

Heritage Weekly Newsletter

February 18, 2024

Monday, February 19

7:00 pm GEMS

Tuesday, February 20

9:45 am Coffee Break

Wednesday, February 21

8:30 am Men's Bible Study

10:30 am Ladies' Bible Study

7:00 pm Friendship

Thursday, February 22

10:00 am Community Play Group

Sunday, February 25

10:45 am Sunday School

10:55 am Catechism

11:00 am Adult Sunday School

6:30 pm En Fuego

Monday, February 26

7:00 pm Cadets

Tuesday, February 27

9:45 am Coffee Break

Wednesday, February 28

8:30 am Men's Bible Study

10:30 am Ladies' Bible Study

7:00 pm Friendship

Thursday, February 29

10:00 am Community Play Group

7:05 pm Ladybug Bunco for the Ladies

We give thanks to God for his provision for our church in 2023. Because of your generosity, we were blessed to finish 2023 with our General Fund offerings exceeding our expenses by \$74,571.11. The Administrative Council intends to tithe 10% of this surplus to a charitable organization outside of Heritage. If you would like to suggest an organization to be considered, contact Tim Klaasen (tim.klaasen@clc.com, 616-212-9230) by the end of February. Thanks be to God!



Adult Sunday School class will be starting their 4th six week series starting February 25. The topic is - Being an Authentic Church! Come when you can! The personal study guides are available in the Bridge Room.

The Kings Choraliars will be here at Heritage on Sunday, March 3, at the evening service.



Our next JOY outing will be on Thursday, March 14 at 11:45 for lunch at Woody's Restaurant which is located at 5656 Clyde Park Ave. RSVP to Judy Johnson at judyjohnson737@gmail.com.



Community Play Group for children ages 0-5 with their caregivers - Join us every Thursday from 10:00 11:00 am here at Heritage in the ARK. Email erichards@heritagecrc.net for more information.

FAMILY PROMISE AT HERITAGE CHURCH – A NEW OPPORTUNITY COMING YOUR WAY!!

As a church, we are committing to being a Family Promise Church. This means that starting on March 17-24, four times a year we will be housing homeless families, who are in the IHN 60 day program. During these weeks, we will need of a lot of volunteers to make it all work; [Setting up and taking down the rooms, providing evening meals, providing fun care for the kids after dinner, being an overnight host, providing food items for breakfast, activities for the kids on Saturday mornings, and washing linens after it is done.] We will be having two training events for the congregation on February 11 and 25 after the morning services from 11:00 to 11:45 in the sanctuary. Please mark these dates on your calendar to learn about this program and check out the ways that you might be able to be involved in caring for the families God sends our way.

February 25th "Family Promise Called to Care Training Part 2" will be focused on IHN logistics, trauma-informed care, expectations when interacting with the families we serve, and emergency procedures when volunteering in IHN. Abbey Wallace, Program Manager with IHN will be joining us for this particular training.



Women of Heritage: Join us on Thursday, Feb. 29 at 7:05 pm for a fun evening for snacks, chats, and Ladybug Bunco! Lots of laughs and a great opportunity to meet someone new!

Note from Council - Nominees to serve in the next Council will be contacted soon. There will be an open house in the Fellowship Room after the March 3 morning service for an opportunity to meet current members and ask questions about the different offices. We ask the congregation to join us in praying for our current and future church leadership!



Nursery volunteers are needed for the next several months. If you are willing to volunteer for a spot, please sign up via this link [https://m.signupgenius.com/?](https://m.signupgenius.com/?fbclid=IwAR115CgjJxIbZu2zHkjoXUU3496siTBGTGeJJ02_2g4SM3gzRkJPK3dF3SI&mibextid=Zxz2cZ#!/showSignUp/508094cadae2da1fb6-nursery1)

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We have a big need for prayer shawls at this time. There is information on a tote in the Prayer Room with some patterns. These can be knit, crocheted, or quilted. Please help us continue to bless those who need the encouragement of a prayer shawl. Thank you! Judy Shear



The church lawn mower is for sale. If you would like more information, please contact Pete Edema at 616-813-4772.

Director of Children's Ministries

We are seeking applicants for our Director of Children's Ministry position. Please pray that God will bless us with the person who can help us nurture and disciple children from birth to 5th grade in our church and community toward a lifelong relationship with Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. If God's Spirit is nudging you, we pray that you will apply for this position or encourage someone you know to apply. A job description and application are available in the church office and on the church website www.heritagecrc.net.



We deliver 90 food bags every other Wednesday to people at Byron Village. We need more soup, canned fruit, spaghetti, spaghetti sauces, cereal, and canned vegetables. If everyone could bring at least one nonperishable food item per week, we will be able to continue delivery food bags and establishing relationships and spreading God's love in Byron Village.

Sunday School is collecting again this year for Camp Tall Turf. They have a continuing need for arts and craft supplies, so we would welcome your donations of either monetary or craft items. We will have a collection time during Sunday School singing and will have a basket outside of the Connections Room.

