

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
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

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

ELDER DISTRICTS

A - D: Kurt Beran
E - L: Josh Wingate
M - Sto: Aaron Mead
Sty - Z: Keith Lubbers



CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH

Mission Emphasis Week




“Our Dwelling Place”

Missionary Rev. Jerry An

November 14, 2021

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Worship services are streamed live at:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdi_1FAaWeR4r_MKyxShCA



*** Indicates to please stand if able**

Prelude
 Welcome / Call to Worship
 Opening Prayer
 * *"Blessed Be the Lord God Almighty"*
 * God's Greeting/Mutual Greeting
 * *"O God, Our Help in Ages Past" #170*
 Offering: 1) General Fund 2) Benton Harbor Soup Kitchen
 3) Operation Christmas Child Boxes & Donations
 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: Psalm 90
 Message: "Our Dwelling Place"
 Prayer of Surrender and Joy
 * *"Great is Thy Faithfulness" #556*
 * 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.

Youth

Impact (middle school youth group) Bible Study meets today from 5:30 - 7:00pm at church.

Roots (high school youth group) Bible Study meets today from 5:30 - 7:00pm at church. Snacks: Johnson

In anticipation of Thanksgiving, **Impact is making a pilgrimage** this Saturday, Nov 20 to the **Blue Gate Restaurant in Shipshewana, IN**, which offers no fewer than 20 kinds of pie! Depart and pickup are both from church at 1:00pm and 6:00pm. The drive is 1 hour and 20 minutes, and we'll spend some time exploring downtown afterward. Invite friends and bring \$5 to help cover costs.

Roots (high school youth group) Escape Room Fun this Saturday, Nov 20! We'll meet at Zoya (4298 S. Niles Rd. in St. Joseph) at 6:45pm. After escaping our room, we'll head to the Wingates' house for snacks where pickup will be at 9:00pm. Please bring \$10 to help cover the cost.

Children

Treasure Hiders (ages 3 1/2 thru 5th Grade) meet this Wednesday from 6:15 - 7:30pm. Bring a friend, and let's hide God's Word in our hearts together! Dinner provided for the whole family 5:30 - 6:15pm.

From Our Deacons

	October	Year To Date
Budget	\$28,236	\$282,360
Giving	\$38,696	\$239,688
Expenses	\$24,140	\$273,974
Surplus/Deficit	\$14,556	-\$34,287

Activities This Week

Tuesday	7:00 PM	Ministry Leaders Meeting
Wednesday	9:30 AM	Connections Women’s Bible Study
	12:00 PM	Staff Meeting
	5:30 PM	1Family
	7:30 PM	Council Meeting
Thursday	6:30 AM	Corporate Prayer
	10:30 AM	Soup Kitchen
Saturday	1:00 PM	Impact - Shipshewana Pie Eating
	6:45 PM	Roots - Escape Room

Worship

Worship Schedule

Nov 21	Pastor John DeVries Offering: 1) General Fund
Nov 24	Pastor John DeVries Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service 7:00pm Offering: 1) General Fund 2) Building fund
Nov 28	Pastor John DeVries Special: 1st Sunday of Advent Offering: 1) General Fund 2) Faith Promise
Dec 5	Pastor John DeVries Special: 2nd Sunday of Advent Offering: 1) General Fund 2) Benevolence Fund
Dec 12	Pastor John DeVries Special: 3rd Sunday of Advent, Communion Offering: 1) General Fund

Corporate Prayer continues on Thursdays at 6:30am at church, with the continued option to attend online via Zoom (watch for email with link for joining.) We’d love to have you join us!

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 - Dotti Terhune, John Welch, Jemma Johnson

Children & Worship - Anna DeVries (leader), Rebecca Walker, Lucy Nicholson

Check-In Teacher - Patti Boersen

K-1 Parent Helper - Burrows

Birthdays This Week

Today:	Jennifer Nesbitt, Benjamin Wimbush
Tuesday:	John Burtchett
Thursday:	Sheryl Schripsema, Veda Wright
Friday:	Sandy Daignault, Virginia Walker

Anniversaries This Week

Today:	Jim & Andrea Ponton ‘64
Wednesday:	Brian & Stephanie Blummer ‘12

Weather Related Cancellation Policy - If we are experiencing adverse weather conditions such as freezing rain, heavy snow, high wind with blowing snow, etc., the congregation is advised to use good judgment regarding driving conditions and putting themselves at risk. If 2 hours prior to any scheduled church activity there is a Blizzard 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 to worship our Lord Jesus Christ!

