

# 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

<u>Title</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>E-mail Address</u>	<u>In Office</u>
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## COUNCIL

Pastor John DeVries  
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 DeVries - Vice-Chair (Elder Chair)  
Keith Lubbers (Council Chair)  
Karen Killian (Deacon Chair)  
John Burtchett (Finance Deacon)  
Carol Bly (Admin)

## ELDERS

Pastor John DeVries - 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




“Pride and Prejudice... and Predestination”

Rev. John R. DeVries

November 21, 2021

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[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdi\\_1FAaWeR4r\\_MKyxaShCA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdi_1FAaWeR4r_MKyxaShCA)



**Youth**

**Impact (middle school youth group)** meets today from 5:30 - 7:00pm at church. Snacks/Drinks: Wang

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

**Roots and Impact Christmas Caroling** - Roots and Impact groups are joining together for a night of caroling on Saturday, Dec 4! Families of these groups are invited to join us. Meet at church at 6:00pm. We will be traveling in family units and caroling in a few smaller groups. If a student is able to attend but the family is not, please have them come! Dress for the weather and be prepared to share the joy of Christmas through song! After caroling we will meet back at church to share our experiences and enjoy some hot chocolate and snacks. For planning purposes, please let Lesleigh Wingate know if you are able to come: [lwingate@crcsj.org](mailto:lwingate@crcsj.org) or (269) 325-3729.

**From Our Deacons**

**Special Offerings** are being taken at our Thanksgiving Eve service this Wednesday, Nov 24 for the General Fund and the Building Fund.

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

- Prelude
- Welcome / Call to Worship
- Opening Prayer
  - \* *"He is Exalted"*
- \* God's Greeting / Mutual Greeting
  - \* *"All Praise to Him"*
- Reading of the Law
  - "Lord, Have Mercy"*
- Prayer of Confession and Assurance
- Offering: 1) General Fund
- Volunteer Appreciation
- Offering of Music
  - "Teach Me, O Lord, Thy Way of Truth"*
- 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 21:37 - 22:22
- Message: *"Pride and Prejudice... and Predestination"*
- Prayer of Surrender and Joy
  - \* *"How Vast the Benefits Divine"*
- \* Benediction
  - \* *"Aaron's Blessing"*
- Postlude

\* Indicates to please stand if able

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

**Activities This Week**

<b>Tuesday</b>	8:00 PM	Cultural Engagement Committee
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:00 PM	Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service

## Worship

**Worship Schedule**

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 2) Forgotten Man Ministries
Dec 19	Pastor John DeVries Special: 4th Sunday of Advent Offering: 1) General Fund

**Corporate Prayer** is NOT meeting on Thanksgiving Day, then resumes meeting weekly on Thursdays at 6:30am at church, with the continued option to attend online via Zoom (watch for email with link for joining.) 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** - Jodi Ballard, Karen Styf, Owen Wingate

**Children & Worship** - Jo Nicholson (leader), Josh Wingate, Gayle DeSchaaf

**Check-In Teacher** - Joy Welch

**K-1 Parent Helper** - Nicholson

**Birthdays This Week**

**Wednesday:** Kenzie Farwell (missionary)  
Barb VanLente

**Anniversaries This Week**

**Tuesday:** Chris & Judy White ‘96  
**Wednesday:** Michael & Janet McKenzie ‘06  
**Saturday:** JR & Donna McCause ‘71

**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 give thanks to the Lord** for all of the volunteers that give of their time and gifts to serve in so many ways in our church. As a thank you, cake is being served in the library after the worship service.

**3rd Grade & Under** - Cupcakes will be served in your Sunday school rooms

**4th Grade thru Adult** - Pick up your cake in the library before heading to class

**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

Roots - Topical Study

Impact - Middle School Youth Group

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

**Wednesday Night 1Family** does NOT meet this week, only on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month. The next ones are Dec 1 & 15 from 5:30 - 7:30pm.

**Sunday School** is NOT taking place next week, Nov 28, due to the Thanksgiving weekend. It resumes Dec 5.

**Sunday Night 1Family** does NOT meet next week, Nov 28, due to the Thanksgiving weekend. The next one will be Dec 5 from 5:30 - 7:30pm.

### Two nursery volunteers are needed during each of the following:

- Thanksgiving Eve Service on Wednesday, Nov 24 at 7:00pm
- Congregational Meeting on Sunday, Dec 12 at 10:30am
- 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-dbodine@sbcglobal.net](mailto:d-dbodine@sbcglobal.net).

**Adults - Suppers of Eight** sign-up continues through Nov 24 at the Info Center. Get to know others in the church as January through March you share a meal with a different group of people each month. An explanation of how it works is also at the Info Center. Questions? Contact the office.

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

**Save the Date! Our Christmas Program** is Sunday, Dec 12, 5:30pm! This special evening will, of course, include the children who are hard at work preparing, and pieces performed by the adult choir, opportunity for the whole congregation singing together, and a hot chocolate bar and treats afterward!

**Can you help with 1Family Nursery, Treasure Hunters, or Treasure Hiders?** Sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex OR using the online sign-up link on the 1Family page of our website. Helpers must be CRCSJ Youth Safety Policy approved. Contact the office asap to start that process. Thank you!

### Care Packages:

- Thank you to all who signed up to donate snacks. Everything on the list is spoken for!
- A reminder to place snacks in white basket in narthex marked "Care Package Donations" by Sunday, Nov 28.
- Write notes to the students! Place them (with names on envelopes) in basket at Info Center marked "Care Package Notes" by Sunday, Nov 28. A list of their names is at the Info Center.