

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

And day by day
the Lord added
to their number
those who were
being saved.

Acts 2:47, NRSV



Harvest Community Church

A Christian Reformed Ministry

620 Sixth Avenue

Lake Odessa, Michigan 48849

Welcome to Harvest Church

August 3, 2025

We are glad you are here!

“Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another-and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”

Hebrews 10:23-25

Morning Worship

Message: The Last Lap

Scripture: Acts 28:7-16

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

As we continue our journey with Paul, we find ourselves with him on the last lap on his journey to Rome. The previous lap has been one of peril and provision, storm and salvation, shipwreck and shalom. This last lap begins with sweet Christian fellowship and continues with the accompaniment of more Christian brothers into the city of Rome itself. The idea of Christian fellowship is God’s. It’s a gift He knows we need as we walk in faith.

Second Offering Schedule for August

- * Today: Capitol Improvement Fund of Harvest Church
- * August 17th: Starfysh Ministry on the island of La Gonave in Haiti.

Adult Sunday School meets at 11:00 this morning.

Outreach Purpose Group meets tomorrow evening here at church at 6:30.

Church Family: Nancy Oosterhouse was admitted to Corewell Health Downtown this past week and has undergone several procedures in an attempt to better the blood circulation in her leg. Keep her and Ken in your prayers as she will undergo a different procedure tomorrow.

Pulpit Supply next Sunday. Mr. Caleb Horjus will be bringing us God’s Word next Sunday. Caleb is beginning his final year this fall at Calvin Theological Seminary. He is currently working with the youth at Caledonia Christian Reformed Church. Pastor Ben and family will be gone on vacation.

Consistory will be meeting on Wednesday, August 13. Mike Nagelkirk will be hosting.

New Church Officers will be nominated in the near future. If there is anyone you would like to nominate for the office of elder or deacon, please do so through any of the current officers.

Public Profession of Faith. Having appeared before the consistory, Dick and Sue Nelson will be publicly professing their faith in Christ during the worship service of August 17.

Back to School Bash (hosted by the Lakewood Community Women’s Group) is scheduled for this afternoon, 1:00-4:00 at the Lake Odessa Fairgrounds. Come and enjoy the fun with your kids and grandkids! No kids? Come anyway and see what this outreach is all about. Please pray for this event as gospel seeds are planted.

Maranatha Free Concert. Maranatha Bible and Missionary Conference Center in Norton Shores, Michigan will host a free to the public concert featuring Jason Unger on Saturday, August 9. Doors open at 6:45 pm.

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - As another school year approaches, spend some time in prayer for teachers, administrators, and students from preschool through graduate school. Pray that students may turn their ears to wisdom, apply their hearts to understanding, and find the knowledge of God (Prov. 2:2,5). Pray that administrators and teachers may model God’s wisdom, love, and compassion as they support and instruct students. Brought to you by Thrive: cre-na.org/Thrive

World Renew Disaster Response Services (DRS) - Are you someone with time on your hands that is passionate about service towards God’s kingdom? It’s not too late to repair homes in a disaster-impacted community this fall by volunteering with World Renew DRS! Our reconstruction teams in Sarasota, Florida, and Windsor, North Carolina, have a spot waiting for you. Contact Diana Marquez, our Volunteer Program Manager, at dmarquez@worldrenew.net or 616-224-0701 for more information.

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 11:00 am—Adult Sunday School 1:00 pm—Back to School Bash at Fair-grounds
Monday	6:30 pm—Outreach Purpose Group
Wednesday	10:00 am—Moms in Prayer 7:00 pm—Prayer Meeting

From the Deacons—Offerings Received

July 27 General Fund \$1,630.00

ASSIGNMENTS

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

<u>Greeters</u>	Today Bob and Cindi Green August 10 Nick and Emily Berens
<u>Nursery</u>	Today Harlene Westendorp, Gabe Flohr August 10 Audrey Mason, Jessica Kastanek August 17 Marshann Ludema, Jaelynn Duits

<u>Coffee Time</u>	Today Joann Gerke August 10 Wayne Moak August 17 Steve Werdon
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<u>Prayer Ministry</u>	Today Cindi Green August 10 Marshann Ludema
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Prayer Family:
Please be praying for this household over the next week. Each Harvest household is rotated through the schedule.
This week: Ken and Deb Trumble