

# 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 Test of Tomorrow”

Rev. John R. DeVries

October 30, 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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**\* Indicates to please stand if able**

Prelude & Welcome

Call to Worship

Prayer of Invocation

*\* "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"*

*\* God's Greeting / Mutual Greeting*

*\* "Reformation Song"*

Confession of Faith

Scripture of Confession

*"Come to Jesus (Rest in Him)"*

Prayer of Confession and Assurance

Offering: 1) General Fund

Offering of Music

Please Sign and Pass the Friendship Pads

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

Congregational Prayer

Scripture: James 4:13-17

Message: "The Test of Tomorrow"

Prayer of Response

*\* "Day By Day"*

*\* Benediction*

*\* "Be Unto Your Name"*

Postlude

**From Our Council**

**The Council is pleased to announce** that Peggy Clore will be our new Administrative Assistant upon Carol Bly's retirement later this fall. Join us in welcoming her to our church staff and in praising the Lord for this provision.

**Women**

**Flourish: Friendsgiving** - Monday, November 14, 6:30 - 8:30pm. A women's gathering to give thanks for our friendships within the CRC Saint Joseph's body of women and an opportunity to flourish in new friendships! **Come for an evening of food, laughter, and encouragement.** Plan to bring a dish share and a friend (or two). For more details or questions see Alicia Burrows.

**Missions**

**Our Annual Mission Emphasis Week is November 6-13**

**On Sunday, Nov 6:**

Adrian Bartley, a seminary student whose mission in Belize we support, will be with us.

- **In our worship service**, Adrian will bring us the message.
- **During the Sunday school hour**, Adrian will share about the Feeding Ministry in Belize.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

- 9th Grade thru Adult Classes will attend this presentation.
- 8th Grade & Under will attend their regular classes.

**On Sunday, Nov 13:**

- **In our worship service**, Pastor John will bring us the message.
- **During the Sunday school hour**, Garrett & Danielle Green will present a "How to Share the Gospel" workshop.

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

**Mission Emphasis Week is also** the time for making our **annual Faith Promise pledges**. See insert in this bulletin for an explanation of what our Faith Promise program is AND pledge cards on which you can indicate your commitment to prayer and financial support of our missionaries in 2023. We'll turn in our pledges during the offering on Sunday, Nov 13.

## Worship

### Worship Schedule

- Nov 6            Pastor John DeVries  
Offering: 1) General Fund 2) Benevolence Fund
- Nov 13           Pastor John DeVries  
Special: Communion  
Offering: 1) General Fund 2) Faith Promise Pledges  
              3) Operation Christmas Child
- Nov 20           Pastor John DeVries  
Offering: 1) General Fund 2) Benton Harbor Soup Kitchen
- Nov 23           Pastor John DeVries  
Thanksgiving Eve Service 7:00 PM  
Offering: 1) Pantry
- Nov 27           Pastor John DeVries  
Special: Week One of Advent  
Offering: 1) General Fund 2) Faith Promise

**Corporate Prayer continues on Thursdays, 6:30am** in the church library. To participate online via Zoom, watch for the weekly email with that information.

## From Our Deacons

**Our church pantry** will be open this Saturday, Nov 5, 10:00am - Noon (the 1st Saturday of every month). If you know of anyone who could use a pantry visit, feel free to pass this information on to them.

	September	Year To Date
<b>Budget</b>	\$26,313	\$236,817
<b>Giving</b>	\$19,060	\$215,444
<b>Expenses</b>	\$23,304	\$220,808
<b>Surplus/Deficit</b>	-\$4,245	-\$5,363

**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 - Danielle Green, Debra Mead, Jemma Johnson

Children & Worship - Jill Lubbers (leader), Beth Wolf

Check-In Teachers - Karen Styf

### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

**Thursday:**    Barb Warner

**Friday:**        Katie DeVries

**Saturday:**    Kendall Boersen

### ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

**Friday:**        Fred & Virginia Walker

**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](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 a cup of coffee or tea in the library after the worship service, and for our education classes.

We would love the opportunity to get to know you!

There is NO 1Family today due to it being a 5th Sunday. Our next 1Family is Sunday, Nov 6 at 5:30pm.

There is NO bell choir practice today. It will resume on Nov 6 at 4:30pm.

Thank you so much for the wonderful basket of cards and gifts we received for Pastor Appreciation this year. It is truly a blessing to belong to this body of Christ and share the journey of faith together with you! - Pastor John & Kim

### Activities Today

7:45 AM	Worship Team
9:00 AM	Worship Service
10:30 AM	Sunday School

We're still looking for 1 Sunday school teacher for the Little Lambs class that meets in the nursery. The first 10-15 minutes of class is teaching the youngest kiddos a short Bible story and leading them in a simple song and prayer. The final 45-50 minutes is leading the adults in a few select questions from the week's Family Worship Guide. Contact Erin Beran asap if you'd like to know more about this opportunity to serve our congregation.

### Activities This Week

<b>Wednesday</b>	9:30 AM	Connections Women's Bible Study
	12:00 PM	Staff Meeting
	7:00 PM	Deacons Meeting
<b>Thursday</b>	6:30 AM	Corporate Prayer
<b>Saturday</b>	10:00 AM	Pantry Open

## Cultural Engagement

Let us pray for our nation and the election! Our nation is in great need in so many ways. Let us join together to pray for the welfare of the land in which we live. The Cultural Engagement Committee invites you to join us for a time of focused prayer on election eve - Monday, Nov 7, 7:00 - 8:00 pm at church.

## Our Church Going Forward

Do you have a student in college or other post high school education? Please send his/her address for this year to the church office by Wednesday, Nov 2 so their church family can send them a care package and notes before exams. We want to love and encourage them!

We're sending Care Packages to our college students. To donate items: Write your name on list at Info Center next to item(s) you will donate. Place donations in basket marked "Care Package Donations" in lobby by Sunday, Nov 13. Coming next week: List of student names for writing notes to them.

Two nursery workers are needed for the 7:00pm Thanksgiving Eve worship service. Please contact Deb Bodine at 269-369-2908.

## Evangelism/Outreach

### Share the gospel through Operation Christmas Child (OCC) with children and families around the world!

- 1) Pack a shoebox with small gifts and bring it to church by Sunday, Nov 13, when we'll bring them forward during the offering.
  - We have boxes available that you can use. Take what you need from the OCC table in the narthex, or feel free to use a plastic storage box or shoe box from home (with lid gift-wrapped separately from box please).
  - Brochures with instructions are at the table. Take as many as you need.
  - Find more info on how & what to pack at the table and on OCC website. [www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/mission-and-history/](http://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/mission-and-history/)
- 2) **Donate money** toward shipping costs (\$10 per box) during the offering on Sunday, Nov 13. Checks payable to CRCSJ with OCC on memo line.  
**Contact Sheryl Schripsema** with any questions - 616-262-3601.