

Christian Reformed Church of St. Joseph

OUR MISSION

We are a Great Commission congregation:
Reaching the lost and teaching the found on our journey to maturity in Christ.

OUR VISION

We are an Equipping Church: guiding people of all ages and circumstances to answer God's call and use their gifts to make a difference in the world as disciples of Christ.

STAFF

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COUNCIL

Pastor John De Vries
Keith Lubbers (2021-23) - Chair
Kurt Beran (2021-23) - Vice-Chair & Missions Liaison
Jay Carrick (2021) - Worship Liaison
Aaron Mead (2019-21) - Clerk, Education Liaison, & Youth Liaison
Josh Wingate (2020-22) - Classis Delegate
John Burtchett (2020-22) - Classis Delegate
Jane Grotevant (2021-23) - Congregational Life Liaison
Karen Killian (2019-21)
Rob Schripsema (2021-23)
Michelle Sykora (2020-22) - Cultural Engagement Liaison & Alternate Classis Delegate

DEACONS

Karen Killian - Chair, Benevolence, & Pantry
John Burtchett - Vice-Chair & Finance
Jane Grotevant - Soup Kitchen
Rob Schripsema - Pantry
Michelle Sykora - Clerk

Contact any of the deacons regarding benevolence requests

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Kurt Beran - Chair
Pastor John De Vries - Vice-Chair (Elder Chair)
Keith Lubbers (Council Chair)
Karen Killian (Deacon Chair)
John Burtchett (Finance Deacon)
Carol Bly (Admin)

ELDERS

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Aaron Mead - Clerk
Josh Wingate

ELDER DISTRICTS

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CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH



“Artificial Worship”

Seminarian Aaron Mead

August 15, 2021

Christian Reformed Church of St. Joseph

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Prelude

Welcome / Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

* *"Behold Our God"*

* God's Greeting/Mutual Greeting

* *"To God Be the Glory"*

Reading of the Law

"Before the Throne of God Above"

Prayer of Confession and Assurance

Offering: 1) General Fund

Offering of Music

"No Longer Slaves"

Children Invited to Children's Story Time

Prayer for Church and World

Scripture: Genesis 4:1-16

Message: *"Artificial Worship"*

Prayer of Surrender and Joy

* *"The Wonderful Cross"*

* Benediction

* *"Oh, For a Thousand Tongues"* (vs. 7)

Postlude

Youth

Roots (high school youth group) **Annual Pool Party** this Tuesday, Aug 17 from 6:00 - 9:00pm at the Carricks' house (1000 Field Dr., St. Joseph). Bring your swimsuits and friends. Dinner provided.

Roots (high school youth group) is **servicing at the Soup Kitchen** this Thursday, August 19. More details to come but save the date to serve.

Impact (middle school youth group) **Save the Date** - Saturday, Aug 28 - Beach and Boating Outing! Rain date will be Aug 29. Details coming soon!

Impact Middle School Girls' Summer Bible Study - Mondays, 7:00 - 8:30pm at the Nicholson's (4439 Woodridge Way, St. Joseph). Girls can join at any time - just check with Danielle Green or Jo Nicholson to get a book and find out what lesson they're on!

Children

Parables in the Park meets this Wednesday, Aug 18, 10:00am at Royalton Park, off John Beers Rd. & Scottdale Rd. Kids & their adults (parents, sitters, grandparents, etc.) share a small snack, a Bible story, and plenty of play time together. Each family gets to take home their own copy of the story. Invite friends & neighbors to this weekly event! Rain plan: meet at church and play in the basement. Schedules available at Info Center and on website. Can you take a turn reading the story & handing out snack? Talk to Erin Beran.

Giant Print Bibles are near the sound board for use during the service. Ask an usher for one.

Worship

Worship Schedule

Aug 22	Seminarian Aaron Mead Offering: 1) General Fund 2) Faith Promise
Aug 29	Pastor John De Vries Offering: 1) General Fund
Sept 5	Pastor John De Vries Offering: 1) General Fund 2) Benevolence Fund
Sept 12	Pastor John De Vries Special: Communion Offering: 1) General Fund 2) River of Life School

Come for Corporate Prayer on Thursdays at 6:30am at church, with the continued option to attend online via Zoom (watch for email with link for joining.) Seeking the Lord's face together!

From Our Deacons

	July	Year to Date
Budget	\$28,236	\$197,652
Giving	\$16,414	\$161,201
Expenses	\$25,575	\$208,153
Surplus/Deficit	-\$9,161	-\$46,952

We are a multi-generational congregation with multi-generational worship. While we do invite children 3 1/2 through 2nd grade to attend Children's Story Time at the mid-point of the service, our ultimate goal is for the full family of God to worship together as much as possible. This adds richness and depth to our worship but sometimes also minor distractions as parents train their children to take their place in the corporate worship of God. If you are currently training your children for this goal, we understand and strongly support you. Be at ease. If you are not in that position in life, please respond to any minor distractions with patience and grace.

