

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



“The Sixth Word”

Rev. John R. DeVries

July 24, 2022

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Worship services are streamed live at:

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



Prelude & Welcome

* Call to Worship

Prayer of Invocation

"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

* God's Greeting / Mutual Greeting

** "Christ is Mine Forevermore"*

Scripture of Confession

Prayer of Confession and Assurance

"No Longer Slaves"

Offering: 1) General Fund 2) Faith Promise

Offering of Music

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

Please Sign and Pass the Friendship Pads

Prayer for Church and World

Scripture: Deuteronomy 5:17

Message: "The Sixth Word"

Prayer of Surrender and Joy

** "Lord, Our God, Thy Glorious Name"*

* Benediction

** "Now Unto Him"*

Postlude

*** Indicates to please
stand if able**

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

Cultural Engagement

The American Citizenship and Its Decline class continues on Thursdays at 7:00pm in the sanctuary through Sept 1. God has called all of us to be dual citizens. We are first of all called to be citizens of the kingdom of God, but we are also called to be citizens of the land in which we live. What does it mean to be a citizen? What does it mean to be a good citizen? Join us anytime for viewing and discussing this Hillsdale College 8-week online course!

National Night Out 2022

Tuesday, August 2 ~ 5:30 - 7:30 PM

At Maiden Lane Community Park in SJ Twp

Our church is supporting our public safety officials by helping out again at this long-standing community event with set up, clean up, grilling, and serving hot dogs, pop, & frozen custard sundaes. **A fun and tangible way** to encourage those called by God who put themselves on the line every day for our safety.

Here's how you can get involved! We need:

- ◆ A couple of people to transport the church grill to the location by 3:30pm and bring it back to church afterward
- ◆ A couple of people to fire up the grill at 3:30pm and do some grilling starting at 4:00pm
- ◆ Someone to purchase & bring charcoal to event by 3:30pm
- ◆ People to work shifts starting at 4:30pm
- ◆ Sponsor \$5 appreciation gift cards for public safety professionals. Place donations in "Natl Night Out" envelope in Carol Bly's staff mailbox. Cash or check payable to CRCJSJ with Natl Night Out on memo line.

Sign up today at the Info Center!

Marriage

Marriage Ministry Kayaking - Sunday, Aug 14, in the afternoon. Details coming soon!

Worship

Worship Schedule

July 31	Pastor John DeVries Offering: 1) General Fund
Aug 7	Pastor John DeVries Offering: 1) General Fund 2) Benevolence
Aug 14	Pastor John DeVries Special: Communion Offering: 1) General Fund
Aug 21	Pastor John DeVries Offering: 1) General Fund

All are invited to Corporate Prayer, Thursdays, 6:30am at church, or attend through Zoom. Our church family seeking the Lord's face together!

Youth

Roots Summer Bible Study, for all incoming freshmen through outgoing seniors, meeting on Tuesdays, 7:00 - 9:00pm **at church**. Studying God's word and playing games. Bring lawn chairs and plan to be outside when weather allows. Schedule: July 26, 7-9pm; Aug 2, 7-9pm (Water Week)

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

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 - Deb Panozzo, Josh Wingate, Evie Sykora
Children & Worship - Alicia Burrows (leader), Judy White

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Tuesday Donna McCanse
Michelle Sykora
Ella Wimbush

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Monday: Bryan & Sue Isaac '87
Thursday: Paul & Barbara Toman '79
Friday: Bruce & Gayle DeSchaaf '73

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

Today is Faith Promise Sunday when we bring forward during the offering time our previously pledged contributions in support of our missionaries, and we redistribute the missionary prayer cards.

If you took home a missionary prayer card last month, please return it to the communion table in the sanctuary prior to today's worship service.

Then during the offering, all are invited to pick up a prayer card from the communion table to use during this month.

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

Roots Mission Trip Sharing is today at 6:00pm in the sanctuary. Come and hear how our high school youth group has experienced God at work this past week as they served in the community of La Center, KY. Ice cream will be served afterward downstairs in the fellowship hall!

Beach Volleyball is today (for adults and high school age) at the Silver Beach courts, 7:00 - 8:30pm. Friends welcome! Spectators welcome!

Sunset Sing at the Beach is today starting at 8:30pm, meeting near the volleyball courts for a time of worship through song.

Activities Today:

8:30 AM	Worship Team
10:00 AM	Worship Service
11:30 AM	Fellowship on the Lawn
11:30 AM	Bell Choir Practice
6:00 PM	Roots Mission Trip Sharing & Ice Cream
7:00 PM	Beach Volleyball
8:30 PM	Sunset Sing at the Beach

Our Church Going Forward

Parables in the Park (for children & their adults) meets this Wednesday, July 27, 10:00am at Eaton Park, off Lincoln Ave. in St. Joseph. Invite your friends! Full schedule available at Info Center, on website, and on Facebook.

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

-July 31 - No servers or cookie providers yet

-Aug 7 - 2 more cookie bringers needed

-Aug 14 - No servers or cookie providers yet

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

Our Vineline 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 this Tuesday, July 26.

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 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

Tuesday	7:00 PM	Women's Study
	7:00 PM	Roots Bible Study
	8:00 PM	Cultural Engagement Committee
Wednesday	10:00 AM	Parables in the Park
	6:30 PM	Elders Meeting
Thursday	6:30 AM	Corporate Prayer
	7:00 PM	American Citizenship & Its Decline Class
Saturday	4:00 PM	Host Baby Shower

	June	Year To Date
Budget	\$26,313	\$157,878
Giving	\$26,501	\$153,075
Expenses	\$19,584	\$147,528
Surplus/Deficit	\$6,917	\$5,547

From Our Deacons