

# Heritage Weekly Newsletter

## March 3, 2024

### Sunday, March 3

10:45 am Sunday School  
10:55 am Catechism  
11:00 am Adult Sunday School  
6:30 pm Fusion

### Monday, March 4

7:00 pm Cadets  
7:00 pm GEMS

### Tuesday, March 5

9:45 am Coffee Break  
3:30 pm En Fuego Treat Tuesday

### Wednesday, March 6

8:30 am Men's Bible Study  
10:30 am Ladies' Bible Study  
7:00 pm Friendship

### Thursday, March 7

10:00 am Community Play Group

### Sunday, March 10

10:45 am Sunday School  
10:55 am Catechism  
11:00 am Adult Sunday School  
2:30 pm En Fuego - Winter Jam Concert

### Monday, March 11

7:00 pm Cadets

### Tuesday, March 12

9:45 am Coffee Break  
6:30 pm Council Meeting

### Wednesday, March 13

8:30 am Men's Bible Study  
10:30 am Ladies' Bible Study  
7:00 pm Friendship

### Thursday, March 14

10:00 am Community Play Group  
11:45 am JOY Outing to Woody's Restaurant



**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 judyjohanson737@gmail.com.



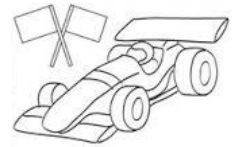
**Community Play Group for children ages 0-5 with their caregivers** - Join us every Thursday from 10:00 to 11:00 am here at Heritage in the ARK. Email erichards@heritagecrc.net for more information.

### College & Careers

Come on over March 17th! This is a get together for post-high school young adults from Heritage CRC and beyond. We will eat dinner, hang-out, talk about relevant topics, and support one another. Our next meeting date will be at our house on March 17th from 5:30-7:30 PM. Please text Michele at 616-240-6474 with questions. We'd love to have you join us! Andy & Michele Michmerhuizen



**ALL CHURCH CHILI COOK OFF/ GUATEMALA FUNDRAISER AND CADET DERBY RACES** Monday, March 25, from 6:00-7:00 PM - Test your tastebuds at our annual Chili Cook Off Dinner. Come for a great night of food, connecting with others and supporting our team going to Guatemala this summer of June 2-9. If you would like to bring a pot of chili, please have it to church by 5:45 PM. Join us after the meal at around 7:00 PM for some great derby car races. Support the Guatemala Team and the Cadets and check out this fun night! You are welcome to bring a car to race in the open race.



### 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](http://www.heritagecrc.net).



**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

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!! COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT AT HERITAGE CHURCH** - On Saturday, March 30 at 10 AM, we will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt for the kids of our church and from the community. This event will include thousands of eggs, face painting, balloon animals, pop-corn, snacks, videos, prizes and tons of fun! We have many opportunities for people of Heritage to get involved! Mark your calendars now for this great opportunity to serve. Knowing many of our church will be away on spring break, we will need anyone available to help. If you would like to volunteer, please check out the opportunities on the sign-up table in the Fellowship Room! Egg stuffing night for all ages will be on Friday, March 29 at 7:00 PM. Remember to invite your neighbors and friends to come on March 30.



**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.

**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!

**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. Here is the link for the week of the March 17-24.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084AAEA72BA6F8CE9-47907387-family> Contact Elisabeth Richards, erichards@heritagecrc.net, with any questions you may have.

The dates for the year that Heritage has committed to host families are March 17, June 30, September 8, December 22.

## **EN FUEGO [Grades 6-8<sup>th</sup>]**

**EN FUEGO TREAT TUESDAY - March 5 from 3:30-5:15 PM** Our next Treat Tuesday is on March 5. Plan on meeting at church at 3:30 PM, and we will be back around 5:15 PM. Please sign up by emailing Pastor Kevin at [kevinvw@heritagecrc.net](mailto:kevinvw@heritagecrc.net).

**EN FUEGO WINTER JAM CONCERT** On Sunday, March 10, we will be heading to the Van Andel for an amazing concert with a wide variety of Christian Artists. We will leave church at 2:30 PM to get in line. We will have pizza for dinner while we are waiting in line. Plan to dress warm to be outside for over an hour. We will provide hand warmers and ear protection for those who want. Cost is \$15. Plan on returning back to church around 9:00 PM. Email Kevin or sign if you plan to go so we can plan transportation. Bring extra if you want to have concessions at the Arena.

## **FUSION [Grades 9-12]**

**FUSION SUNDAY NIGHTS** - March 3, 6:30 to 8:30 PM. Join us for a great night of digging into God's Word and having fun. We will be having pizza so come hungry. Bring a friend and join us Sunday Night. [Our next meeting will be on March 17.]

## **GENERAL**

**South Christian High School Scrap Metal & Pop Can Drive**, Friday, April 12, 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM, Saturday, April 13, 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Put your old scraps to good use. SCHS will be collecting metals (steel, aluminum, copper, brass, etc.), old cars, worn-out farm equipment, tired appliances (washing machines, dryers, water heaters, etc.), used car and equipment batteries, electrical wiring, stripped or unstripped copper wire, and tools. Extra manpower and equipment will be available to assist during drop-off in the parking lot behind the baseball fields. (7979 Kalamazoo Ave SE, Byron Center) Proceeds will benefit Tuition Assistance at SCHS. If you have any questions, please call Sandy Dobbs (455-3210 x110).

**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.

**The Christian Reformed Conference Grounds**, 12253 Lakeshore Drive, Grand Haven, MI, invites you to Join us for our annual Spring Fundraiser Dinner and Concert on Saturday, April 20. The doors will open at 5:30 pm. At 6 pm we will serve a delicious Conference Grounds dinner. After dinner, you can sit back and enjoy the music of the Burgess Brothers, Kendra Walters, and Julie Baylor. You will be blessed and challenged by our speaker who is a longtime Grounds camper, Pastor Jeremy Krueze. He will inspire and challenge you to come alongside us as we seek funds for our new Ministry Center. Tickets for the dinner are on sale now for \$15 per person! Call 616-842-4478 to reserve your spot today!

**PRAYER ENCOURAGEMENT TEAM**  
**Weekly Prayer Guide**

**MONDAY**

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

**TUESDAY**

Pray for God's blessing and protection this week on Heritage staff member, Heather Oosterman, Kids Hope Director.

**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 Arbin & Bimala Pokharel.

**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](mailto:office@heritagecrc.net).

**Morning Special Offerings**

March 3 Faith Promise  
March 10 Christian Ed Ministry  
March 17 Benevolence  
March 24 Christian Ed Ministry

**Evening Special Offerings**

March 3 Buist Community Assistance  
March 10 GEMS  
March 17 "R" House  
March 24 Tuition Assistance

**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

**Contact Us**

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**STAFF**

Rob & Stephanie Green, Custodians  
Bob Huisman, Pastor of Preaching & Worship  
Heather Oosterman, Kids Hope Director  
Dianne Meyering, Custodian  
Dan Mouw, Director of Care  
Elisabeth Richards, Outreach Director  
Kristy Tuttle, Tech Director  
Kevin Van Wyhe, Youth Pastor  
Vicki Williams, Director Music & Worship  
Brenda Gilder, Office Administrator

**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](http://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 - Kloostera	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.