

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:

May 14 & 21 Bob & Barb Razenberg/Dan & Deb VanderMeer
May 28 & June 4 Gary & Dorothy Broekhuizen/Glen & Ruth Wagner


PRAYER LINE MINISTRY: Glen Wagner/Judy Fletcher

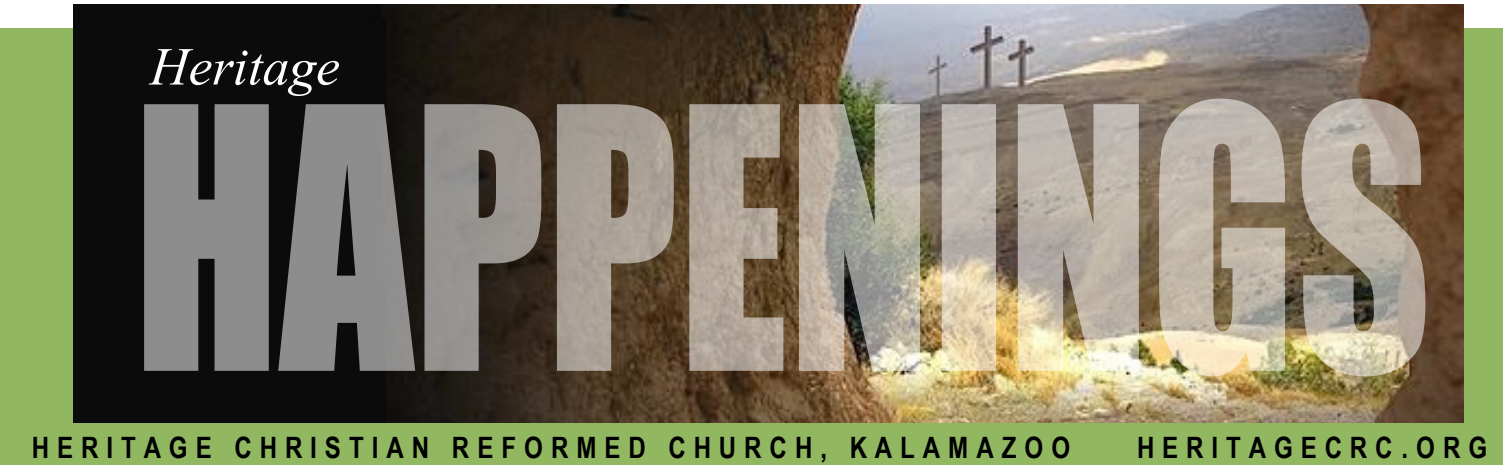
PRAYER EMAIL MINISTRY: prayerline@heritagecrc.org

SERVICE MINISTRY: Judy Wieringa/Kathy VanderMeer

MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY:

May 14 - LillieAnn Durian
May 21 - Paul Booden
May 28 - Gary Broekhuizen
June 4 - Lisa Durian

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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14 <i>Mission Emphasis Week</i> 9:30 am Pastor Michael Brown "Lessons from the Good Samaritan" Luke 10:30-37	15	16 3:30 Shep. Elders	17	18	19	20
21 <i>Ascension Sunday</i> 9:30 am Pastor Simon "After a Little While" John 16:17-28	22	23 10 am Book Club 6:30 pm Council	24	25	26	27 7:45 am Mobile Food Initiative
28 <i>Pentecost Sunday</i> 9:30 am Pastor Simon "Sent Into the World" John 17:-1-26	29	30	31	1 	2	3



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What's up in Worship

This week we welcome Rev. Michael Brown for our second Sunday of Mission Emphasis. Rev. Brown is the president of Kalamazoo Gospel Ministries. Rev. Brown will preach from Luke 10:30-37, sermon title "Lessons from the Good Samaritan".



Worship Team Ministry: Our worship team ministry has the privilege of leading God's people in worship as we behold His glory together. This ministry serves on a rotation schedule of once per month and involves coming 45 minutes prior to the service to practice. If you are interested in serving, please contact Pastor Simon.



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!

Celebrations...

Birthdays...

Ruth Wagner ~ May 19
Donna Penning ~ May 20



New Members: The Shepherding Elders recently received the membership transfer of Ernie & Donnie Waterhouse from Second Reformed Church. Please join us in formally welcoming them as members to Heritage CRC.



Next week Lisa will be in the office on Tuesday from 11-1 and Thursday from 8-12. Please have any newsletter announcements in by Thursday at 8 am. Thank you.

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.



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

- May 14 General Fund & Ministry Shares
Loose Change: Alternatives of Kalamazoo
- May 21 General Fund & Faith Promise
Loose Change: Wings of God
- May 28 General Fund & Building Fund
Loose Change: Rehoboth Christian School
- June 4 General Fund & Christian Ed. Assistance
Loose Change: Jesus Loves Kalamazoo

Offerings (deposited for May 7, 2023)

- Building Fund ~ \$1085.00
- Christian Ed. Assistance ~ \$155.00
- Elim Christian Services ~ \$55.00
- Faith Promise ~ \$170.00
- General Fund ~ \$6,134.00
- Initial Offering ~ \$10.00
- Ministry Shares ~ \$170.00

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.

Alternatives of Kalamazoo Request:

Ladies, spring has sprung and garage sales have begun, so when out shopping, watch for deals for toddlers, 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

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.

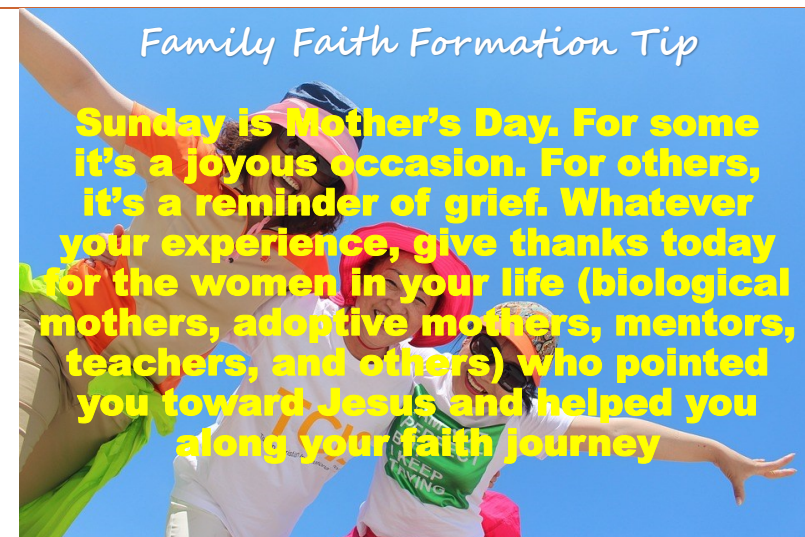
Kids Corner: Mother's Words - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Proverbs 31 introduces a mother who also taught her son, King Lemuel, many lessons. No doubt she had to repeat them several times. He used her lessons throughout his reign as king. What can we learn from Lemuel's example? Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net like the Ten Commandments Bookmark.

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

Sunday is Mother's Day. For some it's a joyous occasion. For others, it's a reminder of grief. Whatever your experience, give thanks today for the women in your life (biological mothers, adoptive mothers, mentors, teachers, and others) who pointed you toward Jesus and helped you along your faith journey



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!



SATURDAY
JUNE 17, 2023
8:30am - 11:30am

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