

# 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**
- M. Nagelkirk/R.Oosterhouse—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.)

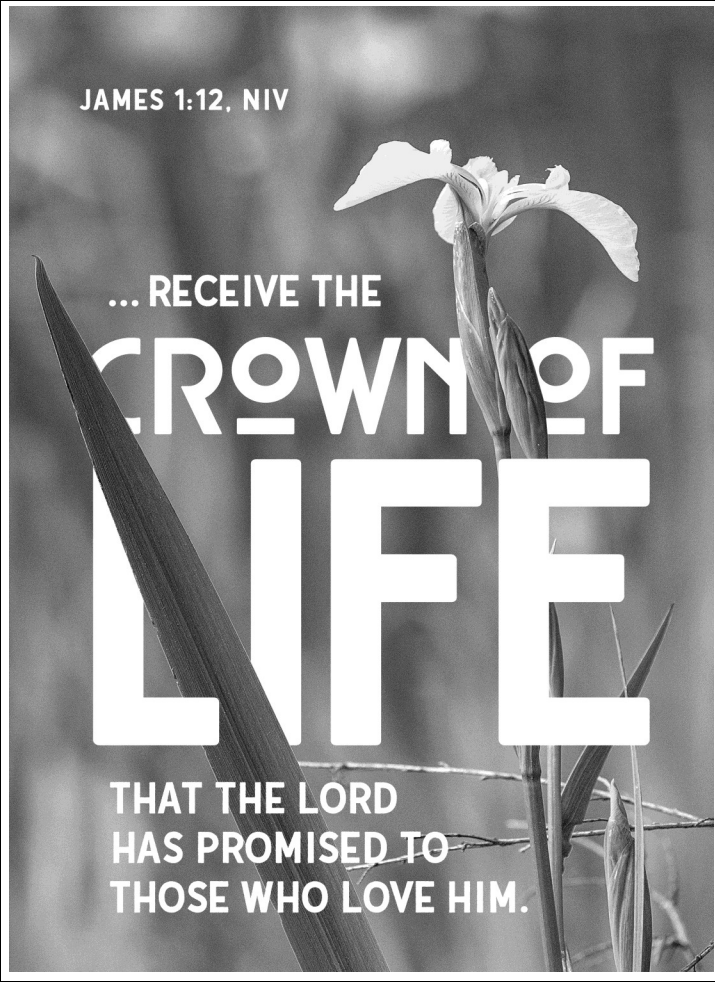
## Weekday Ministries

- 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 Jason Flohr—2025  
Dick Barnett—2026  
Mike Nagelkirk—2027
- Deacons Seth Oosterhouse—2025  
Joe Leazier—2026  
Ryan Oosterhouse—2027



JAMES 1:12, NIV

... RECEIVE THE  
**CROWN OF  
LIFE**

THAT THE LORD  
HAS PROMISED TO  
THOSE WHO LOVE HIM.

*Harvest Community  
Church*

*A Christian Reformed Ministry*

*620 Sixth Avenue*

*Lake Odessa, Michigan 48849*

# Welcome to Harvest Church

August 24, 2025

**We are glad you are here!**

*“Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge will award me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for His appearing.” II Timothy 4:8*

## Morning Worship

**Message: Paul’s Obituary**

**Scripture:** II Timothy 4:8

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**This morning** we conclude our series on the book of Acts and the ministry of Paul by looking at a very personal word he writes to his young protégé, Timothy. Sitting in the Mamertine prison just outside the Roman Forum, Paul knows his time on earth is short, and he reflects on his time in ministry: “I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith.” What a wonderful thing to be able to say about oneself, by the grace of God. What would your obituary say if you were the one to write it?

**Adult Sunday School** meets this morning at 11:00.

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion** is in front of us this morning. The Lord himself invites us to “take, eat, remember and believe...” All are invited to partake who:

- Humble themselves in repentance before God, considering their own sin.
- Trust in Jesus Christ alone for salvation, believing their sins are forgiven wholly by grace for the sake of our Lord’s sacrifice on the cross.
- Resolve to live in faith and obedience with his neighbor with the help of the Holy Spirit.

**Church Council** will meet in the prayer room this morning following the service.

**Advanced Notice:** Sunday School for all ages will resume Sunday, September 21. The teachers this year are Karilynn Ridder, Mary Flohr, Tina Leazier, Jason Flohr, and Ben Ridder. Room assignments and age distribution will be posted on the classroom doors the closer we come to that Sunday. Thank you to all who have said yes to using the gifts that God has provided for the good of His Church.

**Old Fashioned Hymn Sing** will take place next Sunday evening at Woodland United Methodist Church for Sunday, 6:00. Church is located at 203 North Main Street in Woodland.

## **From the Outreach Purpose Group**

- Plans are underway for a combined church Vacation Bible School to be held at the fairgrounds next summer. This is a cooperative effort of the Lakewood Ministerial Association and the Lakewood Community Women’s group. Bonnie Rush is heading this project up and would like a representative from each church to be a part of the planning group. If you would be willing to serve in that capacity from Harvest, please contact Pastor Ridder.
- On Tuesday, September 23, 6:00-7:30, we will be hosting representatives from Starlight Ministries (Myciah Ridder being one) who will be presenting QPR, a suicide prevention training. Help us get the word out. The event is free of charge and you can register at mycah@starlightmin.org.
- Notice the opportunities on the west wall of the sanctuary to be involved in this year’s Samaritan Purse’s Operation Christmas Child Shoebox.

**Reminder to Sunday School Kids:** Please be looking for ways to earn your \$15 to use for buying gifts to pack in the shoeboxes. Remember, each \$15 you earn will be matched by another \$15, so you will have double the amount to spend at our ‘store’.

**Church Family:** A baby basket for any gifts you would like to give to Sophie Grace Pennington is in the back of the auditorium by the church mailboxes. Sophie continues to need your prayers.

**Sunday Morning Fellowship Time.** If you would like to furnish cookies/bars, etc for our Sunday fellowship time following the morning service, please sign the sheet on the back table on the date you would like. We usually need 4-5 dozen per Sunday. Thanks!

**Advanced Notice:** The summer women’s group who have been studying *The Real Heaven* by Chip Ingram will meet next on Wednesday, September 3 but will be switching from brunch to lunch at 1:00 pm at Lynnette Nagelkirk’s home. All women invited! Plan to come, even if you don’t have a book.

**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—Morning Worship and Communion
	10:30 am—Church Council
	11:00 am—Adult Sunday School
Wednesday	10:00 am—Moms in Prayer
	7:00 pm—Prayer Meeting

## **From the Deacons—Offerings Received**

**August 10** General Fund \$3067.00

**August 17** General Fund \$2,628.00  
Starfysh \$970.00

## ASSIGNMENTS

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

<b><u>Greeters</u></b>	<b>Today</b> Nick and Emily Berens
	<b>August 31</b> Joyce Mearns
<b><u>Nursery</u></b>	<b>Today</b> Mary Flohr, Erika Leazier
	<b>August 31</b> Jenny Reynolds, Joshua Flohr
	<b>September 7</b> Lisa Nurenberg, Gabe Flohr

<b><u>Coffee Time</u></b>	<b>Today</b> Tamara Reser
	<b>August 31</b> Wayne Moak
	<b>September 7</b> Noah Garn

## **Prayer Ministry**

**Today** Gail Pepper                      **August 31** Joel Pepper

## **Prayer Family:**

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

**This week:** Ted and Diana Wells