

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

A - DeS: Kurt Beran
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Ke - Pan: Aaron Mead
Paw - Te: Jay Carrick
To - Z: Keith Lubbers

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



“Vows, Part II”

Rev. John R. De Vries

August 29, 2021

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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

* *"O Worship the King"*

* God's Greeting/Mutual Greeting

* *"10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"*

Scripture of Confession

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

Prayer of Confession and Assurance

Offering: 1) General Fund

Offering of Music

Children Invited to Children's Story Time

Prayer for Church and World

Scripture: Acts 18:18-23

Message: "Vows, Part II"

Prayer of Surrender and Joy

* *"Take My Life and Let It Be"*

* Benediction

* *"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

Postlude

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

Men

1Family Men's Discipleship will begin on Sunday, September 12 at 5:30pm at church. Each meeting will include fellowship, prayer, and Bible discussion using the weekly Family Worship Guide.

Women

Our evening 1Family Women's Bible Study will begin on Sunday, September 12 at 5:30pm in the library. Using the study by Cynthia Heald, we'll learn about ***Becoming a Woman of Excellence*** for God's honor and glory. All women are invited. On the first night, books will be handed out and we'll do Lesson 1 together. There is no cost/suggested donation for the books. Contact Judy White or Beth Wolf if you have any questions.

Our morning Connections Women's Bible Study will begin on Wednesday, September 15 at 9:30am in the library, with a year-long study of the book of Luke. All women are invited. This study is easy to follow even if you will not be able to attend for part of the year. Contact Jane Grotevant if you have any questions.

Children

Parables in the Park is meeting one last time for the summer, this Wednesday, Sept 1, 10:00am at Lions' Park 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! Rain plan: meet at church and play in the basement.

Children's Story Time will not take place during the worship service on Labor Day Weekend, Sunday, Sept 5. It will resume on Sunday, Sept 12.

Worship

Worship Schedule

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
Sept 26	Pastor John De Vries Offering: 1) General Fund 2) Faith Promise

We are in need of **additional volunteers on our worship team**, particularly on the tech side of things (slides, audio, and livestreaming). If you can help or if you'd like to learn more, contact Will Burrows at wburrows@crcsj.org.

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 Church Council

We are very happy to announce that Will Burrows has been hired as our new Director of Worship. We give thanks to God for providing in such a timely and wonderful way and look forward to many years of Spirit-filled congregational worship through his direction. Welcome, Will!

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 - Barb Stoub, Lesleigh Wingate

Today's Children's Story Time Volunteers - Sheryl Schripsema

Birthdays This Week

Wednesday: Skyler Johnson

Friday: Aubrie Breinling

Anniversaries This Week

Today: Rick & Joyce Bloodworth '71

Tim & Patty Keller '87

Tuesday: Dan & Jessica Carrick '19

Thursday: Jake & Ruth Reedyk '60

Friday: Marv & Barb Stoub '65

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 are at the Info Center, and a link to it is on the homepage of our website. 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 - our last time for this summer. Meet by the volleyball courts.

<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)

Activities This Week

Wednesday	10:00 AM	Parables in the Park
	12:00 PM	Staff Meeting
	7:00 PM	Deacons Meeting
Thursday	6:30 AM	Corporate Prayer

Our Church Going Forward

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.

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.

Education

Adult Sunday School Class - In our adult education class two years ago, we watched the powerful and informative documentary "*Puritan: All of Life for the Glory of God*." **Starting Sept 12 at 10:30am**, we're going to dig a bit deeper into that material, utilizing its companion study "*To God's Glory: Lessons in Puritanism*." Each week will feature either a video presentation on an individual Puritan pastor or a summary of Puritan teaching on a specific issue such as marriage, conscience, evangelism, education, work/money, revival, politics, etc. A workbook will be used to guide our discussions and reflections. **Sign up soon at the Information Center so we can order the books needed**, and join us for this moving and inspiring series!