Today's Nursery Volunteers - Gayle De Schaaf, Fred Walker

Today's Children's Story Time Volunteers - Erin Beran

Birthdays This Week

Today: Kim Klunder
Monday: Bryan Isaac, Loren Van Lente
Tuesday: Bill Randall
Wednesday: Rick Bloodworth
Friday: Andrew Gaul
Saturday: Joyce Bloodworth, Bruce De Schaaf, Grace Johnson

Anniversaries This Week

Today: Jim & Deb Panozzo '74
Tuesday: Mitchell & Tara Wimbush '96
Thursday: Greg & Andrea Gaul '95

Weather Related Cancellation Policy - If 2 hours prior to any scheduled church activity there is a Tornado Warning in effect within 1 hour of the start of that activity, the activity will be cancelled automatically. Cancellations will be communicated by church email and Remind.com text.

Our Church Today

Welcome to the Christian Reformed Church of St. Joseph!

It is with great joy that we gather together to worship our Lord Jesus Christ! If you are joining us by live stream, we welcome you in that same joy. May God by his Spirit draw each one of us, wherever we are, closer to him and to one another.

Stay for Fellowship on the Lawn after the worship service - cookies and conversation outside! (Weather backup plan: in the library.)

Be sure to **check your church mailboxes today** for the **fall ministries booklet**. Extras are at the Info Center.

Building Surveys are due TODAY. Please take a moment to fill one out and place it in the office mailbox labeled "Surveys". The survey was sent out by email and put in church mailboxes. Extras are at the Info Center.

Impact pool party today! Open to all rising 6th-9th graders. 11:30am - 2:00pm. Drop off and pick up at the Carricks' house (1000 Field Drive, St. Joseph.) Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided, but bring a bag of chips or a dessert to share.

Today - Beach Volleyball for adult through high school age at Silver Beach, 7:00 - 9:00pm, and every Sunday all summer. Meet by the volleyball courts.

We rejoice with Joel & Allison Bodine upon the birth of their son, Simon Thomas, on July 23.

Dear Christian Reformed family, TEAMeffort wants to thank your church for sending the youth to serve on a mission trip in Blue Knob (Altoona, PA) last month. They represented your church well as they worked with a local church helping to demo and clean out rooms to help restore it. We know many lives in this community were changed by their words and actions. It was exciting to see your youth put their faith into action. The TEAMeffort staff thank you for supporting your youth group on their mission trip. -- The TE Staff

Activities Today:	8:00 AM	Worship Team
	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	11:00 AM	Fellowship on the Lawn
	11:30 AM	Impact Pool Party
	7:00 PM	Beach Volleyball (Adult through high school)

Our Church Going Forward

Our CRCSJ Summer Rallies are replacing Marvelous Mondays this year, so invite your friends, family, co-workers, and neighbors to join us for this once-a-month summer fun! **The last Rally of the summer is August 28, 6:00 - 9:00pm!** Visit the Summer Rallies bulletin board in the lobby, add your name to the helper lists, and pick up invitation cards!

Fellowship on the Lawn - Thank you to those who have volunteered this summer! We still have some dates that need volunteers. If you can help Aug 22, 29 or Sept 5, please sign up at the Info Center.

Our church uses remind.com to send text messages with reminders AND cancellations for all-church events. If you would like to start receiving these text messages, write your name and cell phone number on the Remind Message sign up sheet at the Information Center.

Activities This Week

Monday	7:00 PM	Girls' Middle School Bible Study
Tuesday	6:00 PM	Roots Pool Party
Wednesday	10:00 AM	Parables in the Park
	7:00 PM	Council Meeting
Thursday	6:30 AM	Corporate Prayer
	10:30 AM	Soup Kitchen

Marriage

Marriage Social Event: Smooth Waters Kayak Outing - Saturday, Sept 11, 4:00 - 8:00pm. Meet at the St. Joseph River Kayak Livery, 602 Fisherman's Rd. in St. Joseph. Bring your own kayaks (\$6 per kayak for using this launch site) OR rent at the site (\$25/single, or for strong marriages, rent a double for \$30). Kayak trip will be about 1.5 hours, then we'll walk next door to Tavern on the River and enjoy a dinner. All costs are on your own. A sign up by Sunday, Sept 5 is a must. Friends and/or singles are welcome! See John/Kim DeVries or Mike/Kim Klunder for details.