

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 Corporate Commitment

Rev. John R. DeVries

March 26, 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

* *"Psalm 66 (Come All Ye People, Bless Our God)"*

* God's Greeting / Mutual Greeting

* *"There is Joy in The Lord"*

Scripture of Confession

Prayer of Confession and Assurance

"Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me"

Baptism & Profession of Faith of Aidan Fredenburg

Offering: 1) General Fund 2) Faith Promise (Missionary Support)

"Jesus, Thank You"

Please Sign and Pass the Friendship Pads

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

Congregational Prayer

Scripture: Malachi 3:16-18

Message: "Responding to His Love..."

With Corporate Commitment"

Prayer of Response

* *"O Jesus, We Have Promised"*

* Benediction

* *"My Friends, May You Grow in Grace"*

Postlude

From Our Deacons

Our church pantry will be open this Saturday, April 1, 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.

Cultural Engagement

Monique Duson, co-founder of the Center for Biblical Unity, is speaking on Tuesday, April 11, 7:00pm at Family Central Bookstore, 215 Central Ave., in Holland, MI. **Register to attend in-person or online at:**
<https://www.focusonthefamily.com/lighthouse-voices/>

Monique spent two decades advocating for the idea of "racial reconciliation." But she saw very little fruit. And after the rise of Black Lives Matter, the divide between the races seemed worse than ever. Monique will share her journey from the "racial reconciliation" model to recognizing that the Gospel offers a better hope for racial unity than anything the world could ever give. Based on Ephesians 1-3, she will give a deep dive into God's plan for keeping the unity that Jesus secured on the cross. How can Christian brothers and sisters cross cultural divides and love each other according to the Father's rules?

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

- Apr 2 Pastor John DeVries
Special: Palm Sunday
Offering: 1) General Fund 2) Benevolence Fund
- Apr 6 Pastor John DeVries
Maundy Thursday - 7:00pm
- 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
- Apr 23 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.

Education

Books are available for the More Than a Carpenter adult Sunday school class. Pick up your copy from the desk in the office.

- 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.

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 - Judi Johnson, Erin Beran

Children & Worship - Deb Bodine (leader), Julie DeWeerd

Check-In Teachers - Patti Boersen, Kelsey VonKoenig

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Today: Mackenzie Breinling

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!

This morning we have the joy of witnessing the profession of faith and baptism of Aidan Fredenburg.

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.

Through Today - You can still submit items to the office for the April issue of our church Vaseline newsletter.

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

Next Choir Rehearsal: this Saturday, April 1 at 10:30am. Rehearsal dates after that: April 8, May 6, 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.

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!

Annual Church Clean Up Day - Saturday, April 22, 8:00am - 11:30am, with lunch provided at 11:30. Indoor and outdoor work for all ages. Come for however much time you are able. **Even if the weather does not look good**, clean up day will take place. Plenty to do inside, and our outdoor warriors tend to forge ahead anyway!

- **For Outdoor Work:** Please bring rakes, gloves, pruners, wheelbarrows, stepladders, etc.
- **For Indoor Work:** Please bring buckets, rags, gloves (cleaning products provided). A list of tasks will be just inside the main door on the shelf. Write your name by a task you will work on, and when it's done, cross it off the list.
- **Questions?** Call the church office at 429-5541.

Maundy Thursday & Easter Schedule:

April 6 - Maundy Thursday Service 7:00pm

April 9 - Easter Breakfast 7:45 - 8:45am

- Easter Service 9:00am

- Pick up your Easter flower orders after service

The Summit summer worldview conferences: Deadline for both The Summit's discounted prices and our church's one-time \$1000 in assistance to CRCSJ in-person attendees is Friday, March 31. Students 16-25 years old, submit your deposit at www.summit.org and contact Deb Bodine for church assistance form.

Activities This Week

Tuesday	7:00 PM	Elders Meeting
	7:30 PM	Cultural Engagement Committee
Wednesday	9:30 AM	Connections Women's Bible Study
Thursday	6:30 AM	Corporate Prayer
Saturday	10:00 AM	Pantry Open
	10:30 AM	Choir Rehearsal