



# CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH

## Christian Reformed Church of St. Joseph

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

Prelude & Welcome

\* Call to Worship

Prayer of Invocation

*"Hear Our Praises"*

\* God's Greeting / Mutual Greeting

\* *"Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)"*

Offering: 1) General Fund 2) My Brother's/Sister's Homes

Offering of Music

Children ages 3 1/2 through 2nd grade are invited  
to Children & Worship

Prayer for Church and World

Scripture: Deuteronomy 5:12-15

Message: *"The Fourth Word"*

Prayer of Surrender and Joy

\* *"Come To Jesus (Rest In Him)"*

Prayer of Confession & Thanksgiving

Communion

\* Benediction

\* *"May the Grace of Christ Our Savior"*

Postlude

## TEN WORDS

*"The Fourth Word"*

Rev. John R. DeVries

July 10, 2022

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**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 - Jessica Carrick, Jim Panozzo,  
Children & Worship - Kelsey VonKoenig (leader), Rebecca Walker, Nadia Beran

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Today        Alex Wingate, Chris Johnson, Mitchell Wimbush  
Monday      Ethan Pawelski  
Thursday    Jim Hartwell  
Friday       Jane Grotevant

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Tuesday:    Jake & Gloria Toering '63  
Wednesday: Dick & Pam Malenfant '72

Events, Scripture Encouragements, Family Worship Guide Updates, and More on  
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YouTube: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdi\\_1FAaWeR4r\\_MKyxShCA](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 cookies & conversation outside after the worship service. We'd love the opportunity to get to know you!

**A special offering** is being taken today **for My Brother's and Sister's Homes** in Holland, Michigan. These are adult foster care homes for developmentally disabled men and women.

**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.

**Stay for Fellowship on the Lawn** after the worship service! Cookies and conversation outside. (Inside when weather dictates.)

**Beach Volleyball is today** (for adults and high school age) at the Silver Beach courts, 7:00 - 8:30pm. Please Note: Volleyball is NOT taking place on July 17 due to the Roots Mission Trip.

<u>Activities Today:</u>	
8:30 AM	Worship Team
10:00 AM	Worship Service
11:30 AM	Fellowship on the Lawn
11:30 AM	Bell Choir Practice
7:00 PM	Beach Volleyball

**Our Church Going Forward**

**Come to the July Summer Rally!** This Wednesday, July 13, 6:00 - 9:00pm at church. See insert for details. Please share the invitation that is in your church mailbox with a friend!

**Parables in the Park** (for children & their adults) meets this Wednesday, July 13, 10:00am at North Lake Park, Stevensville. Invite your friends! Schedule available at Info Center, on website, and on Facebook.

**Our Vinline Newsletter will be published the weekend of August 7.** If you have ministry updates, pictures, experiences of how you've seen God working, or other things that you would like to share with the rest of the congregation, please get them to the office by Tuesday, July 26.

### Fellowship on the Lawn help needed in the coming weeks:

-July 17 - 2 more cookie providers

-July 24 and beyond- No servers or cookie providers yet

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

Praise God for his provision to our congregation! **In June, the CRCSJ Scholarship Fund Committee approved scholarships for 6 individuals** for the 2022-23 school year. It is our prayer that these students will use these scholarships to further their education to God's glory. In the 10 years since the inception of the endowment fund in 2013, over 65 awards have been awarded to over 25 students totaling over \$60,000. This scholarship is available to college students who are obtaining their collegiate bachelor's degree or a technical trade certification. If you have any questions or would like to donate to this ministry, contact John Welch at 269-313-2823. Praise be to God!

**After 18 years of faithful service**, Carol Bly will retire in the late fall from her role as our Administrative Assistant. In preparation for this significant transition, we are now inviting interested individuals to apply for the position. Copies of the job description and application can be picked up from the office. A formal thank you for Carol is being planned for a future worship service.

