

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 Seventh Word”

Rev. John R. DeVries

July 31, 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:

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Prelude & Welcome

* Call to Worship

Prayer of Invocation

"Come Christians Join to Sing"

* God's Greeting / Mutual Greeting

** "Jesus Saves"*

Scripture of Confession

"Create in Me a Clean Heart"

Prayer of Confession and Assurance

Offering: 1) General Fund

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 5:18

Message: "The Seventh Word"

Prayer of Surrender and Joy

** "O Perfect Love"*

* Benediction

** "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

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.**

Youth

Roots (high school youth group) - **Our Last Meetings of the Summer** for all incoming freshmen through outgoing seniors are:

- **Tuesday, Aug 2, 7:00 - 9:00pm at church - Water Week**
Bring lawn chairs and plan to be outside if weather allows.
- **Tuesday, Aug 16, 6:00 - 9:00pm - Annual Pool Party**
At the Carricks' house (1000 Field Dr., St. Joseph).
Bring your swimsuits and friends. Dinner provided.

Roots is volunteering at the Soup Kitchen on Aug 18. We will meet at church at 10:00am and should be back to church around 1:30pm. If you are unable to volunteer, you can still help by baking cakes. Please let Lesleigh know so we can plan accordingly. Soup Kitchen permission forms are in your mailboxes and need to be brought to Lesleigh the morning we serve.

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.

From Our Deacons

Our church pantry is open
this Saturday, Aug 6,
10:00am - Noon
(1st Saturday of every mo.)
If you know of anyone who
could use a pantry visit,
feel free to pass this infor-
mation on to them.

	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

Worship

Worship Schedule

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
Aug 28	Pastor John DeVries Offering: 1) General Fund 2) Faith Promise

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

Marriage

Marriage Social Event #3 - Kayaking on the Old St. Joe and Dinner Sunday, Aug 14, 2:00 - 6:00pm

Meet at St. Joseph River Canoe & Kayak Livery (602 Fisherman's Way, 49085) at 2:00pm. You can bring your own kayak and pay \$8/each for a launch fee. By all means, you can likely borrow kayaks from someone, so arrange for that in advance. If you need to rent a kayak, Groupon has a coupon for \$26 per kayak (single) for a 2-hour rental. We would like to be on the river by 2:30pm and kayak until about 4:00pm. We will then load up and head just up the hill to Silver Harbor (721 Pleasant St., 49085) for dinner. The Kayak Livery would like to know how many are coming, so please sign up at the Info Center by Wednesday, Aug 10. Questions - see Mike/Kim Klunder or John/Kim DeVries.

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, Owen Wingate
Children & Worship - Lesleigh Wingate (leader), Debra Mead, Eric Wingate

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Today Amber Breinling; Evie Sykora
Tuesday Gayle DeSchaaf; Mike Klunder
Thursday Anita Trujillo

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Today: Steve & Bethany Schultz '11
Thursday: Darryl & Deb Bodine '84

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!

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. Friends welcome! Spectators welcome!

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
7:00 PM	Beach Volleyball

Our Church Going Forward

Our last CRCSJ Rally for this Summer is Wednesday, Aug 10, 6 - 9pm.

(If you attended the July rally, you know what a wonderful evening that was!)

We are again being blessed with a delicious home-cooked dinner, a time of worshipping the Lord in song and hearing a short message, and then kickball, water balloons, crafts for all ages, pickleball, mooseball, bubbles, board games, and the awarding of prizes for our summer BINGO challenge. We hope everyone will join us and encourage you to bring a friend or two along for the fun!

Parables in the Park (for children & their adults) meets this Wednesday, Aug 3, 10:00am at Lake Twp Park, off Gast Rd. in Bridgman. Invite your friends! Full schedule available at Info Center, on website, and on Facebook.

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

-Aug 7 - 2 more cookie bringers needed

-Aug 14 - No servers or cookie providers yet

-Aug 21 - No servers or cookie providers yet

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

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	4:30 PM	Natl. Night Out Volunteering
	7:00 PM	Roots (high school youth group)
Wednesday	10:00 AM	Parables in the Park
	12:00 PM	Staff Meeting
	7:00 PM	Deacons Meeting
Thursday	6:30 AM	Corporate Prayer
	7:00 PM	American Citizenship & Its Decline Class
Saturday	10:00 AM	Pantry Open

Cultural Engagement

National Night Out 2022 is THIS Tuesday

August 2 ~ 5:30 - 7:30 PM

At Maiden Lane Community Park in SJ Twp

Sign Up Today to take part in our church's active support of our public safety officials by helping at this long-standing community event!

We Still Need people to work shifts starting at 4:30pm. Set up, clean up, serving hot dogs, pop, & frozen custard sundaes. Sign up at Info Center.

Additional Help Needed for transporting the church grill to the location by 3:30pm and bring it back to church afterward. Sign up at Info Center.

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 CRCSJ with Natl Night Out on memo line.

The American Citizenship and Its Decline class continues on Thursdays at 7:00pm in the sanctuary through Sept 1. Join us anytime for viewing and discussing this Hillsdale College 8-week online course!