

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

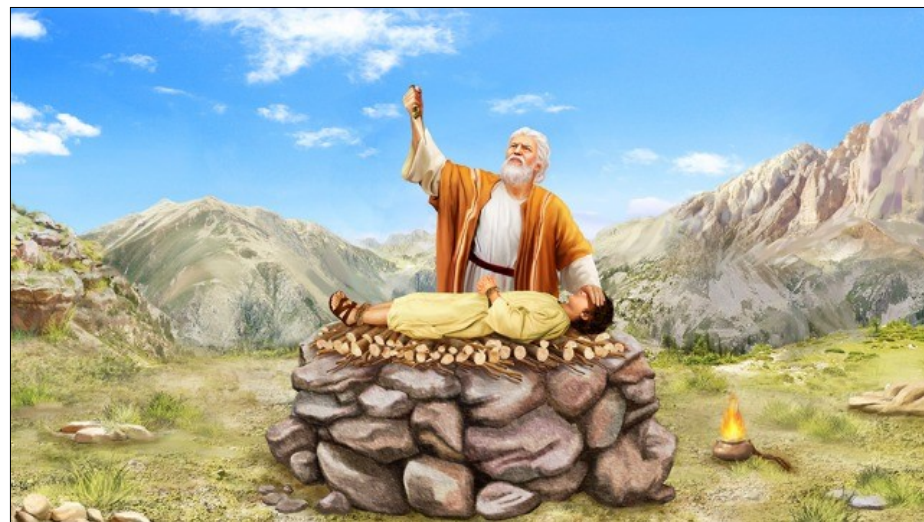
A - C: Kurt Beran
D - J: John Welch
K - N: Josh Wingate
O - S: Paul Toman
T - Z: Keith Lubbers

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



“Obedience”

Rev. John R. DeVries

May 22, 2022

Christian Reformed Church of St. Joseph

3275 Washington Ave St. Joseph MI 49085

Rev. John R. DeVries - *Pastor*

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* Indicates to please
stand if able

Prelude & Welcome

Call to Worship

Prayer of Invocation

* *“Living Hope”*

* God’s Greeting / Mutual Greeting

* *“Shine On Us”*

Scripture of Confession

Prayer of Confession and Assurance

“Change My Heart, O God”

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: Genesis 22:1-19

Message: *“Obedience”*

Prayer of Surrender and Joy

* *“Trust and Obey”*

* Benediction

* *“Step by Step”*

Postlude

Marriage

Marriage Ministry Social Outing - Outdoor game night and bonfire, Friday, June 10, 7:00 - 10:00pm at the DeWeerd estate, 5130 Tilly Rd. in St Joseph. Bring lawn chairs and we will supply the rest. Friends are always welcome.

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 June 26.
- Cards will be exchanged every month, so if you don’t get a card, there will be opportunities to do so every 4th Sunday.

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

Worship

Worship Schedule

May 29	Seminarian Aaron Mead 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
June 19	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.

From Our Deacons

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

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 - Bethany Schutlz, Joy Welch, Lucy Nicholson
Children & Worship - Shiloh Pawelski (leader), Judy White, Josh Wingate
Check-In Teacher - Patti Boersen
K-1 Parent Helper - Burrows

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Tuesday: Dave Horjus
Wednesday: Joseph Hawkins
Saturday: Stephanie Burtchett

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Friday: Chris & Judi Johnson '89
 Ron & Sally Larm '06

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

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

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

Worship Service Live Streaming & Recordings on

YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdi_1FAaWeR4r_MKyxShCA

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!

Today is Faith Promise Sunday when we bring forward our previously pledged offerings in support of our missionaries. If you took home a missionary prayer card recently, please return it to the communion table in the sanctuary prior to today's worship service. Then during the offering, prayer cards can be picked up from the communion table to use at home in praying for and contacting our missionaries. See Missions section of bulletin for more details.

Thank you for all the meals, visits, calls, and cards during the last 16 months of three surgeries, a broken foot, and ER visits. We are most grateful to God our Father, and you, our family. - Paul & Barbara Toman (Psalm 121)

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 next Sunday, May 29, and through Sept 4, worship services will be at 10:00am.

Our Church Going Forward

Parables in the Park (for children & their adults) meets this Wednesday, May 25, 10:00am at Jean Klock Beach, (meet at swingset). Schedules available at Info Center, and on our website and Facebook page. Invite friends!

Our RightNow Media account is now live! You should have received an email to access RightNow Media's library. See insert in this bulletin for a QR code and a text code as other ways to access it. Feel free to share these codes with friends and family so they can use our account, too.

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. All skill and experience 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 next Sunday, May 29, and should be emailed to both jdwelch79@gmail.com and office@crsjs.org. If you have any questions, contact the office or John Welch.

Fellowship on the Lawn starts next Sunday, 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:

- 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!

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 this 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
	8:00 PM	Cultural Engagement Committee
Wednesday	10:00 AM	Parables in the Park
	12:00 PM	Staff Meeting
	6:30 PM	Elders Meeting
Thursday	6:30 AM	Corporate Prayer