

Christian Reformed Church of St. Joseph



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)



“Love and Light, Part II”

Rev. John R. DeVries

November 20, 2022

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https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdi_1FAaWeR4r_MKyxaShCA



From Our Deacons

A special offering will be taken at the **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

Prelude & Welcome

Call to Worship

Prayer of Invocation

* *"Psalm 48 (Great is the LORD Our God)"*

* God's Greeting / Mutual Greeting

* *"Christ the True and Better"*

Reading of the Law

"Come, O Sinner"

Prayer of Confession and Assurance

Offering: 1) General Fund 2) Benton Harbor Soup Kitchen

Offering of Music

Please Sign and Pass the Friendship Pads

Recognition of Veterans

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

Congregational Prayer

Scripture: John 3:16-21

Message: *"Love and Light, Part II"*

Prayer of Response

* *"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"*

* Benediction

* *"Take My Life and Let It Be"*

Postlude

*** Indicates to please stand if able**

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

Worship

Worship Schedule

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; Communion Offering: 1) General Fund 2) Forgotten Man Ministries
Dec 18	Pastor John DeVries Special: Week Four of Advent Offering: 1) General Fund

Corporate Prayer is not taking place on Thanksgiving Day and will resume meeting weekly, Thursdays at 6:30am, on Dec 1.

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.

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 - Kelsey VonKoenig, Beth Wolf

Children & Worship - Deb Bodine (leader), Ben Nicholson

Check-In Teachers - Karen Styf, Judi Johnson

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Thursday: Barb VanLente, Kenzie Farwell (missionary)

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Wednesday: Chris & Judy White '96

Thursday: Michael & Janet McKenzie '06

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

Weather Related Cancellation Policy - If we are experiencing adverse weather conditions such as freezing rain, heavy snow, high wind with blowing snow, etc., the congregation is advised to use good judgment regarding driving conditions and putting themselves at risk. If 2 hours prior to any scheduled church activity there is a Blizzard 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!

A special offering is being taken this morning 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.

Today is the last day to make **reservations** for the **Adult Christmas Dinner**, in the library after the worship service.

- A festive evening of food, fellowship, and celebration!
- Friday, December 2 at Church
- Appetizers 6:00 - 6:30pm, Three Course Dinner 6:30pm
- \$5 per person
- Dress is business casual

Today is also the last day for adults to **sign up** for **Suppers of Eight**. Sharing a meal with a different group of people each month, January through March. Sign up sheet and more details are at the Information Center.

We grieve with Peggy Clore and family upon the passing of her mom, Betty Booth, on November 12.

Activities Today

7:45 AM	Worship Team
9:00 AM	Worship Service
10:30 AM	Sunday School
4:15 PM	Bell Choir Practice
5:30 PM	1Family

Our Church Going Forward

The office will be open on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, and **closed** on Thursday and Friday for Thanksgiving.

Come to the annual Christmas Program on Sunday, Dec 11 at 5:30pm! Adult choir included. Cookie & cocoa reception following.

If you can help in any of the following ways, please sign up at the Info Center.

- Set up for cookies/cocoa reception
- Donate 2 dozen homemade cookies
- Make the cocoa
- Clean up after reception

An Adult Choir will be included in our **Christmas Program** on Dec 11. Choir rehearsals will be on Sunday afternoons beginning Nov 27, with the last rehearsal just before the Dec 11 program. Interested in joining us for this special time of singing? Please sign up at the Info Center. Questions can be directed to Will Burrows.

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

Wednesday	7:00 PM	Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service
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From Our Executive Committee

As we continue the search for a **second 1Family nursery attendant** to hire, the Executive Committee invites the congregation to let the office or Erin Beran know if you have anyone (friend, community member...) to recommend for this position.