

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 DeVries
Keith Lubbers (2021-23) - Chair, Worship Liaison
Kurt Beran (2021-23) - Vice-Chair
Paul Toman (2022-24) - Education Liaison,
Men's Liaison
John Welch (2022-24) - Youth Liaison
Josh Wingate (2020-22) - Classis Delegate
John Burtchett (2020-22) - Classis Delegate
Jane Grotevant (2021-23) - Hospitality
Sally Larm (2022-24) - Women's Liaison
Rob Schripsema (2021-23)
Michelle Sykora (2020-22) - Clerk, Cultural Engagement
Liaison, & Alternate Classis Delegate

DEACONS

John Burtchett - Chair
Rob Schripsema - Vice-Chair, Pantry,
Benevolence
Jane Grotevant - Soup Kitchen
Sally Larm - Pantry, Benevolence
Michelle Sykora - Clerk

Contact any of the deacons
regarding benevolence requests

ELDERS

Pastor John DeVries - Chair
Keith Lubbers - Vice-Chair
Kurt Beran
Paul Toman
John Welch - Clerk
Josh Wingate

ELDER DISTRICTS

A - C: Kurt Beran
D - J: John Welch
K - N: Josh Wingate
O - S: Paul Toman
T - Z: Keith Lubbers

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Kurt Beran - Chair
Pastor John DeVries - Vice-Chair (Elder Chair)
John Welch (Finance)
John Burtchett (Deacon Chair)
Jane Grotevant (Deacon)
Carol Bly (Admin)




CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH



“Humility”

Rev. John R. DeVries

April 24, 2022

<p>Christian Reformed Church of St. Joseph 3275 Washington Ave St. Joseph MI 49085 Rev. John R. DeVries - <i>Pastor</i></p> <p>Worship services are streamed live at: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdi_1FAaWeR4r_MKyxaShCA</p>	<p>269-429-5541 office@crsj.org www.crcstjoseph.com</p> 
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Prelude & Welcome
 Call to Worship
 Prayer of Invocation
 * *"All Creatures of Our God and King"*
 * God's Greeting / Mutual Greeting
 * *"How Long O Lord"*
 Scripture of Confession
 Prayer of Confession and Assurance
 "Before the Throne of God Above"
 Offering: 1) General Fund 2) Faith Promise
 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: Numbers 12:3, Hebrews 11:23-28
 Message: *"Humility"*
 Prayer of Surrender and Joy
 * *"Take My Life and Let It Be"*
 * Benediction
 * *"Now Unto Him"*
 Postlude

Women

There is still room to sign up for the **Women's Prayer Retreat** this coming Saturday, April 30, 8:45am – 3:30pm at The Lodge (owned by Life Action Ministries) in Buchanan. There is no cost but your time. If you cannot come for the whole time, come for half of a day. The time spent away from the busyness of life will be a good investment.

- If you have signed up, you will get communication from Judy White by Wednesday afternoon about carpooling and what to bring.
- Please plan to bring your own lunch!
- Materials will be provided to help guide your prayer time, if you desire to use them.

Contact Judy White if you have questions.

Youth

Impact (middle school youth group) meets today 5:30 - 7:00pm at church for a game night.

Impact (middle school youth group) End of the Year Party - Saturday, April 30, 1:00 - 2:30pm at the Nicholsons' house (4439 Woodridge Way, St. Joseph). We'll do a little recap, award homework prizes, have an ice cream bar, and enjoy some outdoor fun if the weather is good.

Roots (high school youth group) meets today 5:30 - 7:00pm at church for a game night.

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

Activities This Week

Tuesday	8:00 PM	Cultural Engagement Committee
Wednesday	5:00 PM	6th - 8th Grade Catechism Class
	6:30 PM	Elders Meeting
Thursday	6:30 AM	Corporate Prayer
Saturday	8:45 AM	Women's Prayer Retreat

Worship

Worship Schedule

May 1	Pastor John DeVries Offering: 1) General Fund 2) Benevolence Fund
May 8	Pastor John DeVries Special: Communion Offering: 1) General Fund 2) Young Life
May 15	Pastor John DeVries Offering: 1) General Fund
May 22	Pastor John DeVries Offering: 1) General Fund 2) Faith Promise

Come for Corporate Prayer on Thursdays, 6:30am at church, with the continued option to attend online via Zoom. A worshipful time of communing with the Lord together.

