

Heritage Weekly Newsletter

March 17, 2024

Sunday, March 17

10:45 am Sunday School
 10:55 am Catechism
 11:00 am Adult Sunday School
 5:30 pm College & Career at Michmerhuizen's
 6:30 pm Fusion

Monday, March 18

7:00 pm GEMS

Tuesday, March 19

9:45 am Coffee Break

Wednesday, March 20

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

Thursday, March 21

10:00 am Community Play Group

Sunday, March 24

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

Monday, March 25

6:00 pm Chili Cook Off
 7:00 pm Cadet Derby Car Races

Tuesday, March 26

9:45 am Coffee Break

Wednesday, March 27

8:30 am Men's Bible Study
 10:30 am Ladies' Bible Study
 11:00 am Adult Sunday School

Thursday, March 28

10:00 am Community Play Group

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.

JOY will be meeting at church on Thursday, April 18. Pizza will be served at 11:45 followed by Budnt cakes for dessert. Paul Burgess will then be presenting the history of Byron Center. RSVP to Judy at 644-0193 or judyjohnson737@gmail.com.

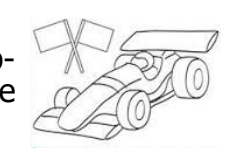
 **Community Play Group for children ages 0-5 with their caregivers** - Join us every Thursday from 10:00 to 11:00 am here at Heritage in the ARK. Email erichards@heritagecrc.net for more information.

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, 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.

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, popcorn, 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.





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/?fbclid=IwAR115CqjJxIbZu2zHkjoXUU3496siTBGTGeJJO2_2g4SM3gzRkJPK3dF3SI&mibextid=Zxz2cZ#!/showSignUp/508094cadae2da1fb6-nursery1

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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.

Thank you for the great response! Our prayer shawl tote is overflowing with love. Many people will be blessed by your contributions.

There will be **NO Children's Worship** gathering on **Easter Sunday**. The children are encouraged to worship with their families in the Sanctuary or ARK for the celebration of Jesus' resurrection. Hallelujah!! JESUS IS ALIVE!!!

We pray God's blessing over the hearts and lives of everyone involved in Family Promise this week as we welcome our guests and enjoy the opportunity of new friendships and sharing the love of Jesus.

College & Careers - Come on over today, March 17! 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. The meeting will be at our house 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

Our Maundy Thursday Service will be a bit different this year. Instead of an hour service on Thursday night, we will be setting up stations throughout the church that will take you on an interactive Journey to the Cross. This journey will begin with creation and end with communion at the cross. Each station will engage your senses and make the events of Jesus' death and crucifixion more real to you. The Journey to the Cross will be available from 2-8pm on Maundy Thursday evening and starts in the narthex area. Come and bring your children for a new way to experience the amazing sacrifice Jesus made for each one of us.

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, 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).

EN FUEGO [Grades 6-8th]

EN FUEGO SUNDAY NIGHTS - Our next Sunday night meeting will be on March 24. We will be having pizza, so plan on eating at church. Plan on meeting in the ARK! You are welcome to bring a friend!

EN FUEGO TREAT TUESDAY - April 9 from 3:30-5:15 PM - Our next treat Tuesday is on April 9. Plan on meeting at church at 3:30 PM. We will be back around 5:15 PM. Please sign up by emailing Pastor Kevin at kevinvw@heritagecrc.net.

FUSION [Grades 9-12]

FUSION SUNDAY NIGHTS - March 17, 6:30 to 8:30 PM. Join us for a great night of digging into God's Word and having fun. We will be heading out at 6:45 to go to a surprise location for our small groups. Plan on having slushies and snacks. We will return to church by 8:30 PM.

PRAYER ENCOURAGEMENT TEAM
Weekly Prayer Guide

MONDAY

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

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 Steve & Frankie Wunderink (Egypt).

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

March 17 Benevolence
March 24 Christian Ed Ministry
March 31 Faith Promise
April 7 Christian Ed Ministry

Evening Special Offerings

March 17 "R" House
March 24 Tuition Assistance
April 7 Hope Unexpected

**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

Family Last Name

Elder/ Deacon Team

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.