

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 Incorruptible Instruction”

Rev. John R. DeVries

March 5, 2023

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

* *"Unchanging"*

* God's Greeting / Mutual Greeting

* Nicene Creed

* *"Jesus Messiah"*

Scripture of Confession

Prayer of Confession and Assurance

"His Mercy is More"

Offering: 1) General Fund 2) Benevolence Fund

"Be unto Your Name"

Please Sign and Pass the Friendship Pads

Children ages 3 1/2 through 2nd grade are invited

to Children & Worship

Congregational Prayer

Scripture: Malachi 2:1-9

Message: "Responding to His Love..."

"With Incorruptible Instruction"

Prayer of Response

* *"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"*

* Benediction

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

Postlude

Cultural Engagement

Ryan Bomberger, a strong pro-life advocate, is speaking in Holland, MI, on Tuesday, March 7, 7:00pm at Family Central Bookstore, 215 Central Ave.

Register Here: <https://www.focusonthefamily.com/lighthouse-voices/>

His presentation, "The Beauty of Possibility," is the multimedia story of his life and explores how we can all be agents in unleashing purpose in others' lives. The antithesis to unleashing purpose is a brutal abortion industry that crushes purpose 2,362 times a day, destroying those in utero and harming mothers and fathers. Based on Philippians 4:13 and Psalm 139, this powerful presentation shatters the myth of the "unwanted" child and celebrates the truth that we're all wanted by someone.

Ryan and his wife, Bethany, are co-founders of the life-affirming Radiance Foundation. <https://radiancefoundation.org/>

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 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)
Apr 2	Pastor John DeVries Offering: 1) General Fund 2) Benevolence Fund

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.

From Our Deacons

A special offering will be taken next Sunday, March 12, for LifePlan in Benton Harbor and Niles, which exists “to spread the Gospel by helping people choose life and live a hope-filled life,” and offers a wide range of practical services including pregnancy tests, ultra-sounds, needed supplies, STI testing, education, counseling, programs, and practical training.

Our Pantry is in need of the following items. If you are able to donate any of them, please place them in the small carts (labeled “Pantry Donations”) under the coat rack in the narthex. Thank you!

- Shampoo •Body Wash •Deodorant •Pudding Mix •Jello Mix
- Toothpaste (*Please do not donate toothbrushes or floss at this time, we have an over abundance and storage is limited.)
- Baking Mixes (corn bread, cakes, brownies, cookies, etc.)

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 - Bethany Schultz, Jeff Wolf, Chloe Nicholson
Children & Worship - Jo Nicholson (leader), Aaron Mead, Nadia Beran
Check-In Teachers - Fred Walker, Joy Welch

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Tuesday: Mike Phillips
Wednesday: Dave Terhune
Friday: Deb Quist

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!

We rejoice with:

- Henry & Christa Burtchett upon the birth of their sons, Eric Henry and Benjamin Francis, on February 27.
- Garrett & Danielle Green upon the birth of their son, Matthias James, on February 28.

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

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.

Come to the Monthly Potluck next Sunday, March 12! A great time of fellowship for all, taking place after the 10:30 - 11:30am Sunday School hour.

A Choir Rehearsal will take place on Saturday, March 18 at 10:30am. This will include music for Palm Sunday (Apr 2), Easter Sunday (Apr 9), and Memorial Day Sunday (May 28). Contact Fred Walker at 269-876-8727 with any questions.

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.

The time changes next weekend, “springing forward” one hour.

Activities This Week

Wednesday	9:30 AM	Connections Women’s Bible Study
Thursday	6:30 AM	Corporate Prayer

Youth

Roots (high school & middle school youth group) meets today at 5:30pm at church.