

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 27, 2025

We are glad you are here!

“Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and father, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen Galatians 4:3-4

Morning Worship

Message: Bonfire on the Beach

Scripture: Acts 28:1-6

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In our study on the book of Acts, this morning we find Paul and his fellow 275 shipwreck survivors on the island of Malta, a name which literally means “refuge.” There they are shown wonderful kindness from the islanders, even as Paul is victimized by pagan superstition. What can we learn from this section of Scripture from which we are so distanced by space and time? “All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness...” (II Timothy 3:16).

Second Offering Schedule for August

- * August 3rd: Capitol Improvement Fund of Harvest Church
- * August 17th: Starfysh Ministry on the island of La Gonave in Haiti.

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper is before us this morning, with the Lord Jesus serving as host. All are invited to participate 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.

Adult Sunday School meets at 11:00 this morning.

New Church Officers will be nominated at our next Council meeting. 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.

Brunch and Bible for women will meet this Tuesday at the home of Lynnette Nagelkirk at 9:00. We’ll be watching a video and discussing chapter 3 of the book *The Real Heaven*. Come, even if you do not have a book. Please let Lynnette know if you will be attending: lynnettenagelkirk@yahoo.com or 616-379-1308.

Harvest’s softball team is playing a tournament game this Tuesday at Hastings Presbyterian Church at 6:30 pm. Opponent will be Thornapple Valley Church. The team plays again on Saturday, August 2, time and location to be determined after Tuesday’s game. Contact Seth Oosterhouse or Craig Keefer for that information.

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.

Outreach Purpose Group will meet on Monday, August 4 at 6:30 pm.

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.

Groundwork: Unfaithful People and God's Grace - God famously instructed Hosea to marry an unfaithful woman and used his marriage to Gomer as a symbol of all that was wrong with Israel in their relationship with God. Join Groundwork as we dig into Hosea 1-3 to study this prophetic relationship and recognize its invitation into an honest reflection on our own relationship with God and our need for his grace as his people today. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

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
Tuesday	9:00 am—Women’s Brunch and Bible 6:30 pm—Softball Tournament – Presbyterian Church Hastings
Wednesday	10:00 am—Moms in Prayer

From the Deacons—Offerings Received

July 20 General Fund \$1,630.00

Missionaries Joshua and Emily Jiang—\$971.00

ASSIGNMENTS

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

Greeters **Today and August 3** Bob and Cindi Green

Nursery **Today** Marshann Ludema, Joshua Flohr
August 3 Harlene Westendorp, Gabe Flohr
August 10 Audrey Mason, Jessica Kastanek

Coffee Time **Today** Cindi Green
August 3 Joann Gerke
August 10 Wayne Moak

Prayer Ministry
Today Joel Pepper **August 3** Cindi Green

Prayer Family:
Please be praying for this household over the next week. Each Harvest household is rotated through the schedule.
This week: Ken and Sandy Stoel