

# Heritage Weekly Newsletter

## March 24, 2024

### 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  
7:00 pm Friendship

### Thursday, March 28

10:00 am Community Play Group  
2:00 pm Maundy Thursday - The Journey to the Cross from 2-8 pm

### Friday, March 29

7:00 pm Easter Egg Stuffing Night

### Saturday, March 30

10:00 am Easter Egg Hunt

### 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).

**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.

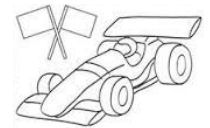
**JOY** will be meeting at church on Thursday, April 18. Pizza will be served at 11:45 followed by Bundt cakes for dessert. Paul Burgess will then be presenting the history of Byron Center. RSVP to Judy at 644-0193 or [judyjohnson737@gmail.com](mailto:judyjohnson737@gmail.com).



**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](mailto:erichards@heritagecrc.net) for more information.



**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, 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](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 for the celebration of Jesus' resurrection. Hal-lujah!! JESUS IS ALIVE!!!

**Sunday School** – It is hard to believe, but our season for Sunday school has already come to an end. I would like to thank (and ask you all to help me) all the folks who served our children - Bessie Tilma, Amy Koster, Kristy Stulp, Jen Van Wyhe, Sara Cunningham, and Lisa Cunningham for their excellent and tireless work. I am also asking you to consider joining this team as a teacher or co-teacher for our 24/25 season in the fall.

Dianne Meyering

**Matthew's House Crew** - A huge thank you to all who have generously donated food and/or time to our Matthew's House meals! The opportunity to serve and feed some folks in need has been a blessing to many.

**Friendship says thank you!** - Thank you to all of our wonderful mentors for another great year of Friendship - Jill & Dave Haagsma, Sandy Groen, Al Smith, John Bredeweg, Sue Buquet, Kris Helmholdt, Kristy Stulp, Mark Meyering, Jack & Betty DeGroot, Kim Grevestuck, Judy Mingerink, Tracy Honderd, Trudy VanWieren. Without you Friendship wouldn't happen.

If you are interested in joining us next year, talk to any of our mentors or me.  
Thanks! Dianne Meyering

**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 6-8<sup>th</sup>]**

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

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

**MONDAY**

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

**TUESDAY**

Pray for God's blessing and protection this week on Heritage staff member, Elizabeth Richards, Director of Outreach.

**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 Hope Unexpected Ministry to single moms.

**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 24	Christian Ed Ministry
March 31	Faith Promise
April 7	Christian Ed Ministry
April 14	Benevolence
April 28	Building Fund

**Evening Special Offerings**

March 24	Tuition Assistance
April 7	Hope Unexpected
April 14	Calvin Seminary
April 28	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 - 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.