

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 Eighth Word”

Rev. John R. DeVries

August 7, 2022

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Prelude & Welcome

Call to Worship

Prayer of Invocation

* *Psalm 95 "Now with Joyful Exultation"*

* God's Greeting / Mutual Greeting

* *"To God Be the Glory"*

* Apostles' Creed

Scripture of Confession

Prayer of Confession and Assurance

"God's Mercy"

Offering: 1) General Fund 2) Benevolence 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 5:19

Message: "The Eighth Word"

Prayer of Surrender and Joy

* *"The Law of the Lord is Perfect"*

* Benediction

* *"God Be with You"*

Postlude

*** Indicates to please
stand if able**

Life Action Refuel Conference

Save the Date!

Our Life Action Refuel Conference is coming Sept 11-14

Refuel is a 4 day conference that is a follow-up to the Summit conference we had in May 2021. We will be building on core principles and applying them to our own unique context.

Life Action Schedule

Sunday	9:00 AM	Worship Service led by Life Action
Sunday	10:45 AM	Sunday School hour led by Life Action
Sunday	6:00 PM- 8:00 PM	Evening Service
Monday	6:30 PM- 8:00 PM	Evening Service
Tuesday	6:30 PM- 8:00 PM	Evening Service
Wednesday	6:30 PM- 8:00 PM	Evening Service

During all of these meeting times:

- Nursery will be provided.
- Grades 6-12 will remain with the adults.
- There is something for everyone.

Can You Help? - As we prepare for Life Action's coming, there are some important ways you can help.

- **Become a Host Home** - We need families who are willing to open up their homes for 2-3 members of the Life Action Team for the week. Contact Julie DeWeerd (429-8529) to find out what this entails or to volunteer to host.
- **Provide a Loaner Vehicle for the Week** - We are providing loaner vehicles for the Life Action Team. If you have a vehicle to loan for the week, contact Keith Lubbers (876-2635).

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

Worship

Worship Schedule

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
Sep 4	Pastor John DeVries Offering: 1) General Fund 2) Benevolence 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 (high school youth group) - **Annual Pool Party** for all incoming freshmen through outgoing seniors! Tuesday, Aug 16, 6:00 - 9:00pm 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.

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 - Dotti Terhune, John Welch, Nadia Beran
Children & Worship - Peggy Clore (leader), Erin Beran, Jemma Johnson

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Monday	Elise DeWeerd; Ethan Hayward
Tuesday	AJ DeWeerd; Barb Stoub
Thursday	Janna Young
Saturday	Karen Styf

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Friday: Kurt & Erin Beran '00
Rob & Sheryl Schripsema '11
Loren & Barb VenLente '69

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.)

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 the Summer is this Wednesday, Aug 10, 6 - 9pm! **We hope everyone will join us for:**

- A delicious home-cooked dinner
- Worshiping the Lord in song
- Hearing a short message
- Kickball, water balloons, crafts for all ages, pickleball, mooseball, bubbles, and board games
- Awarding of prizes for the summer BINGO challenge!

Bring a friend or two along! Contact Erin Beran if you are able to help.

Summer BINGO Challenge - A reminder to keep working on this. Prizes will be given out at the rally this Wednesday!

Parables in the Park (for children & their adults) meets this Wednesday, Aug 10, 10:00am at Baroda Village Park, on Lemon Creek Rd. in Baroda. Invite your friends! See full schedule at Info Center, on website, or on Facebook.

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

- Aug 14 - 1 more cookie provider needed
- Aug 21 - Servers and 1 more cookie provider needed
- Aug 28 - No servers or cookie providers yet
- Sep 4 - Servers and 2 more cookie providers needed

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	7:00 PM	Executive Committee
	8:00 PM	Cultural Engagement Committee
Wednesday	10:00 AM	Parables in the Park
	6:00 PM	CRCSJ Summer Rally
Thursday	6:30 AM	Corporate Prayer
	7:00 PM	American Citizenship & Its Decline Class

Marriage

Marriage Social Event #3 - Kayaking on the Old St. Joe and Dinner

Next Sunday, Aug 14, 2:00 - 6:00pm

Sign up at Info Center by Wednesday, Aug 10.

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. Questions - see Mike/Kim Klunder or John/Kim DeVries.