

# 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



“Forgiveness”

Rev. John R. DeVries

May 15, 2022

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



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

Prelude & Welcome

Call to Worship

Prayer of Invocation

\* *"Psalm 103 (Bless the Lord, My Soul)"*

\* God's Greeting / Mutual Greeting

\* *"Jesus, There's No One Like You"*

Reading of the Law

*"Lord Have Mercy (For What We Have Done)"*

Prayer of Confession and Assurance

Offering: 1) General 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: Matthew 18:21-35

Message: "Forgiveness"

Prayer of Surrender and Joy

\* *"Forgiven"*

\* Benediction

\* *"Psalm 23 (The King of Love My Shepherd Is)"*

Postlude

## Missions

### Missionary Prayer Cards

were recently introduced to the congregation.

**Here is a recap about this new ministry tool:**

- The purpose is to help our congregation be more connected with all of our missionary families - intentionally praying for and getting to know them.
- Each prayer card contains information about a missionary family, specific prayer requests, and contact information so you can send them messages of support.
- On each Faith Promise Sunday (4th Sunday of every month):
  - If you took home a prayer card, please return it to the communion table in the sanctuary prior to the worship service.
  - Then during the offering, prayer cards can be picked up from the communion table to use until the next month.
- Our next Faith Promise Sunday is May 22.
- Cards will be exchanged every month, so if you don't get a card, there will be opportunities to do so every 4th Sunday.

## Women

**Come join us for Flourish!** This 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 CRC SJ; 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.

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

## Worship

### Worship Schedule

May 22	Pastor John DeVries Offering: 1) General Fund 2) Faith Promise
May 29	Pastor John DeVries Offering: 1) General Fund
June 5	Seminarian Will Burrows Special: Graduate Sunday Offering: 1) General Fund 2) Benevolence Fund
June 12	Pastor John DeVries Special: Communion Offering: 1) General Fund 2) Military Bible Stick

**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

	April	Year To Date
<b>Budget</b>	<b>\$26,313</b>	<b>\$105,252</b>
<b>Giving</b>	<b>\$28,396</b>	<b>\$96,915</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$28,438</b>	<b>\$103,637</b>
<b>Surplus/Deficit</b>	<b>-\$43</b>	<b>-\$6,722</b>

**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** - Jessica Carrick, Kelsey VonKoenig, Eric Wingate  
**Children & Worship** - Shiloh Pawelski (leader), Ben Nicholson, Jemma Johnson  
**Check-In Teacher** - Joy Welch  
**K-1 Parent Helper** - Schultz

### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

**Today:** Lucy Nicholson  
**Monday:** Elaine Yskes  
**Wednesday:** Heather Hawkins  
**Thursday:** Peggy Clore

### ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

**Today:** Ben & Kelsey VonKoenig

**Events, Scripture Encouragements, Family Worship Guide Updates, and More on**

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

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

**Worship Service Live Streaming & Recordings on**

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

**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!

**Sunday lunches are now paused** for the spring/summer with plans to resume them in the fall.

**We grieve with** Joe & Karen Killian upon the passing of Joe's sister, Mary Kay, on May 3.

#### Activities Today:

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

## From Our Elders

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

## Our Church Going Forward

**Did you know our congregation has a set of hand bells?** They have sat quietly in their cases for far too long! If you're interested in playing in a bell choir, at least over the summer, or have questions, contact Jay or Jean Carrick. Played in the past? Welcome back! Never played before, not sure, curious? Try it, you'll like it! All skill levels are welcome. We teach, demonstrate, accommodate. Practice schedule, starting in June, will be chosen once we know who would like to play and when we can get the most people. Could be breakfast bells, evening ringing, or sometime in between.

**Church Scholarship Application Reminder** - Completed scholarship applications must be submitted no later than Sunday, May 29, and should be emailed to both [jdwelch79@gmail.com](mailto:jdwelch79@gmail.com) and [office@crcsj.org](mailto:office@crcsj.org). If you have any questions, contact the office or John Welch.

**Fellowship on the Lawn** starts May 29 - Enjoying cookies/snacks and conversation outside after worship services (in library if raining). Sign up at Info Center for dates you can help in the following ways:

- Bring cookies/snacks (have them in the church library by 9:45am)
- Set up, serve, & clean up (see instructions at Info Center)

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

**The Soup Kitchen dining room** is open again after 26 months of distributing sack lunches at the door! 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** (for children & their adults) meets this Wednesday, May 18, 10:00am at Hickory Creek Park in downtown Stevensville.

- **Schedules available** at Info Center, on our website, and on our Facebook page. **Invite** family, friends, and neighbors!
- **Leaders needed who 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. Sign up at Info Center for weeks you can lead. Questions? Contact Erin Beran.

**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

<b>Tuesday</b>	5:00 PM	Profession of Faith Class
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00 AM	Parables in the Park
	7:00 PM	Council Meeting
<b>Thursday</b>	6:30 AM	Corporate Prayer
	10:30 AM	Soup Kitchen
	5:00 PM	Profession of Faith Class
<b>Saturday</b>	2:00 PM	Flourish Women's Event