

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
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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 16 & 23 Mike & Cheri Gavin/Dave & Kathy VanderMeer
April 30 & May 7 Fred & Pam Gould/Norm & Bonnie Langeland

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY: Glen Wagner/Judy Fletcher

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SERVICE MINISTRY: Judy Wieringa/Kathy VanderMeer

MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY:

April 16 - Paul Booden
April 23 - Gary Broekhuizen
April 30 - Gary Broekhuizen
May 7 - Lisa Durian

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				13 9:30 am GROW Group	14	15
16 9:30 am Pastor Simon "Do Not Be Troubled" John 14:1-14	17	18 3:30 Shepherding Elders	19	20	21	22 7:45 am Mobile Food Initiative
23 9:30 am Pastor Simon "Abiding" John 15:1-17	24	25 10 am Book Club	26	27	28	29
30 9:30 am Pastor Simon "Because of His Name" John 15:18-16:4	1 	2	3 8 am Men's Bible Study	4	5	6

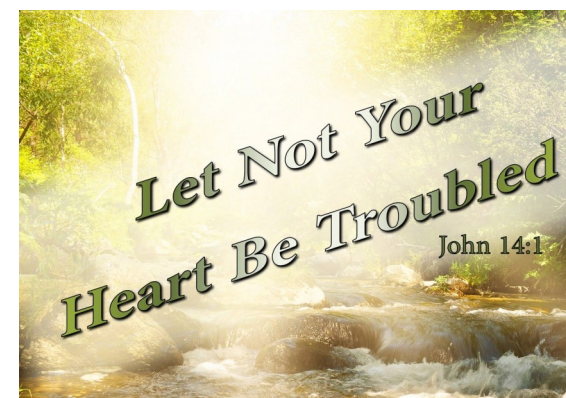


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What's up in Worship

Pastor Simon will preach this week from John 14:1-14, sermon title "Do Not Be Troubled".



New Members: The Shepherding Elders recently received the membership transfer of Peter and Rose Dame from Southern Heights CRC, the church that accepted the members from the former Milwood Community CRC. Please join us in welcoming them as members to Heritage CRC. A directory page for them is in your church mailboxes.

Directory Updates:

Emma Schering's phone number: 269-598-7110.
Matt Durian's phone number: 269-352-6588

The book club will be meeting in Tuesday, April 25 at 10:00 am to discuss the book *The Love Story of Missy Carmichael* by Beth Morrey. Here is a love story of the most important kind: that of coming to love oneself through accepting and returning the love of others - be it people or dogs. See Dorothy Broekhuizen for a book.



Celebrations...

Birthdays...

Allan Bickle ~ April 16



Thank you for your prayers, cards and encouragement during Pete's surgery and recovery. We are so blessed to be a part of the family of God at Heritage. Pete and Rose Dame

Thank you Heritage Church Family for helping make the blood drive a huge success! We are so thankful the blood drive could be held at the church. I am pleased to let you know that we went over our goal! The Red Cross collected a total of 23 blood products! The components used have the ability to help 69 individuals!

We are so thankful for all who donated and for giving the gift of life! Special thanks to all who helped at our drive and also to all who donated snacks for the drive. Each of you had a part in making our drive so successful!! We are planning another drive in October so please look for the date & time in the Heritage Happenings in the future. God's blessings & appreciation from the Red Cross & Donnie Waterhouse.



Let's celebrate Taylor Bruinwood and Haley Edie on Saturday, April 15, 2023 with an all church shower/open house.

Where: Church Fellowship Hall
Time: 11:00-12:30

All are welcome to come and meet Haley, and spend a few moments in fellowship with both Taylor and Haley. Light refreshments will be served. Haley and Taylor are busy planning their July 29, 2023 wedding.

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.

Offering Schedule

- April 16 General Fund & Faith Promise
Loose Change: Benevolence Fund
- April 23 General Fund & Building Fund
Loose Change: Kalamazoo Christian Schools
- April 30 General Fund
Loose Change: ReFrame Ministries
- May 7 General Fund & Christian Ed. Assistance
Loose Change: Elim Christian Services

Offerings (deposited for April 2, 2023)

- Benevolence Fund ~ \$10.00
- Building Fund ~ \$1,120.00
- Christian Ed. Assistance ~ \$100.00
- Faith Promise ~ \$350.00
- General Fund ~ \$7,200.00
- Ministry Shares ~ \$170.00
- Trinity Christian College ~ \$118.00

Deposited for April 10, 2023

- Benevolence Fund ~ \$60.00
- Building Fund ~ \$1,000.00
- Christian Ed. Assistance ~ \$25.00
- Faith Promise ~ \$100.00
- General Fund ~ \$3,846.00
- Growing Hope Globally ~ \$57.00
- Initial offering ~ \$40.00
- International Campus ~ \$248.00
- Israel Study Tour Fund ~ \$12,271.00
- Ministry Shares ~ \$170.00

Mobile Food Initiative is Saturday, April 22.

