

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 Proper Priorities”

Rev. John R. DeVries

March 19, 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

* *"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"*

* God's Greeting / Mutual Greeting

* *"Glorious Christ"*

Reading of the Law

"The Law of the Lord is Perfect"

Prayer of Confession and Assurance

Offering: 1) General Fund

"As the Deer"

Please Sign and Pass the Friendship Pads

Children's Message

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

Congregational Prayer

Scripture: Malachi 3:6-15

Message: "Responding to His Love... With Proper Priorities"

Prayer of Response

* *"Offering"*

* Benediction

* *"Blessing"*

Postlude

Missions

Next Sunday, March 26, 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 next Sunday's worship service.

Cultural Engagement

Focus on Life Annual Benefit Dinner for Berrien County Right to Life

- Tuesday, May 16, First Church of God, St. Joseph
- Dinner & Program 6:00pm; \$30 Individual, \$225 Table of 8
- Purchase Tickets at:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/berriencountyrighttolife/842639>

Guest Speaker David Williams - David knows personally the pain that men experience who have suffered the loss of fatherhood due to a past abortion, yet he also knows the forgiveness, grace, healing, and transforming power of Jesus Christ available to men suffering from it. David serves as a volunteer staff with SaveOne, an international ministry that helps men, women, and families recover after abortion. He is on the leadership team of the Men's Ministry Network with Pregnancy Centers in Florida and a member of MAN (Men and Abortion Network). David and his wife, Terea, and their six children live in Orlando. David also has an adult son who lives in Pittsburgh.

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

Worship

Worship Schedule

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| Mar 26 | Pastor John DeVries Offering: 1) General Fund 2) Faith Promise (missionary support) |
| Apr 2 | Pastor John DeVries Special: Palm Sunday Offering: 1) General Fund 2) Benevolence Fund |
| Apr 9 | Pastor John DeVries Special: Easter, Communion Offering: 1) General Fund 2) Compassion International |
| Apr 16 | Seminarian Aaron Mead Offering: 1) General Fund 2) Ministry Shares |

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) is **NOT meeting today** and will resume next Sunday, March 26.

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 - Sheryl Schripsema, Darryl Bodine

Children & Worship - Deb Bodine (leader), Karen Killian

Check-In Teachers - Karen Styf, Judi Johnson

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Today: Beth Boyer, Keith Lubbers, John Styf

Tuesday: Silas Nicholson

Thursday: Darryl Bodine

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Tuesday: Keran & Janna Young '15

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.

We would love the opportunity to get to know you!

Sunday School and 1Family are NOT taking place today. Both will resume next Sunday, March 26.

Coffee and tea ARE being served today in the library after the worship service. Come enjoy a cup along with the extra time to visit today!

The books have arrived for the More Than a Carpenter adult Sunday school class. **Pick up your copy today from the desk in the office.**

- As noted above, class is NOT meeting today, so you'll have time to read chapters 3 & 4 for discussing on Sunday, March 26.
- Join the class anytime as we use this valuable resource to shore up our ability to speak to the truth that Jesus is the Lord he claimed to be.
- If you want to contribute \$5 toward the cost of the book, you may place it in the "Carpenter Book" envelope in Peggy Clore's staff mailbox.

Due Today to the Office - Submissions for the April issue of our church Vaseline newsletter. Also a reminder to share with us insights, understandings, convictions, or helps you received from our recent James sermon series.

Activities Today

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| 7:45 AM | Worship Team |
| 9:00 AM | Worship Service |
| 4:15 PM | Bell Choir Practice |

Our Church Going Forward

Tinted Glass Sketch Comedy is this Saturday, March 25, 7:00 - 8:30pm! Bring the whole family for a night of fun and laughter followed up with ice cream. Use the insert in this bulletin for inviting friends & neighbors!

All are Invited to Our Annual Easter Breakfast!

Sunday, April 9, 7:45 – 8:45am. Come & enjoy any time during this hour!

Many helping hands are needed. Please sign up at the Information Center for:

- Baking a breakfast casserole
- Baking/purchasing muffins or breakfast bread
- Setting up & Prepping food on Saturday 9:00 - 10:30am
- Serving during breakfast (you will have time to eat!) 7:45am
- Cleaning up kitchen after Sunday worship service 10:30am

There is no sign-up for attending. ALL are welcome!

The next Choir Rehearsal is Saturday, April 1 at 10:30am. Rehearsal dates after that are April 8, May 6, and May 20, all at 10:30am. Preparing 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.

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 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.

Activities This Week

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| Wednesday | 9:30 AM | Connections Women's Bible Study |
| Thursday | 6:30 AM | Corporate Prayer |
| Saturday | 7:00 PM | Tinted Glass Sketch Comedy |