



CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH

Christian Reformed Church of St. Joseph

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Mission Emphasis Week



“Lest We Forget”

Seminarian Adrian Bartley

November 6, 2022

*** Indicates to please stand if able**

Prelude & Welcome

Call to Worship

Prayer of Invocation

* *“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”*

* God’s Greeting / Mutual Greeting

* *“10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)”*

Apostles’ Creed

Scripture of Confession

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

Prayer of Confession and Assurance

Offering: 1) General Fund 2) Benevolence 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: Deuteronomy 8

Message: “Lest We Forget”

Prayer of Response

* *“Change My Heart O God”*

* Benediction

* *“God Be with You till We Meet Again”*

Postlude

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

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 - Deb Bodine (leader), Erin Beran, Kendall Boersen

Check-In Teachers - Fred Walker, Joy Welch

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Today: Joe Killian
Tuesday: Roland VonKoenig
Wednesday: Ronnie Kahl
Friday: Timmy Tomlinson

Events, Scripture Encouragements, Family Worship Guide Updates, and More on

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/crcsj>

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Worship Service Live Streaming & Recordings on

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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!

Today is the first of our two Mission Emphasis Sundays. We warmly welcome Adrian Bartley, a seminarian in Belize.

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

PLEASE NOTE:

-9th Grade thru Adult Classes will attend this presentation.

-8th Grade & Under will attend their regular classes.

Doug and I are abundantly grateful for the meals, the visits, the cards, the phone calls, and especially your prayers while I've been healing from foot surgery. While the rest time was challenging for me, the Lord taught me some good lessons about praying, "If the Lord wills, we will do this or that." **Thank you for encircling us with your love.** -- Doug and Peggy Clore

Activities Today

7:45 AM Worship Team
 9:00 AM Worship Service
 10:30 AM Sunday School
 4:30 PM Bell Choir Practice
 5:30 PM 1Family

Our Church Going Forward

We're sending Care Packages to our college students.

- Please write notes to them! A list of names is on the insert in this bulletin. Notes are due to the basket at the Info Center by next Sunday, Nov 13.
- Thank you to all who signed up to donate snacks! Place them in the basket marked "Care Package Donations" in the lobby by next Sunday, Nov 13.

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.

Monthly Potluck - Next Sunday, Nov 13 after the Sunday school hour. No desserts are needed this time - we're having cake for Volunteer Appreciation!

Save the Date - Adult Christmas Dinner! Friday, Dec 2, 6pm. Details to come.

Adults - Suppers of Eight meals are taking place again this winter - a great way to meet and get to know others in the church! January through March, you will share a meal with a different group of people each month. An information sheet explaining how it works is posted at the Info Center along with a sign-up sheet. Sign up by Sunday, Nov 20. Questions? Contact the office.

Activities This Week

Monday	7:00 PM	Prayer for Nation & Election
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Executive Committee Meeting
Wednesday	9:30 AM	Connections Women's Bible Study
	6:30 PM	Elders Meeting
Thursday	6:30 AM	Corporate Prayer
Saturday	11:00 AM	Devries Baby Shower

Cultural Engagement

Let us pray for our nation and the election on election eve! 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 **tomorrow, Monday Nov 7, 7:00 - 8:00 pm**.

As part of our church's participation in the Int'l Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church next Sunday, Nov 13, the Cultural Engagement Committee is inviting the congregation to participate in a **simple and yet deeply impactful letter-writing campaign** - writing to specific believers in various places around the world who are jailed for their faith in Christ. At the Cultural Engagement table in the narthex you can pick up an instruction sheet, a page of sample letters, and information on specific individuals to whom you can write. We will be bringing these letters forward with our offerings during worship next Sunday.

Worship

Worship Schedule

- 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
- Dec 4 Pastor John DeVries
Special: Week Two of Advent
Offering: 1) General Fund 2) Benevolence Fund

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

We will have two Special Offerings next Sunday, Nov 13 - Faith Promise pledge cards and **Operation Christmas Child** shoeboxes and monetary donations.

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

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 to share and a friend (or two). For more details or questions see Alicia Burrows.

Youth

Impact (middle school youth group) meets today from 5:30 - 7:00pm at church.

Roots (high school youth group) meets today from 5:30 - 7:00pm at church.

Roots hockey game - Nov 19 4:30-10:30 - Join us as we go to a Western Michigan hockey game! We will leave from church. Just bring money for food. Please let us know by Nov 13 if you can attend.

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/
- 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.

Missions

For Mission Emphasis Next 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.

PLEASE NOTE:

 - 9th Grade thru Adult Classes will attend this presentation.
 - 8th Grade & Under will attend their regular classes.
- Faith Promise pledges will be turned in** during the offering. 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.

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

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

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

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)