

Mission Statement

To the glory of God, the Harvest Community Church is to gather and nurture God's growing family.

Purpose

To **Glorify** God through worship in spirit and in truth
To **Gather** God's family through outreach
To **Grow** in grace and knowledge of Jesus through discipleship
To **Give** back of ourselves what God has given through service
To be **Grafted** to one another through Holy Spirit fellowship

Core Value

If anything good is going to happen, God has to do it.

Therefore, it is important for us to always look to discern what God is doing and join Him in His work.

Such discovery will be

- **Led by scripture**
- **Based on spiritual giftedness**
- **Bathed in prayer**
- **An outgrowth of small group intimacy**

ELDER/DEACON DISTRICTS:

J. Flohr/S. Oosterhouse—A-I

B. DeJong/R. Duits—J-O

D. Barnett/J. Leazier—P-Z

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CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Sunday Services

Worship Service—9:30 a.m. (Children's Worship during service)

Sunday School—11:00 a.m. Sept-May

Community Group Ministry—Sunday evenings

(CHEERS in the home 1st and 3rd Sundays,

Bible Study at church 2nd and 4th Sundays.)

Weekday Ministries

Coffee Break/Story Hour/Little Lambs

Wednesdays 9:00—11:00 a.m. Sept.—May

Moms in Prayer

Wednesdays—11:30 a.m. Sept-May

Prayer Meeting

Wednesdays—7:00 pm

*CHEERS (Caring, Hope, Encouragement, Enlightenment, Respect, Support)

CONSISTORY:

Pastor Ben Ridder

Elders Bob DeJong—2024

Jason Flohr—2025

Dick Barnett—2026

Deacons Richard Duits—2024

Seth Oosterhouse—2025

Joe Leazier—2026



Blessed be the
God and Father
of our
Lord Jesus Christ!
By his great mercy
he has given us a
new birth
into a
living hope
through the
resurrection
of Jesus Christ
from the dead.

1 Peter 1:3, NRSV

*Harvest Community
Church*

A Christian Reformed Ministry

620 Sixth Avenue

Lake Odessa, Michigan 48849

Welcome to Harvest Church

Sunday, March 10, 2024

It's a blessing to gather together today!

"Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths; guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long. Remember, O Lord, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old." Psalm 25:4-6

Morning Worship

Message: I Set My Hope

Scripture: I Samuel 17:1-50

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Children's Worship meets today. Children ages 3-6 are dismissed to go downstairs during the offering. Parents, please accompany your child to the classroom.

Please join us for coffee/fellowship time following the service this morning.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This morning we welcome to bring God's message to us Mr. Caleb Horjus. Caleb is currently studying at Calvin Theological Seminary and serving as the Director of Youth at Caledonia Christian Reformed Church. Pastor Ben and Karilynn are spending some time with daughter Sara and family in Cairo, Egypt.

Next Sunday, Pastor Duane Nieuwsma will be bringing God's Word to us. Pastor Duane is a retired minister in the Christian Reformed Church, living in Byron Center. Pastor Duane is currently organizing a Bible land pilgrimage: Journeys of Paul in Turkey and Greece. It is scheduled for October 21—November 2, 2024. If you would like more information or a brochure, please contact him in person or by email (dnieuw@hotmail.com).

Second offering next Sunday morning will be for Celebration Fellowship, a Christian Reformed Church within the Ionia prison system.

Romans 9-11 Study will not be meeting tonight as Pastor Ben is out of town.

Good Friday Communion Service will take place Friday

evening, March 29 at 7:00.

Coffee Break Women's Bible Study begins a new study this week on the twelve disciples. All women are always welcome to join us at any time. Our first lesson will be from John 1:35-42, specifically looking at the life of Andrew.

Moms in Prayer will meet this Wednesday at 11:30 am. This prayer time will focus especially on prayer for our area schools, students, staff and board members. Moms, grandmas, and anyone interested are invited.

Wednesday Night Prayer meets this week at 7:00. If you have a special prayer need, please fill out a card from the greeter table and leave it in the offering basket, or join us on Wednesday as we pray.

Bowling Night. From the Fellowship Purpose Group—we are planning a bowling night on Saturday, March 30 at Buddy's in Lake Odessa from 4-6 pm. The cost will include shoes, bowling lane, pizza and a soft drink. We need to know how many are interested because that will determine the price. Please sign the sheet on the back table at church.

Colorado Challenge. Harvest's high school youth will be traveling to Woodland Park, Colorado to take part in the 'Colorado Challenge' camp (June 8-16). We still have ~ 15 spots available if you or someone you know would be interested in participating in camp or serving as an adult leader. Please see Brent Merritt with questions or to get your name on the list.

Church Lawn Care. We are looking for someone to take comprehensive care of the church and parsonage lawns this season. Duties include at least the following: mowing, edging, fertilizing and weed killing, trimming. Contact Richard Duits with any questions you may have.

A Community Chat on Housing will be held at Central Church in Lake Odessa on Wednesday, March 27 at 6:00 pm. Questions to be discussed: Why Aren't Houses Cheaper? Why is Rent So High? Why Can't I Find Property? What Can I do About It? Speaker will be Stacey Moore, Director of Habitat of Ionia County.

Golf Classic. Starfysh, a ministry supported by Harvest Church special offerings, will be hosting the 2024 Starfysh Golf Classic on Monday, June 17 at the Stonewater Country Club in Caledonia, Michigan. Join us for a fun day of golf and food, contests, and prizes! All in support of Starfysh's 2024 project efforts in Haiti. Four-some reservations and sponsorship opportunities now open: <https://app.eventcaddy.com/events2024-starfysh-golf-outing/store>

Prayer Help. Are you or someone you know in need of extra focused prayer? There are prayer cards on the greeter table. Please fill them in and leave in the offering basket or in the Prayer Room bowl. The needs are prayed for at Wednesday evening prayer gathering.

CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

Today	9:30 am—Worship Service
	11:00 am— Sunday School for all ages
Wednesday	9:00 am—Coffee Break Bible Study
	11:30 am—Moms in Prayer
	7:00 pm—Prayer Meeting

From the Deacons—Offerings received on March 3

General Fund \$4,730.00 **Capital Improvement** \$453.00

ASSIGNMENTS

Thank you to all our volunteers who care for the children, and help with other ministries during the worship service today!

Greeters Today and March 17 Bob and Cindi Green

Children's Worship Children ages 3-6 are dismissed to go downstairs during the offering.

Today Val Livingston

March 17 Audrey Mason

March 24 Karilynn Ridder

Nursery Today Joann Gerke, Joshua Flohr

March 17 Harlene Westendorp, Jaelynn Duits

March 24 Audrey Mason, Jeremiah Flohr, Maggie Mosher

Coffee Time Today Mike and Lynnette Nagelkirk

March 17 Steve Werdon

March 24 Joyce Tuitman

Prayer Ministry

Today Cindi Green **March 17** Marshann Ludema

Prayer Family:

Please be praying for this household over the next week. Each Harvest household is rotated through the schedule.

This week: Bryce and Hannah Pennington