

# 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



“A Place at the Table: God’s Grace for Outsiders”

Seminarian Will Burrows

June 5, 2022

## Christian Reformed Church of St. Joseph

3275 Washington Ave St. Joseph MI 49085

Rev. John R. DeVries - *Pastor*

Worship services are streamed live at:

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

269-429-5541

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Prelude & Welcome

Recognition of High School Graduate

Scripture Reading

*"When Morning Gilds the Skies"*

\* Call to Worship

Prayer of Invocation

*"Psalm 150, Praise the Lord"*

\* God's Greeting / Mutual Greeting

\* *"Be Unto Your Name"*

Apostles' Creed

Scripture of Confession

Prayer of Confession and Assurance

*"Christ is Mine Forevermore"*

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: Mark 7:24-30

Message: "A Place at the Table: God's Grace for Outsiders"

Prayer of Surrender and Joy

\* *"Come, For the Feast is Spread"*

\* Benediction

\* *"Psalm 100, Doxology"*

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.**

## Women

**Our Summer Study starts soon!** We'll be reading *Women of the Word: How to Study the Bible with Both Our Hearts and Our Minds* by Jen Wilkin, with a morning and an evening session offered, both meeting in the library:

- Wednesday Mornings, June 15 - July 27, 9:30 - 11:00am

Led by Jane Grotevant & Joy Welch

- Tuesday Evenings, June 14 - July 26, 7:00 - 8:30pm

Led by Alicia Burrows & Karen Killian

See Jane or Alicia if you'd like to get your book in advance. (We'll do chapter 1 together at our first meeting.) A book is also at the Information Center for looking through.

*Women of the Word* gives women "a clear and concise plan they can use every time they open their Bible. It equips you to engage God's Word in a way that trains your mind and transforms your heart."

## Missions

### Missionary Prayer Cards

were recently introduced to the congregation.

**Here is a recap of 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.

## Worship

### Worship Schedule

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
July 3	Pastor John DeVries Offering: 1) General Fund 2) Benevolence Fund

Come to our **Sunset Sings at the Beach** this summer! The first one is Sunday, June 26 starting at 8:30pm. We'll meet near the volleyball courts for this time of worship through song on the beautiful Lake Michigan shoreline! Put these dates on your calendar, as well:

- July 24, 8:15pm
- August 28, 8:00pm

**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

A **special offering** will be taken next 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
<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 - Barb Stoub, Randy Boersen

Children & Worship - Jo Nicholson (leader), Karen Killian, Chloe Nicholson

### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

**Today**            Nadia Beran  
**Monday:**        Joshua Schultz, Barbara Toman  
**Tuesday:**       Jasper Burrows, Hannah Hawkins  
**Wednesday:**   Stefanie Blummer  
**Friday:**          Will Burrows, Karen Killian

### ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

**Tuesday:**       Josh & Lesleigh Wingate '97  
**Saturday:**      John & Michelle Sykora '94

**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\\_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 cookies & conversation outside after the worship service. We'd love the opportunity to get to know you!

**Stay for Fellowship on the Lawn** after the worship service! Cookies and conversation outside. (In the library if raining).

**Bell Choir Meeting Today** - All who are interested, grab a cookie after the worship service and head downstairs.

**Beach Volleyball** (for adults & high school age) starts today! Join us at the Silver Beach courts from 7:00 - 8:30pm each Sunday throughout the summer. Contact Lesleigh Wingate with questions. (Weather related announcements will be made on Facebook and church email.)

**Church Directory Update** - Please note in your new church directories this change: Michelle Sykora's email address is now [michelle.sykora@gmail.com](mailto:michelle.sykora@gmail.com). Please don't use her River Valley Schools email address anymore.

**Thank you** for all of the support, care, and concern expressed to Karen and me at the passing of my sister, Mary Kay! Your love and care is the absolute best! - Joe & Karen Killian

#### Activities Today:

8:30 AM	Worship Team
10:00 AM	Worship Service
11:15 AM	Fellowship on the Lawn
11:15 AM	Bell Choir Meeting
7:00 PM	Beach Volleyball (Adult & High School Age)

## Our Church Going Forward

**Parables in the Park** (for children & their adults) meets this Wednesday, June 8, 10:00am at Riverbend Park, (in the Fairplain area of Benton Harbor). 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 next 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.

**Fellowship on the Lawn needs more volunteers** in order for it to take place.

#### **Help needed in the coming weeks:**

- June 19 - 1 more cookie provider
- June 26 - No servers or cookie providers yet
- July 3 - No servers or cookie providers yet

Sign up at Info Center. Questions? Contact Jane Grotevant 269-861-6361.

#### Activities This Week

<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00 AM	Parables in the Park
	12:00 PM	Staff Meeting
	6:30 PM	Elders Meeting
<b>Thursday</b>	6:30 AM	Corporate Prayer
<b>Friday</b>	7:00 PM	Marriage Ministry Outdoor Game Night & Bonfire

## Marriage

**Marriage Ministry Social Outing** - Outdoor game night and bonfire, this 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.