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SUNDAY WORSHIP:@ 9:30 AM

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Thursday by 8:00 am. Call,  
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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:**

May 7 - Lisa Durian  
May 14 - LillieAnn Durian  
May 21 - Paul Booden  
May 28 - Gary Broekhuizen

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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7 <i>Mission Emphasis Week</i> 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 <i>Mission Emphasis Week</i> 9:30 am Pastor Michael Brown	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 6:30 pm Council	24	25	26	27 7:45 am Mobile Food Initiative

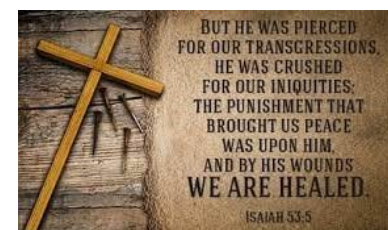


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**What's up in Worship**

This week we welcome Rev. George de Vuyst for our first week of Mission Emphasis. Rev. de Vuyst along with his wife Sarah, are missionaries with Resonate Global Mission and have been serving in Ukraine since 1998. Rev. de Vuyst will preach from Isaiah 53:1-12, sermon title "Reconciliation and the Pain Bearer".



**Celebrating Communion**

On Sunday, May 7, 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...**

Tom Molenaar ~ May 9  
Sharon VanKalker ~ May 10



**Anniversaries...**

Ken & Dorothy VanDenBerg ~ May 8



Thank you for the many cards, thoughts and prayers on the passing of Jerry's sister, Linda Barnes. We are grateful for all the support and love from the church family. Jerry & Ruth Mather



Join us May 7 at 4:00 pm for a free concert featuring The Singing Crusaders & The Men of A-Chord for a spring concert at Heritage CRC.



Next week Lisa will be in the office on Tuesday from 10-1 and Wednesday from 8-12. Please have any newsletter announcements in by Wednesday 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.



On Saturday, May 6 a Clean Up event is planned from 9am-noon to clear away the fallen branches on the south side of the driveway at the church. Please bring your own tools. A trailer will be available to haul the branches. Come join others to help us spruce up our grounds. Questions? Contact Rick Lingbeek or Ernie Waterhouse

### 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 30, 2023)

- Building Fund ~ \$10.00
- Christian Ed. Assistance ~ \$10.00
- Faith Promise ~ \$65.00
- General Fund ~ \$3,865.00
- Growing Hope Globally ~ \$228.00
- Ministry Shares ~ \$25.00
- ReFrame Ministries ~ \$199.00

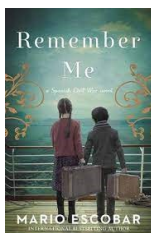
### Alternatives of Kalamazoo Request:

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.



### 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.



### 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.



### ReFrame Ministries

**Kids Corner:** Life is Both Hard and Good - Check out this week's kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). God understands feelings of disappointment. In fact, both Isaiah 45:3 and 2 Corinthians 4:7-12 warn us that not everything is going to be easy. But, the verses also tell us that when life is hard, God is still there for us. Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net) like the Liz and Friends episode "Consider It Pure Joy."

**Groundwork:** Follow: Jesus on the Shore - The disciples' story of meeting Jesus on the shore helps us recognize that Jesus is in the ordinary and that he's willing to fellowship with us right where we're at. Join Groundwork as we study John 21 to learn how keeping our focus on the resurrected Jesus and his simple command for us to follow him cultivates our faith. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://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](http://www.crcna.org/longing-to-be-like-christ)

