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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 6 & 13 Becky Smith, Linda DeLoof, Linda VanGoey, Arnie Keur
August 20 & 27 Cameron & Helen Brown/Sue & Jonathan Mejeur

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY: Glen Wagner/Judy Fletcher

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SERVICE MINISTRY: Judy Wieringa/Kathy VanderMeer

MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY:

August 6 - Pat Schewe
August 13 - LillieAnn Durian
August 20 - Paul Booden
August 27 - Lisa Durian

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:

Aug. 6 - Kris Carlisle
Aug. 13 - Barb Razenberg

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6 Communion 9:30 am Rev. Kurt Selles "For You Are With Me" Psalm 23	7	8 7 pm Admin Council	9	10	11	12
13 9:30 am Pastor Simon "The House of the Lord" Psalm 122	14	15 3:30 Shep. Elders	16	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

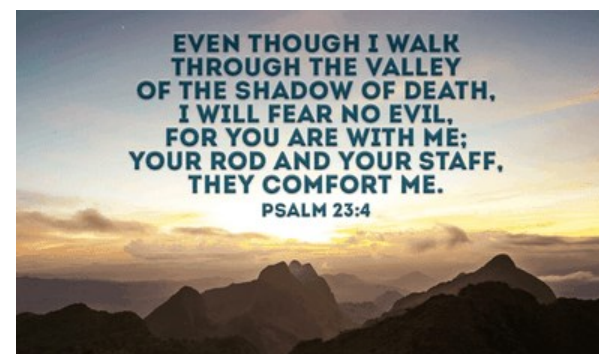


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What's up in Worship

This week we welcome Guest Preacher, Rev. Kurt Selles from ReFrame Ministries to lead us in worship. His sermon is based on Psalm 23, "For You Are With Me".



Celebrating Communion

On Sunday, August 6, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper. 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. In preparation for coming to the Table, we invite you to "examine" (1 Corinthians 11:28) your hearts by reflecting on these words from the Heidelberg Catechism.

Q. Who are to come to the Lord's table?

A. Those who are displeased with themselves because of their sins, but who nevertheless trust that their sins are pardoned and that their continuing weakness is covered by the suffering and death of Christ, and who also desire more and more to strengthen their faith and to lead a better life. Hypocrites and those who are unrepentant, however, eat and drink judgment on themselves. (Lord's Day 30, Q&A 81)

Celebrations...

Birthdays...

Pastor Simon ~ August 7
Gene Brussee ~ August 8
Bonnie Langeland ~ August 8
Linda DeLoof ~ August 9
Sharon Stryd ~ August 9
Tyler Mejeur ~ August 11



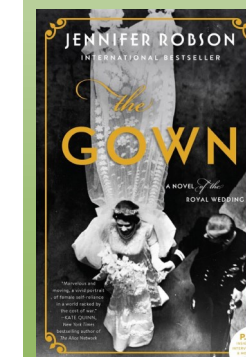
Anniversaries...

Phil & Barb Nieboer ~ August 10
Ed & Karan Finch ~ August 12



Tom Molenaar appreciated all the thoughts, prayers, cards and texts he received from the passing of his sister. Blest be the tie that binds.

Norm & Bonnie Langeland and Dave & Carol Bon-selaar wish to thank the congregation for the many expressions of sympathy following the death of Harold Langeland, Norm's brother and Dave's uncle.



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.

Council News

Council meeting notes May-July

- We had four young people make public profession of faith in May.
- Mobile Food Initiative location transitioned over to Heritage Church with the first one in July
- Building and Grounds has been busy. Needed a new motherboard for the chiller, it was installed on August 2. Various projects have been done (replacing a door and garage door on the sheds, getting quotes to trim the bushes around the church, and general clean up)
- Preschool: Things are going well. They will be adding another class in the upcoming year. Approved them putting up a bulletin board in the hallway. Also will be putting up a fence around their playground equipment.
- Deacon report: Giving has been good. Thankful for God's faithfulness. - Rev. Joshua Amaezechi, the president of LEMA and whose credentials are held at Heritage, requested financial support (\$5000.00) for a water treatment plant at the LEMA Theological Seminary in Nigeria. Council decided to send \$2500.00. Those funds will be taken from the General Fund.

