

A Time to Remember

The Council along with the Vision Planning Team invite you to contribute to the Vision Planning process as we collectively retrace God's blessing of Heritage Christian Reformed Church over the past 37 years.

This will take place on a very special Sunday, September 9. Please mark your calendars accordingly and plan to participate in this special event.

The schedule for the day is as follows:

9:30 Morning Worship

10:45 Ministry Fair (become familiar with and commit to our various ministries)

11:45 Lunch at Church

12:30 to 3:30 A Time to Remember - facilitated by Stan Koster

As you can see this will be a meaningful and full day. There will be no evening service that evening as a result. We desire as wide participation as possible. We will be planning activities for young children. This will be an opportunity to learn the History of Heritage as well as assist in setting the future course. Your participation is earnestly encouraged and expected

So what exactly is a Time to Remember, and how will it help determine our future?

This will be a time to remember and celebrate what God has done in and through Heritage CRC. Just as we are all on a spiritual journey, so we are collectively, as a church, traveling the way God has laid out for us as a community. Over the past 37 years God has had a special assignment for Heritage CRC. We have been and continue to be on a mission. We are at a special time where we still have members who can recall our entire history. But special times have taken place here for all of us. At this event we will remember and reflect on our collective journey:

- To hear about God's great work among and through us,
- To recall challenges we have faced,
- To recall God's faithfulness through our existence,
- To reflect on what kind of community we are, and where God wants us to go.

What should we expect?

- Collectively putting our history together,
- Genuine fun together in a time of remembering,
- Build excitement and appreciation as the older and younger among us tell stories of what has happened in this place.
- Record the church's history.
- Add this historical material to the growing volume of information we have about Heritage CRC.
- Process the collected information into meaning statements
- Prioritize those meaning statements

Certainly for a church with the name Heritage our history is important. This will be a time for each of us to better learn that history and of numerous significant events. It will be a time of passing the torch of aspirations to a new generation. It will be a time to celebrate God's blessing and faithfulness as well as gain a perspective on how God has worked in and used this body. This can only serve to help us gain perspective on where we are to go in the future.

We will need a large group of volunteers to assist on this day. Specifically we need 40 to 50 table facilitators to help small groups of 10 to 12 develop meaning statements. There will be training provided. If you are willing to assist in this regard on September 9, please speak to any member of the Vision Planning Team by August 11.

A Time to Remember - specific agenda.

- 75 minutes Recording our History
- 15 minute Break
- 30 minutes Developing Meaning Statements in small groups
- 30 minutes Listing Meaning Statements on Timeline.
- 15 minutes Individual prioritizing
- 15 minute wrap up

Please mark this day **September 9** and these events on your calendar and plan to attend. More information will be forthcoming.