From Our Deacons

	March	Year To Date
Budget	\$26,313	\$78,939
Giving	\$17,008	\$68,438
Expenses	\$27,660	\$74,729
Surplus/Deficit	-\$10,652	-\$6,291

We welcome you to our multi-generational congregation with multi-generational worship. While we do invite children 3 1/2 through 2nd grade to attend their own special time of worship 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** - Karen Styf, Josh Wingate, Micah Johnson
- Children & Worship** - Shiloh Pawelski (leader), Keith Lubbers, Owen Wingate
- Check-In Teacher** - Judi Johnson
- K-1 Parent Helper** - Burrows
- 1Family Nursery** - Jay Carrick

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- Today:** Sue Isaac
Kathy Wynegar
- Monday:** Dan Carrick
JR McCause
- Friday:** Brian Carrick

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! 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!

At 1Family today:

- 5:30 - 7:00pm - Ministries for All Ages
 - Adults - Men's Discipleship; Women's Bible Study
 - Roots (high school youth group) - Game Night
 - Impact (middle school youth group) - Game Night
 - 3 1/2 years old - 5th grade - Treasure Hunters
 - Newborn - 3 1/2 years old - Nursery
- 7:00 - 7:30pm - Whole Family Worship

Take a look at the **Lost & Found Table** in the narthex this morning to see if anything there belongs to you. It will stay set up through Sunday, May 1. After that, any remaining items will be donated.

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

ALL are Invited to a Special 1Family

Next Sunday, May 1, 5:30pm - Our final one for this year

All ages will meet together in the sanctuary for:

- **A Whole Family of God Gathering** (Even if you haven't been able to attend 1Family regularly, this includes you!)
- Prayer and Worship centered on the Lord's work in and among us
- Taking a look ahead to summer opportunities, and
- Ice cream sundaes afterward!

A **Profession of Faith Class** will be taking place this spring. Young People, have you accepted the promises made to you at your baptism and responded in faith to the gospel? Are you ready to "confess with your mouth" that Jesus is Lord? If so, **sign up at the Info Center by today, April 24**, and class dates and times will be selected based on participants' schedules. Contact Pastor John or the office if you have any questions.

The CRCSJ Community Garden will soon be ready for planting again this year! If you would like a plot, let the church office know by May 8. Cost is \$35 for a 20 x 20, or \$20 for a 10 x 20. Payments can be turned in to the office. Make checks payable to CRCSJ and write "Garden" on memo line. See Keith Lubbers with any questions.

Parables in the Park is restarting on May 4! We are in need of volunteers to lead. As the leader you will:

- Arrive at the park 5-10 minutes early to select a meeting spot
- Welcome attendees and mingle with the kids & adults
- Around 10:30am, pass out the snack and invite the kids to join you as you read them the weekly story
- Pray and pass out the books

That's it! Please consider volunteering for at least a week or two this summer. Contact Erin Beran.

See insert in this bulletin with this summer's dates and park locations!

Our church has been blessed with a scholarship fund that is available to all who meet its qualifying criteria.

To qualify you must:

- 1) Be a participating member of the CRCSJ
- 2) Maintain a GPA of 2.5 or higher
- 3) Have a financial need, and
- 4) Be accepted as a student to a college or university or other approved educational training program. (Most graduate school education is no longer eligible for the scholarship.)

To be eligible for the 2022-23 school year awards:

- Complete and return the scholarship application **by May 29 to both** John Welch (jdwelch79@gmail.com) and the church office (office@crsjs.org).
- Previous scholarship recipients must reapply for the 2022-23 school year.

To have an application emailed to you, contact the church office.

If you have any questions, contact John Welch.