

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: 8:30 am —12:30 pm
Thursday: 8:30 am —12:00 pm

Volunteer Schedule...

COFFEE SERVERS:

April 30 & May 7 Fred & Pam Gould/Norm & Bonnie Langeland
May 14 & 21 Bob & Barb Razenberg/Dan & Deb VanderMeer

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY: Glen Wagner/Judy Fletcher

PRAYER EMAIL MINISTRY: prayerline@heritagecrc.org

SERVICE MINISTRY: Judy Wieringa/Kathy VanderMeer

MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY:

April 30 - Gary Broekhuizen
May 7 - Lisa Durian
May 14 - LillieAnn Durian
May 21 - Paul Booden

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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30 9:30 am Pastor Simon "Because of His Name" John 15:18-16:4	1 Hello MAY	2	3 8 am Men's Bible Study	4	5	6
7 Mission Emphasis Week 9:30 am Rev. George deVuyst "Reconciliation and the Pain Bearer" Isaiah 53:1-12	8	9 10 am Coffee Break @ Colonial Kitchen 7 pm Admin Council	10	11	12	13
14 Mission Emphasis Week 9:30 am Pastor Michael Brown	15	16 3:30 Shep. Elders	17	18	19	20

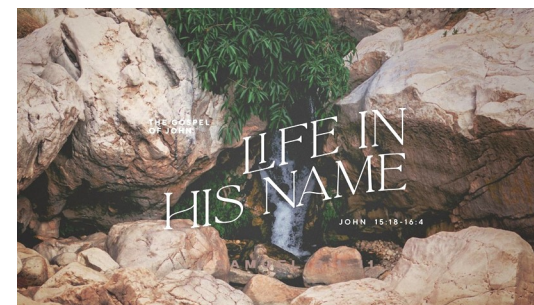


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What's up in Worship

Pastor Simon will preach this week from John 15:18-16:4, sermon title "Because of His Name".



Council News

Over the past several weeks the Council has worked diligently to put together a list of nominees for elder and deacon. Here is the list of those willing to serve:

Shepherding Elder (1 needed): Glen Wagner

Shepherding Deacon (1 needed): Cheri Gavin

Administrative Elder (1 needed): Jim Bosch

Administrative Deacon (1 needed): Kim Bruinwood and Jonathan Mejeur

On Sunday, May 14, the casting of lots will be used in the worship service to select an administrative deacon. Once this takes place, the congregation will be asked to affirm the slate of nominees by a voice vote. The installation of new office bearers will take place on Sunday, May 21.

Please keep this process in prayer as we place those nominated before God's throne and ask the Holy Spirit to lead us in the ministry of Heritage Christian Reformed Church.

Celebrations...

Birthdays...

Barb Razenberg ~ April 29
Marian Razenberg ~ May 1
Nick Nieboer ~ May 3
Nick Finch ~ May 5



OFFICE Hours Next week Lisa will be in the office Tuesday & Wednesday so please have any newsletter announcements to the office by 9 am Wednesday. Thank you.



Thank you for the cards and your thoughts and prayers in the passing of our son-in-law and brother-in-law, John Shane. We are grateful for the love and support of our church family ~ Grace Visser & Richard Visser

Haley and I would like to thank all of the wonderful church family that came out to support us at our wedding shower. We were overwhelmed by your generosity and are so very grateful for each and every one of you. Thank you for supporting us as we transition into this new phase of our lives! It was great to see everyone once again and we hope to see you again in July!

With love, Taylor & Haley



Join us May 7 at 4 pm for a free concert featuring The Singing Crusaders & The Men of A-Chord for a spring concert at Heritage CRC.

Faith-Promise ~ Mission Emphasis Week (and more!):

What is Faith-Promise? Faith-Promise is a ministry fund we use to support individuals and agencies, both locally and globally, actively involved in sharing the Good News of Jesus so that those who are far from God may come into a saving relationship with Jesus Christ.

At the launch of a new year of Faith-Promise support we host Mission Emphasis Week (May 7– May 14, 20223) and invite missionaries and agencies we support to share what they are doing in their work of reaching the world for Christ.

Every year, we are challenged to show our support of God’s Mission in this world through prayer, writing letters of encouragement to the missionaries and their families, and making a financial commitment toward Faith-Promise.

Brochures explaining the purpose of Faith Promise will be available soon in your mailbox. We encourage you to pick this up and prayerfully consider the way in which God is asking you to do your part in accomplishing His Mission.

If you have questions, or would like more information, please contact our Faith Promise Coordinator, Jerry Oele.

Book Club

On Tuesday May 23, at 10:00am we will be discussing the book Remember Me by Mario Escobar. It is historical fiction based on the true stories of the Children of Morelia in Mexico. Amid the shadow of the Spanish Civil War in 1934 one family faces an impossible choice that will change their lives forever. Books available from Dorothy Broekhuizen.



