

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,
Classis Delegate
John Welch (2022-24) - Vice-Chair, Youth Liaison,
Finance
Kurt Beran (2021-23)
Joe Killian (2023-25) - Missions Liaison
Paul Toman (2022-24) - Education Liaison,
Men's Liaison, Safe Church Rep.
Dan Carrick (2023-25) - Clerk, Classic Delegate
Jane Grotevant (2021-23) - Hospitality Liaison
Sally Larm (2022-24) - Women's Liaison, Cultural
Engagement Liaison, Alternate Classis Delegate
Rob Schripsema (2021-23)
Karen Styf (2023-25)

DEACONS

Jane Grotevant - Chair, Soup Kitchen
Rob Schripsema - Vice-Chair, Benevolence
Dan Carrick - Clerk, Finance
Sally Larm - Pantry, Benevolence
Karen Styf - Pantry, Benevolence

Contact any of the deacons
regarding benevolence requests

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

John Welch - Chair (Finance Elder)
Pastor John DeVries - Vice-Chair (Elder Chair)
Dan Carrick (Finance Deacon)
Jane Grotevant (Deacon Chair)
Keith Lubbers - (Elder at Large)
Peggy Clore (Admin)

ELDERS

Pastor John DeVries - Chair
Keith Lubbers - Vice-Chair
Kurt Beran
Joe Killian
Paul Toman
John Welch - Clerk

ELDER DISTRICTS

A - C: Kurt Beran
D - J: John Welch
K - N: Joe Killian
O - S: Paul Toman
T - Z: Keith Lubbers



CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH



“Responding to His Love...With Honorable Offerings”

Rev. John R. DeVries

February 26, 2023

Christian Reformed Church of St. Joseph

3275 Washington Ave St. Joseph MI 49085

Rev. John R. DeVries - *Pastor*

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*** Indicates to please
stand if able**

Prelude & Welcome

Call to Worship

Prayer of Invocation

* *"O Worship the King"*

* God's Greeting / Mutual Greeting

* *"Our God Reigns (How Lovely on the Mountains)"*

Scripture of Confession

Prayer of Confession and Assurance

"Man of Sorrows"

Offering: 1) General Fund 2) Faith Promise (missionary support)

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: Malachi 1:1-14

Message: *"Responding to His Love...With Honorable Offerings"*

Prayer of Response

* *"How Can I Keep from Singing"*

* Benediction

* *"Now unto Him"*

Postlude

From Our Executive Committee

We are in the process of finding our next Director of Worship. The position of Director of Worship is a 10-hour per week position, responsible for the planning, organization, and development of the worship ministry, working in conjunction with the pastor. A job description for this position is available from the office or at the Information Center, as are applications for those wishing to apply. Please contact the church office or Pastor John if you have any questions.

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

Worship

Worship Schedule

- Mar 5 Pastor John DeVries
Offering: 1) General Fund 2) Benevolence Fund
- Mar 12 Pastor John DeVries
Special: Communion
Offering: 1) General Fund 2) LifePlan
- Mar 19 Pastor John DeVries
Offering: 1) General Fund
- Mar 26 Pastor John DeVries
Offering: 1) General Fund 2) Faith Promise
(missionary support)

All are invited for Corporate Prayer on Thursdays, 6:30am in the library, with the option to participate online via Zoom. Let the office know if you would like to begin receiving the Zoom invite email.

Youth

Roots (high school & middle school youth group) meets today at 5:30pm 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 - Dotti Terhune, Darryl Bodine, Micah Johnson
Children & Worship - Deb Bodine (leader), Vanessa Mead
Check-In Teachers - Patti Boersen, Kelsey VonKoenig

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Today: Samantha Nicholson
Tuesday: Ben Nicholson
John Welch

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Thursday: Jeff & Beth Wolf '91

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/@crcstjoseph.com>

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!

Today is Faith Promise Sunday when we bring forward during the offering time our previously pledged contributions in support of our missionaries, and we redistribute the missionary prayer cards.

If you took home a missionary prayer card last month, please return it to the communion table in the sanctuary prior to today's worship service.

Then during the offering, all are invited to pick up a prayer card from the communion table to use during this month.

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

What insights, understandings, convictions, or helps have you received from our recently concluded James sermon series? We invite you to share them with the office for sharing with our church family in the next issue of the Vine-Line newsletter (coming out in April).

The Summit is a two-week worldview conference open to students 16-25 years old. Our CRCSJ elders offer a one-time \$1000 in assistance to in-person Summit-attending CRCSJ students. The conference can be attended in Colorado or Tennessee during various weeks of the summer starting mid-May through August. Additionally, there is a condensed *Summit Virtual* option offered with an immersive platform during the week of June 12-16. If you are interested in either of these amazing opportunities, please check out the website for more details, to preview the experience, and to submit a deposit: www.summit.org. Prices are discounted until March 31, 2023. After a deposit is submitted, students can complete an application for the CRCSJ financial assistance by March 31. For forms and more information, see Deb Bodine.

Activities This Week

Tuesday	7:30 PM	Cultural Engagement Committee
Wednesday	9:30 AM	Connections Women's Bible Study
	12:00 PM	Staff Meeting
	7:00 PM	Deacons Meeting
Thursday	6:30 AM	Corporate Prayer
Friday	7:00 PM	Council/Staff Retreat
Saturday	9:00 AM	Council/Staff Retreat
	10:00 AM	Pantry Open

Our Church Going Forward

Back after a long absence, **Tinted Glass Sketch Comedy** (a group from our own church family) will entertain us on Saturday, March 25, 7:00 - 8:30pm at church! Bring the whole family for a night of fun and laughter followed up with ice cream. Feel free to invite others.

From Our Deacons

Our church pantry will be open this Saturday, March 4, 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.