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!



Offering Schedule

- Aug 6 General Fund & Christian Ed. Assistance
Loose Change: Park Village Pines
- Aug 13 General Fund & Ministry Shares
Loose Change: Kal. Gospel Ministries
- Aug 20 General Fund & Faith Promise
Loose Change: Benevolence Fund
- Aug 27 General Fund & Building Fund
Loose Change: Calvin University

Offerings (deposited for July 30, 2023)

- Building Fund ~ \$200.00
- Christian Ed. Assistance ~ \$25.00
- Faith Promise ~ \$100.00
- General Fund ~ \$4,205.00
- Pacific Island Ministries ~ \$213.00

Bible League Conference

The grass withers and flowers fade, but the Word of God stands forever. Isaiah 40:8. **Join us on Friday, September 8 in Byron Center** as we explore ways to grow a firm foundation and build the Kingdom of God throughout our life's journey. At the Growing Inward-Reaching Outward conference, you will hear from keynote speaker Carol Kent as she shares God's Word in multiple sessions and her family's story of growing an enduring faith when life sends its worst. Also, Dan Chapman, grandson of Bible League's founder, shares the powerful history of how a single prayer was the catalyst to *The Story Without an End*. An offering will be taken to support the ministry of Bible engagement. Cost is \$40 for event with lunch (limited seating) or \$27 without lunch. Register today at: Bibleleague.org/tickets (deadline August 31).



Alternatives of Kalamazoo Request:

Items most needed are: Boy's and Girl's sizes 3, 4 and 5. Also books that are needed. "What To Expect When Expecting" and Celebrate Recovery Bibles. The basinet is available in the gym/fellowship hall for donations. Thanks so much for your help and donations, they are greatly appreciated.



ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner: Worship God - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. What are the different ways that you and your family worship God throughout the day? We can worship God anywhere, anytime: at the park, in the car, and at the supper table. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net like the Kids in Action video "Puppet Movie Making."

Groundwork: You Belong To Jesus! Act Like It. - In 1 Corinthians, the Apostle Paul writes to believers about sexuality and sexual immorality, accountability in the life of the church, and lawsuits or disagreements among believers. Join Groundwork as we study 1 Corinthians 5-6 to discover why Paul admonished believers to remember their identity as those baptized in Christ and to act accordingly. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

IRBC Training Course

The IRBS Basic Training Course in Biblical Counseling is for those who really want to grow in a practical understanding of God's Word as it applies to the common problems people experience. Registration ends **August 18**. Please prayerfully consider taking the course at Immanuel Fellowship Church of Kalamazoo, 6015 West H Ave. Visit www.reformedbiblicalcounseling.org for more information/registration.

Kalamazoo Loaves & Fishes: A grocery cart in the Gym/Fellowship Hall is available to collect non-perishable food items for Loaves & Fishes. Below you'll find items that are in high demand:

- Protein (6 grams of higher) - canned meats, dry beans, hearty soups, beef stew, etc.
- Fruits - canned, preferably without sugar or corn syrup added.
- 100% Fruit Juice - canned or plastic
- Vegetables - canned
- Grains - pasta, rice, oatmeal
- Jelly/Jam - cereal and granola bars



Family Faith Formation Tip

How warm is your family? The good people at the Fuller Youth Institute tell us that "in a comprehensive study of relational dynamics in more than 300 families spanning 35 years, family warmth was more correlated with faith transmission than any other relational factor (including amount of contact between the generations, the type of contact, and the number of children in the family)." Read more in their blog post at fulleryouthinstitute.org/blog/warmth-in-your-family.

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/UCutET663hVzpPohBmCXEQA>. 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: Please send all prayer requests to Jerry Oele or 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