7:45 AM at Centerpoint Church.
Please let the office know if you can help out.

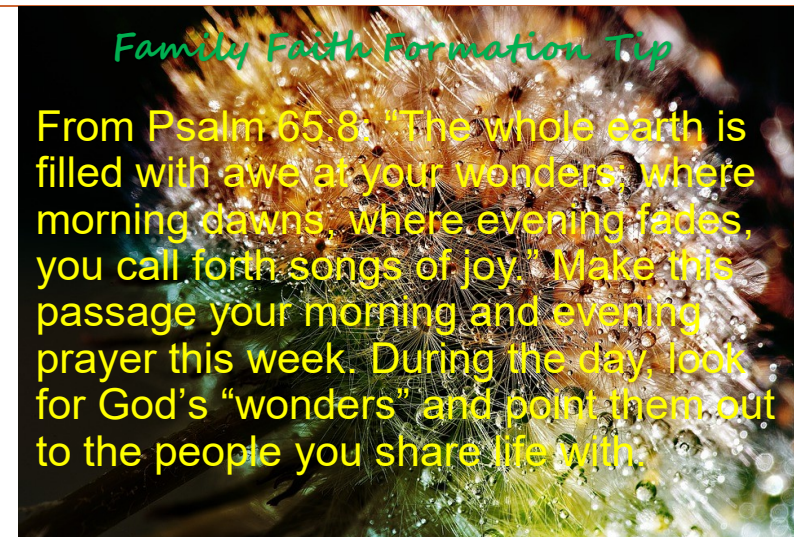
See you there!



COUNCIL REPORT – March 28, 2023

- The administrative board reports were reviewed and approved. This included the approval for the preschool to install lockers in the hallway, carpet in one of the classrooms, and a mounted TV in each classroom. Estimates are also being received to replace the shed.
- The shepherding elders presented on their ongoing work in pastoral care to home-bound members. Gratitude was shared for those who have joined the church as new members and the recent profession of faith and baptism.
- The shepherding deacons shared an update on their work of the benevolent ministry to members of the community and gratitude for the financial support of the congregation.
- The council compiled a list of nominees for the office of elder and deacon and sent out letters. Those nominated were asked to respond by Sunday, April 16.
- The council approved the Israel Study Tour Fund to receive financial gifts as a future opportunity for the pastoral staff and family to go to Israel as continuing education in ministry. An donation for this fund has already been received.
- Pastor Simon gave a detailed report on his activities the past two months.
- The February financial report was received and reviewed.
- A verbal report was given on the March 14 meeting of Classis at Westwood CRC. A highlight of the meeting was a presentation by Rev. Zachary King, General Secretary for the CRCNA.
- Next regular Council Meeting is Tuesday, May 23 at 7 p.m.

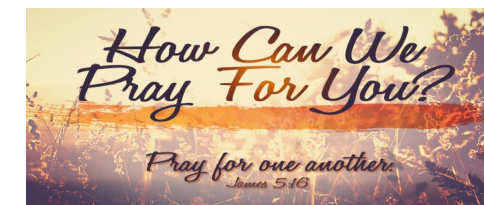
Concert on Saturday, April 22 at 7pm- Grace Christian Reformed Church will be presenting "Good News"- The story of the Gospel told through ten original songs blended with ten familiar hymns, featuring a variety of local musicians and instruments. Make plans to join us at Grace CRC (1724 Whites Rd.) for an uplifting evening of scripture and song!



ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner: Wow! Creation - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Think back on your day yesterday. Make a list of God's creations you saw that brought you joy, and then thank God for them. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net like the Bible story podcast "The Creation Story."

Groundwork: Experience: Jesus and the Women - In the gospels, we read about Jesus' encounters with his female followers on that very first Easter day. Their experience of him deepened and grew their faith, and it can do the same for us. Join Groundwork as we study their experience in Matthew 28:1-10, Luke 24:1-12, and John 20:11-18, and together come to see and know again that Jesus is Immanuel, God with us. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.



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