

# 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

<u>Title</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>E-mail Address</u>	<u>In Office</u>
Pastor	John DeVries	jdevries@crcsj.org	Tu-Fri
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Secretary	Beth Wolf	office@crcsj.org	Th-Fri
Director of Education & Shared Ministries	Erin Beran	eberan@crcsj.org	

## 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 Persevering Faith”

Rev. John R. DeVries

March 12, 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

*\* "All the Earth"*

*\* God's Greeting / Mutual Greeting*

*\* "Revelation Song"*

Offering: 1) General Fund 2) LifePlan

*"Shield About Me"*

Please Sign and Pass the Friendship Pads

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

Congregational Prayer

Scripture: Malachi 2:10 - 3:5

Message: "Responding to His Love... With Persevering Faith"

Prayer of Response

*\* "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"*

Communion

*"Just as I Am (I Come Broken)"*

*\* Benediction*

*\* "Now Unto Him"*

Postlude

**From Our Deacons**

**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.)

**Youth**

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

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

**Activities This Week**

<b>Tuesday</b>	7:00 PM	Elders 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>	10:30 AM	Choir Rehearsal

**Worship**

**Worship Schedule**

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
Apr 9	Pastor John DeVries Special: Easter, Communion Offering: 1) General Fund 2) Compassion International

**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.

**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** - Shiloh Pawelski, Ben Nicholson  
**Children & Worship** - Anna DeVries (leader), Beth Wolf, Lucy Nicholson  
**Check-In Teachers** - Debra Mead, Danielle Green

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

**Today:** Judi Johnson  
**Monday:** Hans Schultz  
**Wednesday:** Rebecca Walker  
**Thursday:** Chloe Nicholson  
**Saturday:** Harriet Farwell, Carolyn O’Hearn,  
Fred Walker, Paul Yskes

**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!

A special offering will be taken this morning 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.

Communion will be served to Nursery volunteers in Pastor John’s office immediately after the worship service. Please be prompt in picking up your children so the volunteers can celebrate the Lord’s Supper.

A new Adult Sunday School Class begins today. We will read together in class the book More Than a Carpenter, former skeptic Josh McDowell’s examination of the evidence about Jesus, his death and resurrection, the reliability of the biblical records, and more. First published in 1977, Josh and his son, Sean, have updated and expanded this valuable resource. Join us as we shore up together our ability to speak to the truth that Jesus is the Lord he claimed to be! (If you would like to contribute \$5 toward the cost of your book, you may place it in the “Carpenter Book” envelope in Peggy Clore’s staff mailbox.)

All are invited to stay for the Potluck today after the Sunday School hour! We’d love to have you with us!

We grieve with Marv & Barb Stoub upon the passing of Marv’s sister, Lois, on March 5.

### Activities Today

7:45 AM	Worship Team
9:00 AM	Worship Service
10:30 AM	Sunday School
11:45 AM	All-Church Potluck
3:00 PM	Bell Choir Practice
5:30 PM	IFamily

## Our Church Going Forward

Sunday School is NOT meeting next week, March 19, and will resume on March 26.

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A Choir Rehearsal will take place this 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.

Do you have something to include in the April issue of our church Vinline newsletter? Submissions are due to the office by Sunday, March 26.

And please remember to send to the office... insights, understandings, convictions, or helps you received from our recent James sermon series for sharing in the April Vinline!

We’re having an Easter Breakfast on Sunday, April 9 from 7:45 - 8:45am. More information coming next week.

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.

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. There is also a June 12-16 condensed Summit Virtual option. If interested in either of these opportunities, check out [www.summit.org](http://www.summit.org) for more details, to preview the experience, and to submit a deposit. 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.