For those joining us by live stream, we welcome you in that same joy.

If you are visiting this morning, please stay for a cup of coffee or tea in the library after the worship service, and for our education classes. We would love the opportunity to get to know you!

This morning we warmly welcome Rev. Jerry An as our guest for Mission Emphasis Week, whose work we support with the Chinese ministry of ReFrame Ministries. Rev. An will bring us the message this morning AND share with us during the Sunday School hour about this ministry to the Chinese people.

4th Grade thru Adult Classes will attend today's Sunday School presentation in the sanctuary. **3rd Grade & Under** will attend their regular classes.

Special offerings being taken this morning:

- 1) Benton Harbor Soup Kitchen which serves a large, healthy noon-time meal every day of the year to those in need, staffed by volunteers from many organizations, including our church which has served there for 30+ years.
- 2) Operation Christmas Child Boxes & Donations.

Faith Promise pledge cards can still be turned in. Just place your card in the offering plate or give it to Jim Hartwell. You can also email the office with your pledge amount. And thank you to all who have made 2022 pledges in support of our missionaries!

At 1Family today:

5:30 - 7:00pm - Ministries for All Ages

Adults - Men's Discipleship; Women's Bible Study

High School - Bible Study

Middle School - Bible Study

3 1/2 years old - 5th grade - Treasure Hunters

Newborn - 3 1/2 years old - Nursery

7:00 - 7:30pm - Whole Family Worship

Activities Today:

7:45 AM Worship Team

9:00 AM Worship Service

10:30 AM Sunday School

5:30 PM 1Family

Our Church Going Forward

1Family helpers needed! If you can help with either Nursery, Treasure Hunters, or Treasure Hiders, we need you! Please sign up either on the 1Family bulletin board in the narthex OR with the online sign-up link on the 1Family page of our website. All volunteers must be CRCSJ Youth Safety Policy approved to help, so please talk to the office asap if you are not yet approved and would like to volunteer. Thank you!

At 1Family this Wednesday, Oct 17:

5:30 - 6:15pm - Dinner Provided

6:15 - 7:30pm - Ministries for All Ages

Marriage Study - Kingdom Marriage

Adult Bible Study - 1 John - **(Join at any time)**

9th - 12th Grade - Service & Fellowship

6th - 8th Grade - Catechism

3 1/2 - 5th Grade - Treasure Hiders

Newborn - 3 1/2 - Nursery

Adults - Suppers of Eight meals are taking place again this winter - a great way to meet and get to know others in the church! January through March, you will share a meal with a different group of people each month. An information sheet explaining how it works is posted at the Info Center along with a sign-up sheet. Sign up by Wed, Nov 24. Questions? Contact the office.

An Adult Choir will be included in our **1Family Christmas Program** on Dec 12. Choir rehearsals will be on Sunday afternoons beginning Nov 28, with the last rehearsal just before the Dec 12 program. Interested in joining us for this special time of singing? Please sign up at the Info Center. Questions can be directed to Will Burrows.

Two nursery volunteers are needed for both our Thanksgiving Eve service on Wednesday, Nov 24 at 7:00pm, and our Christmas Eve service on Friday, Dec 24 at 5:00pm. Please contact Deb Bodine if you are willing to serve. Text or call 269-369-2908 or email d-bodine@sbcglobal.net.

At 1Family next Sunday, Nov 21:

5:30 - 7:00pm - Ministries for All Ages

Adults - Men's Discipleship; Women's Bible Study

Roots - Topical Study

Impact - Middle School Youth Group

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Newborn - 3 1/2 years old - Nursery

7:00 - 7:30pm - Whole Family Worship