

# 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 Ninth Word”


Rev. John R. DeVries

August 14, 2022

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## 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).

**From Our Deacons**

	July	Year To Date
<b>Budget</b>	<b>\$26,313</b>	<b>\$184,191</b>
<b>Giving</b>	<b>\$26,501</b>	<b>\$173,241</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$19,584</b>	<b>\$168,021</b>
<b>Surplus/Deficit</b>	<b>\$6,917</b>	<b>\$5,220</b>

Prelude & Welcome  
 Call to Worship  
 Prayer of Invocation  
 \* "Praise Ye the Lord, for It is Good"  
 \* God's Greeting / Mutual Greeting  
 \* "Glorious Christ"  
 Offering: 1) General Fund  
 Offering of Music

\* Indicates to please stand if able

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

Please Sign and Pass the Friendship Pads

Baptism of Mabel Mead  
 Prayer for Church and World  
 Scripture: Deuteronomy 5:20  
 Message: "The Ninth Word"  
 Prayer of Surrender and Joy  
 \* "Forgiven"  
 Communion  
 \* Benediction  
 \* "Fill Us with Your Fullness, God"  
 Postlude

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

## Worship

### Worship Schedule

Aug 21	Pastor John DeVries Offering: 1) General Fund 2) Missionary Surgery Assistance
Aug 28	Pastor John DeVries Offering: 1) General Fund 2) Faith Promise
Sep 4	Pastor John DeVries Offering: 1) General Fund 2) Benevolence Fund
Sep 11	Pastor John DeVries Special: Life Action Refuel Conference Offering: 1) General Fund 2) River of Life School

**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! This 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 this Thursday, 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 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 - Joy Welch, Darryl Bodine, Jemma Johnson  
Children & Worship - Jo Nicholson (leader), Judi Johnson

### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

**Monday:** Kim Klunder  
**Tuesday:** Bryan Isaac; Loren VanLente  
**Wednesday:** Bill Randall  
**Thursday:** Rick Bloodworth  
**Saturday:** Andrew Gaul

### ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

**Monday:** Jim & Deb Panozzo '74  
**Wednesday:** Mitchell & Tara Wimbush '96  
**Friday:** Greg & Andrea Gaul '95

**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\\_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!

**This morning** we have the privilege of witnessing the baptism of Mabel Mead.

**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.)

#### 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
2:30 PM	Marriage Ministry Kayaking & Dinner
7:00 PM	Beach Volleyball

## Our Church Going Forward

**You'll soon see the bulletin board** in the narthex change over from the big BINGO card to the upcoming Life Action Refuel Conference, **but the BINGO challenge continues through Sept 18**, so keep working on it! Prizes will be awarded at the Sunday School Kickoff on Sept 18.

**Parables in the Park** (for children & their adults) meets this Wednesday, Aug 17, 10:00am at Maiden Lane Soccer Park, between Washington/Lincoln Aves. Invite your friends! Schedule at Info Center and on website & Facebook.

**Come to Sunset Sing at the Beach** on Sunday, Aug 28, 8:00pm at Silver Beach, meeting near the volleyball courts for a time of worship through song.

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

-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

<b>Tuesday</b>	6:00 PM	Roots Pool Party
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00 AM	Parables in the Park
	12:00 PM	Staff Meeting
	7:00 PM	Council Meeting
<b>Thursday</b>	6:30 AM	Corporate Prayer
	10:30 AM	Soup Kitchen - Roots Serving
	7:00 PM	American Citizenship & Its Decline Class
<b>Saturday</b>	1:30 PM	Impact Beach & Boating

## Missions

**A special offering** will be taken next Sunday, Aug 21, for missionary Carolyn Betson. Members of our congregation have come to know her from working alongside her and her husband, Ernest, in a feeding and evangelism ministry in Central America that is run by missionaries our church supports (the Bartleys). Carolyn recently had surgery for recurring bladder cancer at a total cost of over \$20,000, and we hope to supply them with \$6,000. Thank you from your Missions Committee for your prayerful consideration of this opportunity and your prayers for the Betsons.