

# 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.)

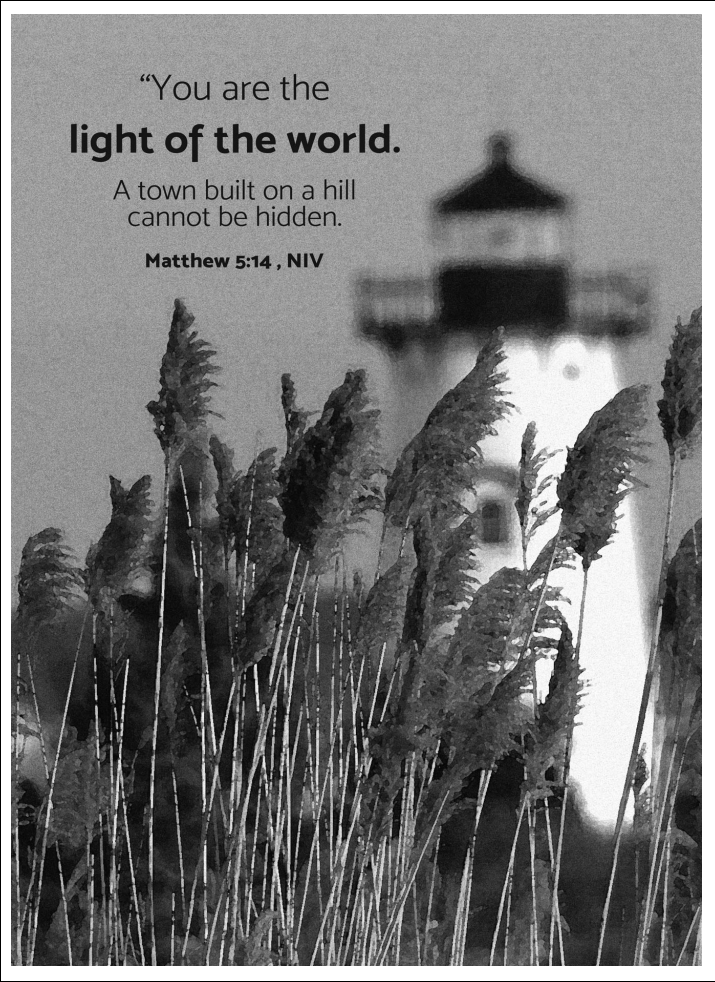
## Weekday Ministries

- 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



# Harvest Community Church

A Christian Reformed Ministry  
620 Sixth Avenue  
Lake Odessa, Michigan 48849

# Welcome to Harvest Church

July 20, 2025

**We are glad you are here!**

*“For God who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” made His light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all –surpassing power is from God and not us.” Paul to the Corinthian Church (II Corinthians 4:6-7*

## Morning Worship

**Message: A Calming Influence**

**Scripture:** Acts 27:27-44

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**This morning’s message** continues in the episode of Paul, along with 275 other shipmates, about to be dashed to pieces by the hurricane-like storm. At the time of our passage, they had been in the middle of the storm for over two weeks. What they needed was a voice of both reason and encouragement, and the Apostle provides them with both. What does your presence bring with it as a child of God in situations where worry and chaos would rule the day?

**Missionary Journey Maps.** Not a bad idea to have your map of Paul’s journeys with you again this morning, and on until the end of the series.

**The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper** will be before us next Sunday as part of our time of worship.

**Second Offering** this morning is for Joshua and Emily Jiang, missionaries in South Korea to Chinese immigrants in a certain region of that country. They are currently on home leave but hope to be back on the field within a couple of months, as Joshua reported as much to Pastor Ben at breakfast this past week.

**Ice Cream Sundae Bar** is planned for this morning following the worship service. Weather permitting, it will be held outdoors.

**Adult Sunday School** will not be meeting this morning due to the ice cream bar.

**New Office-bearers for Harvest Community Church.** At our next Council meeting (August 20th), we will be nominating new officers for both the position of elder and deacon. If you have anyone in mind that you would like to see nominated for either of those positions, please give their names to any current office holders.

**Harvest’s softball team** will be playing this week Tuesday (two games) beginning at 6:30 pm at field #1 in Freeport. The opponent is Bowne Center UM Church.

**Church Family**—Ken David would like to thank the congregation for their prayers and cards, they were very much appreciated.

**Harvest’s Book Readers** have chosen the next book for reading and discussion *Heartwood* by Amity Gaige. Discussion on the book is planned for August 21.

**Back to School Bash** (hosted by the Lakewood Community Women’s Group) is scheduled for Sunday, August 3rd, 1:00-4:00 at the Lake Odessa Fairgrounds. They are looking for volunteers to help with a variety of activities as in the past. There is a sign up sheet on the back table of church for anyone willing to help out in this activity. Cindi Green and Evie David are our representatives to this women’s group and would be happy to answer any questions you might have. Come and enjoy the fun with your kids and grandkids! No kids? Come anyway and see what this outreach is all about. Please be in prayer as we plant seeds for God’s kingdom.

**Sunfield United Brethren Church** is planning Small Town Revival meetings from July 27th-30th (6:30 pm) at the church, located at 8436 West Grand Ledge Highway, Sunfield. Family Dinner and Fellowship will be catered by Swede’s Mon., Tues, Wed. From 5-6 pm. Please bring a love offering for the Special Guest, Master’s Voice and a donation for the dinner. For more information contact mbeard814@hotmail.com or beardcarole@hotmail.com.

**Maranatha Christian Conference Center** in Norton Shores will host a free concert this Saturday, July 26 featuring The Martins. Doors open at 6:45 pm for general public. Guarantee you’ll have the best seats by purchasing tickets to the Saturday evening Italian buffet, which begins at 5:00 pm with doors open to concert at 6:30 pm. Dinner tickets can be purchased online at MaranathaMichigan.org/Summer-Concert-Series.

**Paul’s Missionary Journeys in Greece** (April 3 - 13, 2026): Travel by motor coach (6 days) and cruise ship (3 days) to sites connected with Paul’s second and third missionary journeys, as well as visit

other major sites of biblical, archaeological, and cultural interest. Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading Pauline scholar, hosts this inspirational tour. For more information, contact Dr. Weima at [616-328-3110](tel:616-328-3110) or [weimje@calvinseminary.edu](mailto:weimje@calvinseminary.edu).

**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 10:45 am—Ice Cream Sundae Bar
Tuesday	6:30 pm—Double Header Ball Game in Freeport (field 1)
Wednesday	10:00 am—Moms in Prayer 7:00 pm—Prayer Meeting

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

**July 13** General Fund \$4,910.00

## 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  
**July 27** Bob and Cindi Green

**Nursery** **Today** Julie Kastanek, Erika Leazier  
**July 27** Marshann Ludema, Joshua Flohr  
**August 3** Harlene Westendorp, Gabe Flohr

**Coffee Time** **Today** Wayne Moak  
**July 27** Cindi Green  
**August 3** Joann Gerke

**Prayer Ministry**  
**Today** Gail Pepper **August 3** Joel Pepper

**Prayer Family:**  
Please be praying for this household over the next week. Each Harvest household is rotated through the schedule.  
**This week:** Grant and Norma Russell