

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
- 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.)

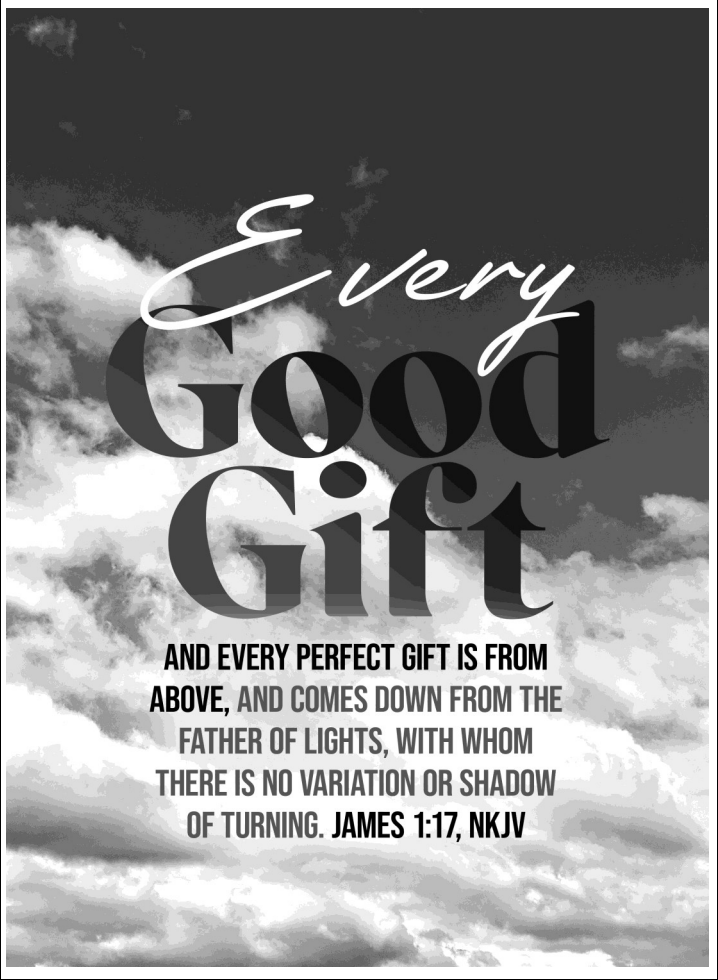
Weekday Ministries

- 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 Dick Barnett—2026
 Mike Nagelkirk—2027
 Darl Redder—2028
- Deacons Joe Leazier—2026
 Ryan Oosterhouse—2027
 Wayne Moak—2028



Harvest Community Church

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

Welcome to Harvest Church

July 26, 2026

We are glad you are here!

“Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.”
James 1:17

Morning Worship

Message: Sovereign in the Good Times

Scripture: Deuteronomy 8:6-20

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Children’s worship will not meet today.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We finish up our series on the sovereignty of God this morning looking at that sovereignty in the middle of times that are good. God not only works during our trials and afflictions, He also works in the middle of times that are clear, bright, and wonderful. It is during times like that where we are most tempted to forget His sovereign movements, claiming some connection between the blessings and our efforts. God warned Israel in our passage with a warning we would be wise to heed ourselves this day.

Second Offerings for August:

- August 2—Capital Improvement Fund of Harvest Church
- August 16—Starfysh: Ministry in Haiti

Adult Sunday School meets this morning at 11:00. All other classes have recessed for the summer.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated next Sunday as part of our worship service.

Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, August 16th, following the service. At this meeting a vote of affirmation will be received for the following nominated candidates for church office: Elder-Jason Flohr; Deacon—Bob Green.

Church Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, August 23rd after church at the Barnett residence. Bring a dish or two to pass. Grilled meat, drinks and table service will be provided. Our time together will begin with a baptism. If anyone else would like to receive the sacrament of baptism, please contact Pastor Ridder.

Harvest Co-ed Softball team will be playing in tournament games this week, on Tuesday at First Presbyterian Church in Hastings at 6:30 pm. Opponent will be Thornapple Valley Church. Winner of this game will play on Saturday, August 1 at 8:00 am at Fish Hatchery Park in Hastings.

Needed: donations of blank journals, journaling stickers, cream/white tote bags, and fabric paint to go to an ARO (Appalachia Reachout) project, anticipated to be completed in August, more details to come. Bring your donations to the church office.

Lakewood Area Ministerial Association (LAMA) and Zion Lutheran Church are sponsoring a school supply/backpack give away to students in the Lakewood school district., If you would like to help in the preparation of the material and/or distribution (Lake Odessa Library: August 11, 4:00-7:00 pm; August 14, 11:00 am–3:00 pm) let Pastor Ben know and he’ll get you connected. More information about his give-away is on the poster by the stairwell.

Winsome Women Fall Retreat dates are October 21-22, and October 22-23 (identical programs) on Mackinaw Island. This year’s theme is ‘Created for a Purpose’. Guest speakers scheduled are Jennifer Rothchild and David Nassar, with music provided by Aaron Shust. Registration is now open. For more information and to register please visit wswretreats.org.

Maranatha Conference Center in Norton Shores is hosting their annual summer concert series. This week’s featured singer is Ginny Owens on Saturday, August 1. Admission is free but an offering will be taken. Doors open 6:45 pm and concert at 7:00 pm.

W.A.R. (Women at Risk) International will be hosting a presentation at the Grand Rapids Art Museum on Tuesday, September 29 at 5:30 pm. The program, given by founder Becky McDonald, will highlight the realities of human trafficking and the impact of rescue, restoration and empowerment. You are invited to arrive early to Shop with Purpose for products made by and sold in support of at-risk women beginning at 3:30 pm. This is a free event and open to the public but seating is limited. Reserve your seat at: <https://warinternational.org/upcoming-events/this-means-war/>

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Summer is often a time when extended families gather for a reunion, giving the opportunity to con

nect with relatives we don’t see regularly. Think about a member of your church family whom you haven’t seen in a while, spend time praying for them this week, and reach out with a card, phone call, or text to let them know you’re thinking of them and praying for them. 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 our Wednesday evening prayer gathering.

CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

Today	9:30 am—Morning Worship 11:00 am—Adult Sunday School
Tuesday	6:30 pm—Softball Tournament Game at First Presbyterian Church, Hastings
Wednesday	7:-00 pm—Prayer Meeting

From the Deacons—Offerings Received

July 19 No information available yet

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 August 2** Bob and Cindi Green

Nursery **Today** Marshann Ludema, Joshua Flohr
August 2 Mary Flohr, Erika Leazier
August 9 Jenny Reynolds, Jaelynn Duits

Coffee Time **Today** Cindi Green
August 2 Wayne Moak
August 9 Steve Werdon

Children’s Worship has recessed for the summer

Prayer Ministry
Today Karilynn Ridder
August 2 Marshann Ludema

Prayer Family:

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

This week: Ryan and Sarah Oosterhouse