### Activities This Week

<b>Tuesday</b>	7:00 PM	Executive Committee Meeting
	7:00 PM	Women's Study
	7:00 PM	Roots (High School) Bible Study
	8:00 PM	Cultural Engagement Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00 AM	Parables in the Park
	6:00 PM	Summer Rally
	9:00 PM	Elder Meeting
<b>Thursday</b>	6:30 AM	Corporate Prayer
	7:00 PM	American History and It's Decline Class

## Marriage

**Marriage Ministry Summer social event #2** - A trip to Sherman's for ice cream (and a little biking). Sunday, July 17. Meet at church at 2:30 pm or go directly to the Kal-Haven trailhead by 3 pm (66 N Bailey Ave. South Haven 49090). We will bike about 1.5 hrs on the flat, asphalt road-pack trail. After finishing/loading up, we will then head over to Sherman's. We will arrive back at church by 6 pm. Please use the sign up sheet at the info center and let Mike Klunder know if you will require assistance with transporting your bike.

**Marriage Ministry Summer social event #3 - SAVE THE DATE** Sunday, Aug. 14. Kayaking in the SW MI area. More details to follow

## Worship

### Worship Schedule

July 17	Pastor John DeVries Offering: 1) General Fund 2) Ministry Shares
July 24	Pastor John DeVries Offering: 1) General Fund 2) Faith Promise
July 31	Pastor John DeVries Offering: 1) General Fund
Aug 7	Pastor John DeVries Offering: 1) General Fund 2) Benevolence

**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

Because of your generous donations, **\$7824.87 was raised for Military Bible Sticks.**

	May	Year To Date
<b>Budget</b>	<b>\$26,313</b>	<b>\$131,565</b>
<b>Giving</b>	<b>\$29,658</b>	<b>\$126,573</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$23,621</b>	<b>\$127,258</b>
<b>Surplus/Deficit</b>	<b>\$6,037</b>	<b>-\$685</b>

## Cultural Engagement

Are you concerned about America's current course? How can you be informed about issues regarding American liberties? Join together to study and discuss **American History and Its Decline**, an eight-week Hillsdale online course Thursdays, beginning July 14th from 7:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. In this course, we will examine the origins and history of citizenship in the West and the grave challenges American citizenship faces today. Topics covered in this course include: the erosion of the middle class, the disappearance of sovereign borders, the rise of tribalism, the growth of the deep state, the modern assaults on the Constitution, and the emergence of a new form of global government. There is no cost for this course.

Mark your calendars for **National Night Out** on Tuesday, August 2nd. National Night Out is an opportunity to interact and support our local first responders. Watch your bulletin for additional information as the date approaches.

## Youth

**Roots Summer Bible Study**, for all incoming freshmen through outgoing seniors, is meeting on Tuesdays, 7:00 - 9:00pm **at the church**. We will study God's word and play games. Bring lawn chairs and plan on being outside when weather allows.

### Schedule:

July 12 - 7:00-9:00pm

July 19 - NO Bible Study

July 26 - 7:00-9:00pm

Aug 2 - 7:00-9:00pm - Water Week

**Roots** (high school youth group) is having our **Annual Pool Party** on Tuesday, August 16 from 6:00 - 9:00pm at the Carricks' house (1000 Field Dr., St. Joseph). Bring your swimsuits and friends. Dinner provided.

**Impact** (middle school youth group) - **Save the Date for a Beach & Boat Day on Saturday, Aug 20!** Meet at church at 1:30pm and we'll ride together in the church van to Jean Klock Park. We'll spend a couple of hours at the beach, including boat rides and tubing. Bring snacks and drinks (water will be provided) Parents, pickup will be at 4:30pm at church. If the weather looks bad or the lake is too rough for boats, we'll reach out to reschedule to our rain date of Aug 27.

## 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

<u>Title</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>E-mail Address</u>	<u>In Office</u>
Pastor	John DeVries	jdevries@crcsj.org	Tu-Fri
Administrative Asst.	Carol Bly	office@crcsj.org	Tu-Wed
Secretary	Beth Wolf	office@crcsj.org	Th-Fri
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Director of Education & Shared Ministries	Erin Beran	eberan@crcsj.org	
Director of Worship	Will Burrows	wburrows@crcsj.org	

### 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)