

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.

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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



“New Kid in Town ”

Rev. John R. De Vries

September 5, 2021

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



*** Indicates to please
stand if able**

Prelude

Welcome / Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

* *"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"*

* God's Greeting/Mutual Greeting

* *"His Mercy is More"*

Apostles' Creed

Scripture of Confession

"A Christian's Daily Prayer"

Prayer of Confession and Assurance

Offering: 1) General Fund 2) Benevolence Fund

Offering of Music

There is NO Children's Story Time Today

Prayer for Church and World

Scripture: Acts 18:24-28

Message: "New Kid in Town"

Prayer of Surrender and Joy

* *"Oh, How Good It Is"*

* Benediction

* *"Bind Us Together"*

Postlude

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

Women

Our evening 1Family Women's Bible Study starts 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. Books will be handed out the first night with no cost/suggested donation for them, and we will begin Lesson 1 together. Contact Judy White or Beth Wolf if you have any questions.

Our morning Connections Bible Study starts Wednesday, September 15 at 9:30am in the library, with a year-long study of the book of Luke. We are using the LifeGuide study ***Luke: New Hope. New Joy.*** 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.

Youth

Impact (middle school youth group) Kickoff - Saturday, Sept 11, 11:30am-2:00pm at Nicholsons' (4439 Woodridge Way, St. Joseph). Hotdogs & burgers provided, bring a side or drink if you can. We'll introduce new leaders, pass out schedules, and provide insurance forms for you to fill out. This event is for the whole family. Please let Jo Nicholson or Sam Kleindienst know how many from your family will attend. Bring bathing suits if you'd like to swim.

Impact (middle school youth group) Bible Study - Starts Sunday, Sept 12, 5:30pm in the fellowship hall.

Roots (high school youth group) Bible Study - Starts Sunday, Sept 12, 5:30pm in the fellowship hall. Snack: Wingates

From Our Deacons

A special offering will be taken next Sunday, Sept 12, for **River of Life School** in Benton Harbor, a Christian school (grades K-6) that provides a Christ-centered education to all students regardless of their socio-economic situation.

	August	Year To Date
Budget	\$28,236	\$197,652
Giving	\$22,389	\$183,591
Expenses	\$22,131	\$230,367
Surplus/Deficit	\$258	-\$46,776

Worship

Worship Schedule

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
Oct 3	Pastor John De Vries Offering: 1) General Fund 2) Benevolence Fund

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@crsj.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!

Cultural Engagement

LifePlan has a new ultrasound tech who needs to practice performing ultrasounds before she can see clients. **If you are 8-20 week pregnant, you can help** train their new technician. Your appointment will help them in their mission of spreading the gospel by helping people choose life and live a hope-filled life! To schedule an appointment, call 269-684-6200.

Men

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

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 - Kim De Vries, Lesleigh Wingate

Birthdays This Week

Tuesday: Roger Bredeweg
Thursday: Jake Reedyk

Anniversaries This Week

Today: Roger & Ruth Ann Bredeweg '64
Thursday: Dave & Dotti Terhune '72
Saturday: Brent & Julie De Weerd '99
Rick & Barb Warner '71

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.

Children's Story Time is NOT taking place during this morning's worship service due to the Labor Day weekend.

Today is the last day to sign up for the **Marriage Ministry Kayak Outing** taking place on Saturday, Sept 11. Questions? See Mike/Kim Klunder or John/Kim De Vries.

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

We rejoice with John & Sephanie Burtchett upon the birth of their son, John David, on August 21.

We grieve with Jay & Jean Carrick and all the family upon the passing of Jean's mom, Marilyn DeBoer, on August 27.

Activities Today:	8:00 AM	Worship Team
	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	11:00 AM	Fellowship on the Lawn

Activities This Week

Wednesday	6:30 PM	Elders Meeting
Thursday	6:30 AM	Corporate Prayer
Saturday	6:30 AM	BSF Leaders Meeting
	11:30 AM	Impact (middle school youth group) Kickoff
	4:00 PM	Marriage Ministry Kayak Outing

Our Church Going Forward

Food is one of God's great gifts. And so, too, is the opportunity to prepare and share good food with others. **If God has given you a love for this work of hospitality**, we would love to have you assist us with the Wednesday night meals we'll be having as part of our new Wednesday Night Ministries that begin on Sept 15. **We're looking for people to help in three different capacities:** cooking/preparing, serving, & cleanup. Sign Up at the Information Table! Thanks, and bon appetite!

Fall Ministries Start Next Week! See 2021-22 Ministries Booklet for details (at Info Center & linked on home page of website).

PLEASE NOTE:

- New Worship & Sunday School Times start Sept 12!
-Worship at 9:00am, Sunday School at 10:30am
- On First Day of Sunday School (Sept 12, 10:30 - 11:30 AM)
-All classes start in sanctuary together and are dismissed to their classrooms from there.
- Sunday Evening 1Family (Sept 12, 5:30 - 7:30)
-Ministries for ALL AGES! Head directly to meeting rooms
-Then, worship for ALL AGES in sanctuary at 7:00
-Takes place on 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Sundays
- Wednesday Evening Foundational Ministries (Sept 15, 5:30 - 7:30)
-Ministries for ALL AGES!
-Bring your whole family for dinner at 5:30
-Ministries start at 6:15
-Takes place on 1st & 3rd Wednesdays only

Serving of Coffee & Tea in the library after worship services starts on September 12. Grab a cup to bring with you as we all head right back to the sanctuary that morning for the opening of our Sunday School year!

Children

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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!