



CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH

Christian Reformed Church of St. Joseph

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“Repentance”

Rev. John R. DeVries

May 8, 2022

*** Indicates to please
stand if able**

Prelude & Welcome

Call to Worship

Prayer of Invocation

* *“Behold Our God”*

* God’s Greeting / Mutual Greeting

* *“O Lord, You Are My Light (Psalm 27)”*

Offering: 1) General Fund 2) Young Life

Offering of Music

“Speak O Lord”

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: I Corinthians 6:9-11

Message: “Repentance”

Prayer of Surrender and Joy

* *“Lord Have Mercy (For What We Have Done)”*

Prayer of Confession & Thanksgiving

Communion

* Benediction

* *“Doxology”*

Postlude

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

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 - John Welch, Gayle DeSchaaf, Jemma Johnson
- Children & Worship - Deb Bodine (leader), Micah Johnson
- Check-In Teacher - Deb Mead
- K-1 Parent Helper - Schripsema

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- Today:** John Farwell (missionary)
- Wednesday:** Rojelio Burrows
- Friday:** Greg Gaul
- Saturday:** Ruth Reedyk

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!

A special offering will be taken today 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.

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.

There will NOT be Sunday lunch today due to Mother's Day. Decisions are still being made on whether there will be another one before summer worship begins. Stay tuned!

Activities Today:

- 7:45 AM Worship Team
- 9:00 AM Worship Service
- 10:30 AM Sunday School

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.

Today (May 8) is the last day to let the office know if you **do not** want to be a part of the opportunity to access RightNow Media. The church subscription will go live next Sunday!

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!

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_MKyxShCA

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.

Parables in the Park has begun! **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 for any weeks you are available to lead this summer!** Questions? Contact Erin Beran. Park schedules are available at the Info Center, on our website, and on our Facebook page.

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.

Activities This Week

Tuesday	5:00 PM	Profession of Faith Class
	7:00 PM	Executive Committee
	8:00 PM	Cultural Engagement
Wednesday	10:00 AM	Parables in the Park (Kiwaniis Park)
	12:00 PM	Staff Meeting
	6:30 PM	Elders Meeting
Thursday	6:30 AM	Corporate Prayer
Friday	5:00 PM	Use of Church for Wedding Rehearsal
Saturday	1:00 PM	Use of Church for Wedding

Worship

Worship Schedule

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
June 5	Guest Pastor Special: Graduate Sunday Offering: 1) General Fund 2) Benevolence 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.

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.

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Missions

Missionary Prayer Cards were introduced last Sunday to the congregation. Here are a few things to keep in mind going forward with this new program:

- The purpose is to be intentionally praying for and getting to know all of our missionary families.
- Each prayer card contains information about a missionary family, specific prayer requests, and contact information so the congregation can send them messages of support.
- On each Mission Emphasis Sunday (Faith Promise Sunday), please return the card that you have been using to the table in front of the offering during the offering time.
- Our next Mission Emphasis Sunday (Faith Promise Sunday) is May 22.
- We will be exchanging cards each month. If you didn't get a card this time, don't worry, there will be opportunities each Mission Emphasis Sunday (Faith Promise Sunday) to take one.

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.

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>
Pastor	John DeVries	jdevries@crsjs.org	Tu-Fri
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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

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

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

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)