

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:

D. Redder/W. Moak—A-I

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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

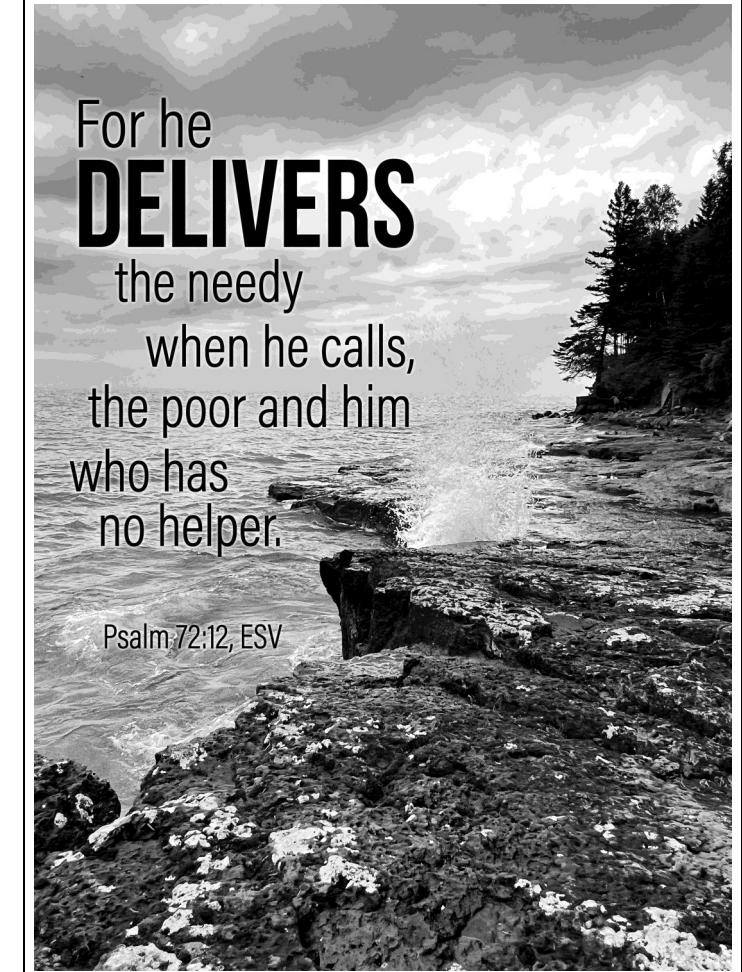
Elders Dick Barnett—2026
 Mike Nagelkirk—2027
 Darl Redder—2028

Deacons Joe Leazier—2026
 Ryan Oosterhouse—2027
 Wayne Moak—2028

For he
DELIVERS

the needy
when he calls,
the poor and him
who has
no helper.

Psalm 72:12, ESV



**Harvest Community
Church**

A Christian Reformed Ministry

620 Sixth Avenue

Lake Odessa, Michigan 48849

Welcome to Harvest Church

January 11, 2026

We are glad you are here!

"My prayer is not that You take them out of the world but that You protect them from the evil one. They are not of this world, even as I am not of it. Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth." Jesus in His prayer to the Father (John 17:15-16)

Morning Worship

Message: Being Protected from the Evil One

Scripture: Matthew 6:13, John 17:15

Pages 685 and 766 in the blue chair Bibles

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This morning we look at the second half of the final petition of the Lord's prayer: "...and deliver us from the evil one." C.S. Lewis rightly warns us not to fall into two equal and opposite errors regarding the Devil: disbelieving in his existence or believing in him with excessive, unhealthy interest. Both extremes, ignoring demonic activity and obsessing over it, are dangerous traps that distract our faith and lead to spiritual error. This morning we seek a right balance.

Second Offering next Sunday is for the Alpha Family Center, Lake Odessa location.

Sunday School Classes are resuming for all ages this morning following the worship service.

New Sunday Night Bible Study begins here this evening at 5:00. Having concluded our look at Paul's first letter to the Thessalonian church, this evening we will begin a study on his second letter to that church. Please read and consider II Thessalonians 1:1-12 in preparation.

Reminder: The second and fourth Sunday nights of the month hosts a Bible Study here at 5:00. The first and third Sunday nights of the month are dedicated to home fellowship groups that are meeting in various homes. If you would like further information about either of these ministries, contact Pastor Ben.

Coffee Break for women will meet this Wednesday at 9:00 am. Our study topic will be 'The Power of a Woman's Words.' by Sharon Jaynes—lesson 2 and we'll be looking at various Scripture verses. If you need a book, contact the church office. All women are invited to join us for this new study.

Summer Ministry Work Trip to Appalachia Reach Out.

- Dates: August 29-September 4
- Cost: \$450 per participant (includes food and lodging and \$180 per participant for construction material)
- Age: 18 and above

There is a sign up sheet on the back table. Up to 40 folks can go from Harvest.

Also on the back table....if you would like to donate treats for Sunday morning Fellowship time, please sign the date you would like on the sheet for that. Usually we will need around 5-6 dozen cookies, bars, etc for the fellowship time between church and Sunday School. Thank you!

Consistory meets this Wednesday at 7:00. Darl Redder will be serving as host.

Weather closing reminder—tune in to WOOD TV channel 8 when weather could cause cancelation of church services and other Sunday events. You can also get the information by going to **TV8 weather closings** on your smart phone.

Church mailboxes. Please be sure to pick up your mail from your church mailbox regularly. Boxes are marked alphabetically.

ReFrame Ministries. Kids Corner Devotions: Joy is Better Than Happiness - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Joy is Better than Happiness" at www.kidscorner.net. Discover how choosing joy can make every day brighter, even when things don't go your way! Learn how God helps us find real joy that lasts longer than just being happy. Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net), like KC's The Bible in One Year Plan.

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Galatians 3:28 reminds us of the profound unity we share as believers in Christ, regardless of our backgrounds or perceived differences. As members of God's diverse yet unified family, we are called to live into the vision proclaimed in this verse. This week, as we commemorate the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.—a faithful advocate of this very vision—consider how you and your family or friends might actively embrace and embody this unity by building relationships with families of different racial and cultural backgrounds. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

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—Sunday School for all ages 5:00 pm—II Thessalonians Study
Wednesday	9:00 am—Coffee Break for Women 7:00 pm—Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm—Consistory Meeting

From the Deacons—Offerings Received

December 28	General Fund \$5,175.00
January 4	General Fund \$3,411.00 Benevolent Fund \$6,042.00

ASSIGNMENTS

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

Greeters	Today Jeff and Kay Lindsey January 18 Bob and Cindi Green
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Nursery	Today Julie Kastanek, Joshua Flohr January 18 Joann Gerke, Jaelynn Duits January 25 Harlene Westendorp
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Coffee Time	Today Tamara Reser January 18 Noah Garn January 25 Mike and Lynnette Nagelkirk
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Prayer Ministry	Today Sue Hansbarger	January 18 Lynnette Nagelkirk
Prayer Family:		
Please be praying for this household over the next week. Each Harvest household is rotated through the schedule.		

This week: Jeremiah and Maggie Flohr