

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



“First and Foremost”

Seminarian Aaron Mead

May 29, 2022

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Worship services are streamed live at:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdi_1FAaWeR4r_MKyxaShCA



*** Indicates to please
stand if able**

Prelude & Welcome

Call to Worship

Prayer of Invocation

** "Come, Now is the Time to Worship"*

** God's Greeting / Mutual Greeting*

** "Psalm 95, Now with Joyful Exultation"*

Belgic Confession, Article 17

Scripture of Confession

"Just as I Am"

Prayer of Confession and Assurance

"Change My Heart, O God"

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 6:19-34

Message: "First and Foremost"

Prayer of Surrender and Joy

** "Seek Ye First"*

** Benediction*

** "Blessing"*

Postlude

From Our Deacons

Our church pantry is open this Saturday, June 4, 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 on Sunday, June 12, for **Military Bible Stick**, a ministry which provides the ESV New Testament and Psalms on audio mp3 players to members of the armed forces and their families. Let's put the word of God in the hands of the troops serving our country.

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

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

Worship

Worship Schedule

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
June 26	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.

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.

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 - Jodi Ballard, Jean Carrick, Nadia Beran

Children & Worship - Jill Lubbers (leader), Debra Mead, Eric Wingate

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Monday Jonathan Miesse
Tuesday: Jodi Ballard
Wednesday: Deb Bodine
 Bethany Schultz
Saturday: Sally Larm

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Friday: Brian & Kat Domer '17
Saturday: Rodney & Kim Toering '94

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

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 cookies and conversation out on the lawn after the worship service. We would love the opportunity to get to know you!

Fellowship on the Lawn starts today! Meeting outside after worship services for cookies and conversation. See you out on the lawn! (In the library if raining).

Church Scholarship Applications are due today and should be emailed to both jdwelch79@gmail.com and office@crcsj.org. If you have any questions, contact office staff or John Welch.

Activities Today:

8:30 AM	Worship Team
10:00 AM	Worship Service
11:15 AM	Fellowship on the Lawn

Our Church Going Forward

Join our bell choir! If you're interested in playing, 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.

Parables in the Park (for children & their adults) meets this Wednesday, June 1, 10:00am at Shoreham Park, (follow Wissing Lane from Red Arrow Hwy). 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. You can also access it by:

- QR Code: Hover over this QR code with your phone's camera and it will prompt you to open a mobile browser. Once that prompt is selected, our church's registration page will open up and you can sign up quickly.
- Text: Text the code CRCMI to the number 49775 and you will receive a text back, welcoming you to RightNow Media and providing you with an invite link to register.



Flyers for sharing these codes with friends and family are in the brochure stand at the Information Center. They can use our account, too!

Informational Meeting - Please join us immediately following the worship service on Sunday, June 12, as the Council and members of the Multi-Purpose Building Committee update the congregation on progress made to-date on the multi-purpose building plan. A presentation regarding the building and its potential financing will be followed by a Q&A session and an opportunity to provide additional feedback through a survey. This meeting will be video recorded and made available on our YouTube channel early that week. If you have any questions, contact John Welch.

Open Beach Volleyball for adults and high school age begins on Sunday, June 5. Join us at the Silver Beach courts from 7:00 - 8:30pm every Sunday evening throughout the summer. Contact Lesleigh Wingate with questions or for more details. (Weather related announcements will be made on Facebook and church email.)

Activities This Week

Wednesday	10:00 AM	Parables in the Park
	7:00 PM	Deacons Meeting
Thursday	6:30 AM	Corporate Prayer
Saturday	6:30 AM	BSF Leaders Meeting
	10:00 AM	Pantry Open

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.