

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

ELDERS

Pastor John De Vries - Chair
Keith Lubbers - Vice-Chair
Kurt Beran
Jay Carrick
Aaron Mead - Clerk
Josh Wingate

ELDER DISTRICTS

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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)



CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH



“True Worship”

Seminarian Aaron Mead

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Worship services are streamed live at:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdi_1FAaWeR4r_MKyxaShCA



*** Indicates to please
stand if able**

Prelude

Welcome / Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

* *"All Creatures of Our God and King"*

* God's Greeting/Mutual Greeting

* *"Only a Holy God"*

Scripture of Confession

"Create in Me a Clean Heart"

Prayer of Confession and Assurance

Offering: 1) General Fund 2) Faith Promise

Offering of Music

Children Invited to Children's Story Time

Prayer for Church and World

Scripture: Genesis 4:1-16

Message: *"True Worship"*

Prayer of Surrender and Joy

* *"You're Worthy of My Praise"*

* Benediction

* *"All Creatures of Our God and King" v. 4*

Postlude

Youth

Impact (middle school youth group) **Beach & Boat Day** is this Saturday, Aug 28! Meet at church at 1:30pm and we'll ride together in the church van to Jean Klock Park. We'll spend a couple of hours at the beach, including boat rides and tubing. Parents, pickup will be at 4:30pm at church. If the weather looks bad or the lake is too rough for boats, we'll reach out to reschedule to our rain date of Aug 29.

Impact Middle School Girls' Summer Bible Study - Mondays, 7:00 - 8:30pm at the Nicholson's (4439 Woodridge Way, St. Joseph).

Children

Parables in the Park meets this Wednesday, Aug 25, 10:00am at Silver Beach, meet near playgrounds. 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 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
Sept 19	Pastor John De Vries Offering: 1) General Fund

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 - Beth Wolf, Sheryl Schripsema

Today's Children's Story Time Volunteers - Alicia Burrows

Birthdays This Week

Today: Randy Boersen, Joshua Hawkins

Tuesday: Shiloh Pawelski

Wednesday: Peyton Schripsema

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.)

Fall Ministries Start the Week of Sept 12!

If you have not done so already, check your church mailbox TODAY for the **2021-22 Ministries Booklet**. (Extras at Info Center.) It outlines resuming and new ministries, dates, times, and other details.

Please Note:

- Printed booklets listed an incorrect time for Corporate Prayer. Meeting time is 6:30am.
- Beginning Sept 12, Worship will start at 9:00am and Sunday School will start at 10:30am.

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

For your church directories - Marv & Barb Stoub no longer have a land line. Their cell numbers are: Marv 269-588-2720, Barb 269-759-0296.

<u>Activities Today:</u>	8:00 AM	Worship Team
	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	11:00 AM	Fellowship on the Lawn
	7:00 PM	Beach Volleyball (adult through high school)

Our Church Going Forward

From Building & Grounds - The church parking lot is being resurfaced tomorrow, Aug 23. Please avoid using the parking lot if at all possible that day. Restriping will be done later in the week.

Come to our final CRCSJ Summer Rally this Saturday, Aug 28, 6:00 - 9:00pm!

Dinner is being provided this time... hot dogs, burgers, and yummy sides! Who do you know that would be blessed by coming to this relaxed, fun, church family event? Invitation cards are at the Info Center.

Helpers needed! Contact Erin Beran as soon as possible - 269-369-9894.

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	Resurfacing of Church Parking Lot
	7:00 PM
Tuesday	Girls' Middle School Bible Study
	8:00 PM
Wednesday	Cultural Engagement Committee
	10:00 AM
	Parables in the Park
	6:30 PM
Thursday	Elders Meeting
	6:30 AM
	Corporate Prayer
	7:00 PM
Saturday	Civil Rights in American History Class
	1:30 PM
	Impact Beach & Boat Outing
	6:00 PM
	CRCSJ Summer Rally

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.