

# 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  
DeV - Ka: Josh Wingate  
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



“Belief, Baptism and the Holy Spirit”

Rev. John R. De Vries

September 12, 2021

## Christian Reformed Church of St. Joseph

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Rev. John R. De Vries - *Pastor*

**Worship services are streamed live at:**

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**\* Indicates to please  
stand if able**

Prelude

Welcome / Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

\* *"Come Thou Fount"*

\* God's Greeting/Mutual Greeting

\* *"And Can It Be"*

Offering: 1) General Fund 2) River of Life School

Offering of Music

Please Sign and Pass the Friendship Pads

Children ages 3 1/2 through 2nd grade are invited  
to Children & Worship

Prayer for Church and World

Scripture: Acts 19:1-7

Message: "Belief, Baptism and the Holy Spirit"

Prayer of Surrender and Joy

\* *"Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me"*

Communion

Solo - *"In My Father's Kingdom"*

\* Benediction

\* *"Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God"*

Postlude

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

## Men

**1Family Men's Discipleship** starts today at 5:30pm in the sanctuary. Each meeting will include fellowship, prayer, and Bible discussion using the weekly Family Worship Guide.

## Women

**Our evening 1Family Women's Bible Study** starts today 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 in class 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 this 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) Bible Study** - Starts today, 5:30pm in the fellowship hall.

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

## Children

Children & Worship is restarting today for 3 1/2 - 2nd grade.. Thank you to our new and returning leaders Deb Bodine, Jill Lubbers, Anna De Vries, Shiloh Pawelski, and Jo Nicholson.

Reminder for children 3yrs - 5th grade: **Treasure Hunters** starts tonight 5:30-7. There is no meal for One Family this year, so we will meet in the Resource Center right at 5:30pm. Children should be picked up in the narthex at 7pm to join their families for worship until 7:30pm, if desired.

**Treasure Hiders** is also beginning this week on Wednesday, Sep. 15. Children and their parents are invited to an all-church meal from 5:30-6:15pm. Then from 6:15-7:30pm children 3yrs-5th grade will meet in the Resource Center to play games and do activities that will help them to "hide" scripture in their hearts.

## Worship

### Worship Schedule

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
Oct 10	Pastor John De Vries Special: Communion Offering: 1) General Fund 2) Mosaic Christian Community Development Assn.

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](mailto: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!

## 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.

## Marriage

**We will be meeting during our Wednesday Evening Foundational Ministries** which begins this Wednesday (Sept 15) from 6:15-7:30pm. We will be using the study "Kingdom Marriage". At the core of each session is a video presentation featuring Dr. Evans that will give spouses new insights into their relationship. Since there is ministry for all ages each Wednesday that we meet, care for children is provided. Questions - See Mike or Kim Klunder.

**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 VOLUNTEERS

Nursery - Josh Wingate, Kelsey VonKoenig

Children & Worship - Deb Bodine

### Birthdays This Week

**Today:** Jim Ponton  
**Monday:** Erin Beran, Phil Langer  
**Tuesday:** Esther Carrick  
**Thursday:** Patti Boersen, Elijah Nesbitt  
**Saturday:** John Kamer

### Anniversaries This Week

**Saturday:** Will & Alicia Burrows '10

**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.

A special offering will be taken this morning 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.

### Salt & Light Citizenship Ministry Today:

--See current issues newsletter in mailboxes today and stop by the Salt & Light table this morning to "take action" by writing postcards to elected officials. Newsletters also available at Salt & Light table.

--PLEASE NOTE: Our **Prayer & Action Meeting is now on Monday nights via Zoom**. Join us tomorrow, Monday, Sept 13 at 7:00pm on Zoom as we pray and learn more about current issues. Zoom meeting ID and passcode are on the newsletter, or email Keith Lubbers at [klubbers@crsjsj.org](mailto:klubbers@crsjsj.org).

*Preserving our Christian culture through prayer, education, and action, and learning to apply a biblical worldview to the moral and legal affairs of our nation.*

**Communion will be served to Nursery and Children & Worship volunteers** in Pastor John's office immediately after the worship service. Please be prompt in picking up your children so the volunteers can celebrate the Lord's Supper.

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

<b>Activities Today:</b>	7:45 AM	Worship Team
	9:00 AM	Worship Service
	10:30 AM	Sunday School
	5:30 PM	1Family

### Activities This Week

<b>Monday</b>	7:00 PM	Zoom Salt & Light Prayer & Action Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b>	7:00 PM	Executive Committee Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b>	8:00 PM	Cultural Engagement Committee Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	12:00 PM	Staff Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	5:30 PM	Wednesday Evening Foundational Ministries
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:30 PM	Council Meeting
<b>Thursday</b>	6:30 AM	Corporate Prayer
<b>Thursday</b>	7:00 PM	Worship Team Meeting
<b>Saturday</b>	11:00 AM	Pre-Service Visitation
<b>Saturday</b>	11:30 AM	Marilyn DeBoer Celebration of Life Service

## Our Church Going Forward

### Ministries for ALL ages starting Today AND Wednesday, Sept 15:

- Today - Sunday Evening 1Family (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

**See 2021-22 Ministries Booklet for details**  
(at Info Center & linked on home page of website).

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!

## Education

**Adult Sunday School Class starting today - "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. Join us for this moving and inspiring series! (This is a companion study to our class from two years ago called "*Puritan: All of Life for the Glory of God.*")

## From Our Deacons

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