

# 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

## 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)

## 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



# CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH

## Mission Emphasis Week



“Love and Light”

Rev. John R. DeVries

November 13, 2022

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[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdi\\_1FAaWeR4r\\_MKYxaShCA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdi_1FAaWeR4r_MKYxaShCA)



**\* Indicates to please stand if able**

Prelude & Welcome

Call to Worship

Prayer of Invocation

*\* "Behold Our God"*

*\* God's Greeting / Mutual Greeting*

*\* "All People That on Earth Do Dwell"*

Offering: 1) General Fund 2) Faith Promise 2023 Pledges

3) Operation Christmas Child 4) Letters to Jailed Believers

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: John 3:16-21

Message: "Love and Light"

Prayer of Response

*\* "The Love of God"*

Communion

*"More Love to Thee"*

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

*\* Benediction*

Postlude

**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** - Saturday, Nov 19, 4:30 - 10:30pm. 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.

**From Our Deacons**

**A special offering** will be taken next Sunday for the **Benton Harbor Soup Kitchen** which serves a large, healthy noon-time meal every day of the year to those in need, staffed by volunteers from organizations across our community, including our church which has served there for 30+ years.

**A special offering** will be taken at our **Thanksgiving Eve** worship service (Wednesday, Nov 23, 7:00pm) for **our church pantry**. Either monetary offerings or offerings of nonperishable grocery items are encouraged. Please Note the following requirements for some items and things needed in particular:

- Toilet Paper (smaller packs please as we are not allowed to open the packs)
- Paper Towels (individually wrapped or dual packs)
- Canned Stew
- Canned Beef
- Canned Tomato Products (diced, sauce)
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Soup
- Instant Au Gratin Potatoes
- Creamed Corn (we have regular corn)
- Feminine Hygiene Products

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

## Worship

### Worship Schedule

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
Dec 11	Pastor John DeVries Special: Week Three of Advent Offering: 1) General Fund 2) Forgotten Man Ministries

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

## 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.

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 - Darryl Bodine, Jessica Carrick, Owen Wingate

Children & Worship - Anna DeVries (leader), Deb Mead, Eric Wingate

Check-In Teachers - Deb Mead, Danielle Green

### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

**Monday:** Benjamin Wimbush (missionary), Jennifer Nesbitt

**Wednesday:** John Burtchett

**Friday:** Sheryl Schripsema, Veda Wright

**Saturday:** Sandy Daignault, Virginia Walker

### ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

**Monday:** Jim & Andrea Ponton '64

**Thursday:** Brian & Stefanie Blummer '12

**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!

**We have three Special Offerings this morning** - 1) Faith Promise 2023 pledge cards, 2) Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes and monetary donations, and 3) Letters to Believers jailed for their faith.

### Today is the second of our two Mission Emphasis Sundays.

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 2023 pledges will be brought forward during the offering. Pledge cards are on the insert in this bulletin along with an explanation of what our Faith Promise program is. Extra pledge cards are at the Information Center.

**Stay for the Potluck after the Sunday School hour!** Cake will be served for volunteer appreciation.

**Due Today - Notes to students and snack donations** for College Care Packages. A list of their names is at the Info Center for note-writing.

#### Activities Today

7:45 AM	Worship Team
9:00 AM	Worship Service
10:30 AM	Sunday School
11:45 AM	All-Church Potluck
4:30 PM	Bell Choir Practice
5:30 PM	1Family

## Our Church Going Forward

**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.

### Adult Christmas Dinner

Come for this festive evening of food, fellowship, and celebration together!

Friday, December 2 at Church

Appetizers 6:00 - 6:30pm

Three Course Dinner 6:30pm

**Make Your Reservations** in the library after the worship service either today or next Sunday, Nov 20

\$5 per person

Dress is business casual

**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 at the Info Center along with a sign-up sheet. Sign up by Sunday, Nov 20. Questions? Contact the office.

#### Activities This Week

<b>Monday</b>	6:30 PM	Women's Flourish: Friendsgiving
<b>Tuesday</b>	7:00 PM	Ministry Leaders' Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:30 AM	Connections Women's Bible Study
	12:00 PM	Staff Meeting
	7:00 PM	Council Meeting
<b>Thursday</b>	6:30 AM	Corporate Prayer
	10:30 AM	Soup Kitchen
<b>Saturday</b>	6:00 AM	BSF Men Meeting
	4:30 PM	Roots Hockey Game