic training course is nothing more or less than basic training in carrying out the Great Commission by practically bringing God's truth to bear in the lives of those wrestling with common counseling related problems. FINAL REGISTRATION DEADLINE: TUESDAY, AUGUST 29 (noon).** Register online at ReformedBiblicalCounseling.org.