

# 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



“Honesty”

Rev. John R. DeVries

May 1, 2022

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**Worship services are streamed live at:**

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



Prelude & Welcome

Call to Worship

Prayer of Invocation

\* *"Praise Ye the Lord, for It is Good"*

\* God's Greeting / Mutual Greeting

\* *"Holy, Holy, Holy"*

Apostles' Creed

Scripture of Confession

*"My Sin is Ever Before Me, Lord"*

Prayer of Confession and Assurance

Baptism of Ella Carrick

Offering: 1) General Fund 2) Benevolence Fund

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: John 18:33-38

Message: "Honesty"

Prayer of Surrender and Joy

\* *"O Great God"*

\* Benediction

\* *"I Love You, Lord"*

Postlude

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

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

## From Our Elders

**Our worship service time is changing for the summer.** Starting May 29 through Sept 4, worship services will be at 10:00am.

## From Our Deacons

**Our church pantry** is open this Saturday, May 7, 10:00am - Noon (the 1st Saturday of every month). If you know of anyone who could use a pantry visit, feel free to pass this information on to them.

**A special offering** will be taken next Sunday, May 8, for Young Life, a ministry with a mission to share the good news of Christ with kids by building personal relationships with them, helping them grow in their faith, and preparing them for a life-long relationship with Christ, and a love for his Word, his mission, and the local church.

## Women

**Come join us for Flourish!** Saturday, May 21, 2:00 - 4:00pm at church. Flourish is a gathering to reflect and give thanks for what God has done for the women of CRCSJ; a time to honor the past as we look with expectant hope for what God will do in the future. Please join us for this special time of worship, reflection, connection, and celebration! Light snacks will be provided. [Sign up at Info Center or RSVP on our Facebook page.](#)

## Youth

**Impact (middle school youth group)** is attending the 1Family celebration in the sanctuary today 5:30 - 7:00pm. Ice cream sundaes afterward!

**Roots (high school youth group)** is attending the 1Family celebration in the sanctuary today 5:30 - 7:00pm. Ice cream sundaes afterward!

**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@crsj.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.

**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.

#### Activities This Week

<b>Wednesday</b>	9:30 AM	Connections Women's Bible Study
	10:00 AM	Parables in the Park
	7:00 PM	Deacons Meeting
<b>Thursday</b>	6:30 AM	Corporate Prayer
<b>Saturday</b>	6:30 AM	BSF Leaders Meeting
	10:00 AM	Pantry Open

## Worship

#### Worship Schedule

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
May 29	Pastor John DeVries Offering: 1) General Fund

**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.

#### TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS

Nursery - Kim Klunder, Darryl Bodine, Eric Wingate

Children & Worship - Jo Nicholson (leader), Erin Beran, Lucy Nicholson

Check-In Teacher - Ethan Pawelski

K-1 Parent Helper - Nicholson

1Family Nursery - Kelsey VonKoenig

#### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

**Today:** Colton Schripsema

**Monday:** Caleb Boersen, Bill Riekels, Eric Wingate, Laura Wolf

**Wednesday:** Jean Carrick, Danielle Green, Anna Miesse

**Saturday:** Brian Blummer

**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!

**This morning** we have the joy of witnessing the baptism of Ella Carrick.

### Today - ALL are Invited to a Special 1Family

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!

**Take a look at the Lost & Found Table** in the narthex this morning to see if anything there belongs to you. After today, all 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 & Ice Cream Sundaes

## Our Church Going Forward

**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.

**The CRCSJ is now on Facebook and Instagram!** Be sure to give a like or a follow to learn about upcoming events, find encouragement from Scripture, Family Worship Guide updates, and more. We're also on YouTube. If you are unable to attend worship in person, you can subscribe to our channel and be notified when our Sunday worship services go live.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/crcsj>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/crcstjoseph/>

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

**Parables in the Park is restarting this Wednesday, 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! Sign up at the Info Center! Questions? Contact Erin Beran. Park schedules are available at the Info Center, on our website, and on our Facebook page.

**The Soup Kitchen dining room** is open again after 26 months of distributing sack lunches at the door. This is a blessing to both the diners and the volunteers. So our church is once again serving cake with our meals and we need 8 - 10 cakes each month. Would you like to bless this ministry by baking a cake some of those months? Would you like to join our awesome serving team? Sign up at the Information Center or contact Jane Grotevant. Our next serving date is May 19.

**College / Post High School Graduate Information** - The office would like to acknowledge in a bulletin insert anyone in our church family who is graduating or has graduated during the past year from college or other post high school education. Please reply to the office by Wednesday, May 25 with the following: 1) Where graduated from; 2) Month graduated; 3) Kind of degree; 4) Further study or work plans.

**Sign up** at the Info Center **to help with Fellowship on the Lawn** which starts May 29 - A time for enjoying cookies/snacks and conversation outside after worship services (in library if raining).

Choose dates that work for you to help in the following ways:

- Bring cookies/snacks - Have them in the church library by 9:15am.
- Set up, serve, & clean up - It's easy! See instructions at Info Center.

Questions? Contact Jane Grotevant. See you out on the lawn!