Offering Schedule

- April 30 General Fund
Loose Change: ReFrame Ministries
- May 7 General Fund & Christian Ed. Assistance
Loose Change: Elim Christian Services
- May 14 General Fund & Ministry Shares
Loose Change: Alternatives of Kalamazoo
- May 21 General Fund & Faith Promise
Loose Change: Wings of God

Offerings (deposited for April 23, 2023)

- Building Fund ~ \$160.00
- Christian Ed. Assistance ~ \$25.00
- Faith Promise ~ \$225.00
- General Fund ~ \$3,275.00
- Initial offering ~ \$25.00
- Kalamazoo Christian ~ \$199.00
- Ministry Shares ~ \$210.00



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

All months are now covered to feed Daisy!

Thank you to all who have signed up. If you have signed up to “feed her” you can turn in your donation anytime. Thanks so much for supporting the Growing Hope Globally project!



Things to look for this week at the Information Desk

- Library Newsletter
- Faith Promise Brochure
- May Birthday/Anniversary Calendar
- Singing Crusaders Flyer

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: Never Alone, God's Promise To Us - Check out this week’s kids’ devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Do you ever feel alone, even in a group of people? You may feel lonely, but God promised that he is with us. He promised to make us strong and be with us (Isaiah 41:10). He is a promise-keeper! Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net like the Bible story podcast “The Woman at the Well”.

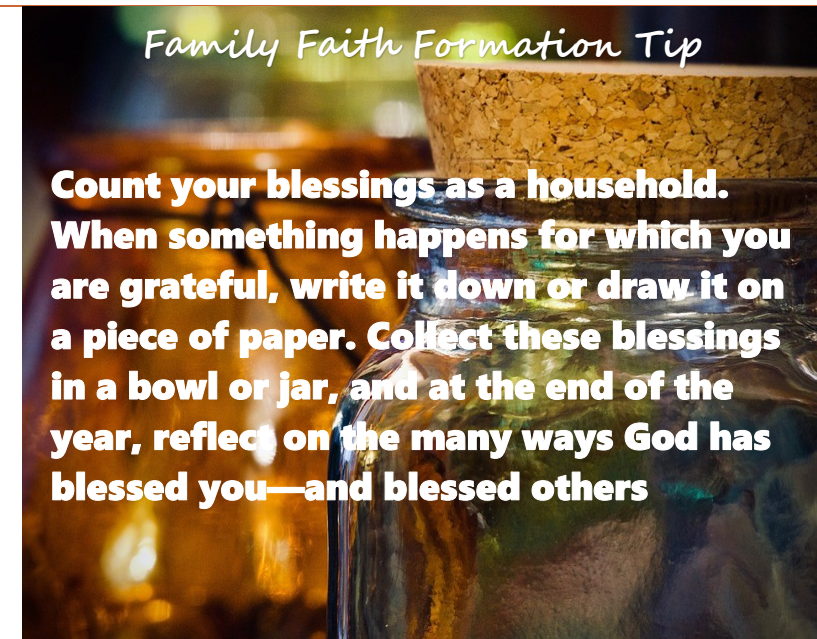
Groundwork: Believe: Jesus and the Disciples - Studying Jesus’ first appearance to his disciples and later his appearance to Thomas offers us encouragement for our faith even when believing in Jesus isn’t easy. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study John 20:19-31 to learn why belief in Jesus is a lifestyle, not a one time event, and why Jesus’ promises to his disciples give us hope yet today. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork’s weekly emails for future episodes.

CRC Communications

Pray for Synod 2023 - Join believers across the denomination for 40 days of prayer in preparation for Synod 2023. Beginning on April 30 and concluding on June 8, 2023, each day readers will receive a Bible text, a prayer, and some suggested questions for reflection or conversation. All of the prayers are intended to reflect the theme of Synod 2023: Longing to be Like Christ, which is based on Philippians 2:1-11, summarized by verse 5: “In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus.” Learn more and sign up at www.crcna.org/longing-to-be-like-christ

Family Faith Formation Tip

Count your blessings as a household. When something happens for which you are grateful, write it down or draw it on a piece of paper. Collect these blessings in a bowl or jar, and at the end of the year, reflect on the many ways God has blessed you—and blessed others



Kalamazoo Loaves and Fishes

A grocery cart in the gym/fellowship hall is available every week to collect non-perishable food items for Loaves & Fishes. They are always looking for food items that are high protein content. In addition, there are food items they look for on a monthly basis. For January it is beef stew. These foods are essential and ensure that nutritional items are available, by choice, to local households. Please support this ministry!



Alternatives of Kalamazoo: A baby basinet in available in the gym/fellowship hall for donations to support Alternatives Pregnancy Care Center of Kalamazoo. Needed items include diapers, baby food, new or gently used clothing, receiving blankets, etc. A list is available in the basinet. Thank you!