EN FUEGO [Grades 6-8th]

EN FUEGO SUNDAY NIGHTS - Our next Sunday night meeting will be on February 25 from 6:30-8:15PM. We will be having pizza, so plan on eating at church. Plan on meeting in the ARK! You are welcome to bring a friend!

Spiritual Gifts Survey promotes using God-given gifts in service of others, the church, and Christ, through matching needs with those possessing appropriate skills and interests. Please fill out the survey and place completed surveys in the baskets on the nametag tables.

The week of March 17 through the 24th, we will be hosting homeless families here at our church. Please consider your gifts of service and fill in the spots as you are able. If you missed training on the 11th, it has been recorded and will be coming your way! Looking ahead to February 25, you are encouraged to attend Family Promise trauma informed training. In person is best, but if you miss it, we will send that recording out also. The dates for the year that Heritage has committed to host families are March 17, June 30, September 8, December 22. Here is the link for the week of the March 17-24 only <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084AAEA72BA6F8CE9-47907387-family> Contact Elisabeth Richards, erichards@heritagecrc.net, with any questions you may have.

You are invited to Byron Community Ministries for a delicious home cooked Senior Luncheon on March 12 at 11:30 to welcome in Spring. Please mark your calendar!! Please call to RSVP 616-878-6000.

Preventing the Winter Blahs - Gray days, snowstorms, ice storms, school closings can all take a toll on our mental health. While there's nothing we can do about the weather, we can take steps now to help lessen the impact. The experts available through our EAP can help you start feeling less down, overwhelmed, and more like yourself. Call 1.800.442.0809 (press 1) and say you have a CAP with Heritage CRC for free, confidential help.

PRAYER ENCOURAGEMENT TEAM
Weekly Prayer Guide

MONDAY

Pray for God's strength to be with the many persecuted Christians in the country of North Korea.

TUESDAY

Pray for God's blessing and protection this week on Heritage staff members, Dianne & Mark Meyering, Church Custodians.

WEDNESDAY

Ask God to B.L.E.S.S. (Body, Labor, Emotional, Social, Spiritual) those who do not yet know Him.

THURSDAY

Pray for all of our missionary partners. This week especially pray for Amit & Reshma Karthak (Nepal).

FRIDAY

Pray for God's blessing on our young adults.

SATURDAY

Ask God to bless the civil and church leaders of our city, state, and nation.

GIVING GIFTS

Thank you for offering your time, talents and treasures for God's glory and the advancement of Christ's Kingdom.

The General Fund is supported through gifts received during the Sunday morning offering and white budget envelopes.

Gifts for the Building Fund, Faith Promise Missionary Support, Christian Education Ministry, Tuition Assistance or another cause can be designated through your blue budget envelopes.

On line giving is available. You can go the Heritage CRC website or go to <https://heritagecrc.net/online-giving>.

Church Communications

To receive prayer requests, worship information, and the weekly church newsletter, please contact our church secretary, Brenda at office@heritagecrc.net.

Morning Special Offerings

February 18 Benevolence
February 25 Christian Ed Ministry
March 3 Faith Promise
March 10 Christian Ed Ministry

Evening Special Offerings

February 18 Cadets
February 25 CRCNA - Disability Concerns
March 3 Buist Community Assistance
March 10 GEMS

**Heritage Christian
Reformed Church**

A Community of Christ Followers
Serving Him, His People, and His World.

Office Hours/Sunday Worship

Monday—Friday 8:00 AM—3:00 PM

Sunday Services are at 9:30 AM & 5:00 PM

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Resources

**Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services
Church Assistance Program (CAP)**

616-455-6210 or 1-800-442-0809

The CAP online library is <https://pinerest.org/CAP>.
Password = "HeritagecrcCAP".

Right Now Media Digital Discipleship Resource

Free access to thousands of video Bible studies and supplemental materials for children, adults and groups. Contact the church office with your email to receive your invitation.

If you want to watch the online services, you can find them on Heritage's Facebook page, on YouTube, or on the website www.heritagecrc.net.

Elder/Deacon Households

<u>Family Last Name</u>	<u>Elder/ Deacon Team</u>
Adams - Buquet	Jack DeGroot/Bill Selles
Burgess - Dykstra	Kurt Meekhof/Zach Blacquire
Edema - Hartgerink	Harry Myers/Andy Helmholdt
Haveman - Kloostra	Dave Haagsma/Ben Quist
Knarr - Mouw	Jon Diekema/Tyler Dreyer
Mulder - Quist	Rob Green/Chris VanderLaan
Raak - Smith	Jay Miedema/Eric DeGroot
Smits - VanderKooi	Paul Burgess/Nick Meekhof
VanderLaan - Zull	Randy VanLaar/Brandon Mingerink

The Elders and Deacons welcome you to call anytime you have a praise or concern.