

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

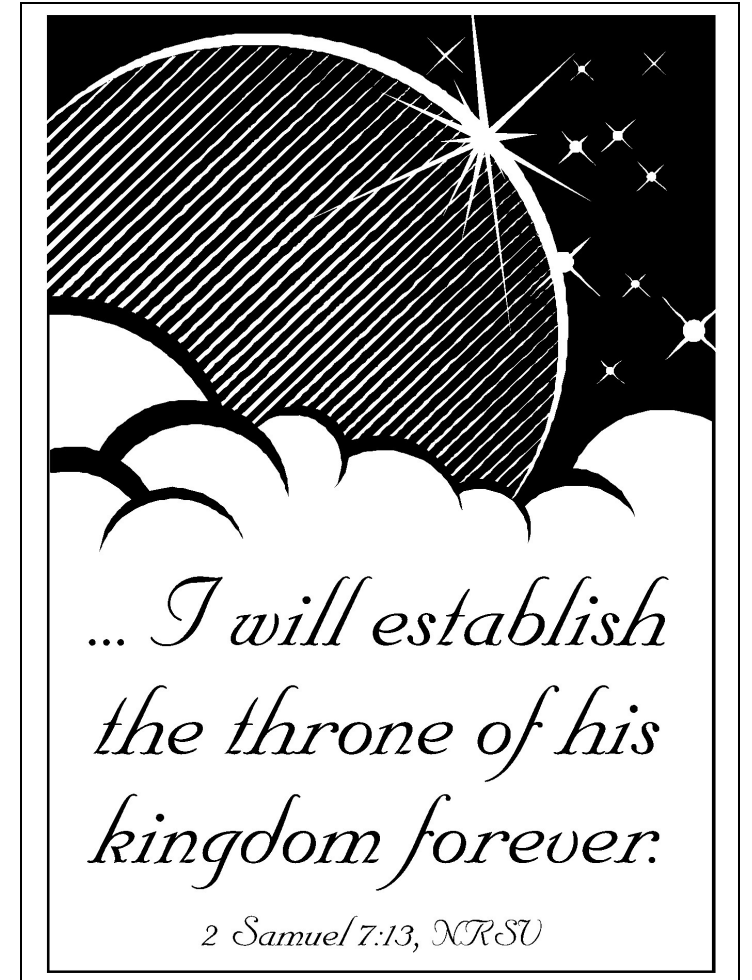
*CHEERS (Caring, Hope, Encouragement, Enlightenment, Respect, Support)

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

March 22, 2026

We are glad you are here!

“For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son He loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.” Colossians 1:13-14

Morning Worship

Message: The Sword

Scripture: Mark 14:43-52

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Children’s worship meets today. Children ages 3-6 are dismissed to go downstairs during the offering.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This morning we travel with Jesus again one step closer to the cross. After he comes out of his intense time of prayer to the Father, Jesus is confronted by a small army that has come to arrest him. There is a sword play happening all over when he puts a stop to it. It is this scene that puts the kingdom of this world and the kingdom of God in stark contrast. As we look at the passage, ask yourself which of those two kingdoms you are most comfortable in.

Tonight (4th Sunday of the month) we will begin a new Bible study: a deep dive into John 15. All are welcome to join us. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Sunday evening of every month at 5:00. Read the chapter in preparation for our time together this evening.

ARO Work Trip folks would like to show another video immediately following the service this morning. As per last time, please stay in the auditorium for this presentation unless you must get your kids from nursery or Children’s Worship.

Good Friday/Easter Information

- Good Friday Communion Service, April 3 at 6:00
- Easter Sunday Worship, 9:30
 - There will be no Children’s Worship that morning
 - Sunday School for all ages will not be meeting as well

Coffee Break meets on Wednesday at 9:00 am. This week we will

study various scriptures as we look at lesson 8 in our guides ‘The Power of a Woman’s Words to Fellow Believers.’ All women are welcome to join us.

Easter Flowers. If you would like to purchase flowers for Easter Sunday, please do so today, as order will be sent in tomorrow. Sign up on the wall by the kitchen. For every flower purchased, \$3 will go to the ARO Mission Trip. Checks to Harvest Community.

Fellowship Bowling– The Fellowship Team is planning a bowling night at Buddy’s Lake Odessa Lanes. There are two options for dates - April 11 or April 18. Plans will be made according to the date preferred by most, so it’s important that you sign with your preference as soon as possible on the back table by the mailboxes.

Summer Ministry Work Trip to Appalachia Reach Out: Dates are August 29th thru September 4 for ages 18 and above. The cost is \$450 per person, which includes food and lodging and \$180 for construction materials. There is a sign-up sheet on the back table. If you need further information, see Mike or Lynnette Nagelkirk.

ARO Trip Meeting. There will be a meeting for all those interested in the August ARO (Appalachia Reach Out) trip after the morning worship service next Sunday, March 29 in the nursery room.

New Ministry Beginning at Harvest. By the Love of the Lamb will begin on Friday, April 17 with an informational/workshop meeting—6:30-8:30 pm. Would you like to learn to knit or crochet? Now is a good time! Everyone is invited, regardless of skill level. We hope to bless ministries such as Alpha Care Center, Appalachia Reach Out, Next Door (women’s shelter), Right to Life, local Veterans, and Ionia/Montcalm Secure and Friendly Environment Child Advocacy Center with useful handmade items. Contact Kris Dubuque phone/text -616-916-9468, or email kndubuque115@gmail.com with any questions you have.

Area-Wide Vacation Bible School will be held this summer from July 14th thru July 16th, 6:00-8:30 pm at the Lake Odessa Fairgrounds. The theme is “What a Mess!” and will include teachings on how Jesus loves the mess that you are, what He did on the cross to clean up the mess that we are, and what we must do to receive the big clean up! There is a sign up sheet on the back table for volunteers for various tasks. The more planning taking place, the more volunteers the task force is realizing will be needed!

Pastor Ben and Karilynn will be leaving for Greece on April 3rd and returning April 13th. The trip will be focusing on the locations of Paul’s second missionary journey. The following men will be preaching for pastor the Sundays they are away:

- April 3rd: Pastor Duane Nieuwsma
- April 10th: Pastor Tom DeVries

Severe weather reminder. With Spring comes possible tornado weather in our area. Tune in to Wood TV channel 8 or *TV 8 weather closings* on your smart phone for any church service cancellations due to tornado warnings.

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—John 15 Study
Wednesday	9:00 am—Coffee Break for Women 7:00 pm—Prayer Meeting

From the Deacons—Offerings Received

March 15 General Fund \$4,020.00
Celebration Fellowship \$405.00

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 March 29 Ken & Evie David

Nursery Today Audrey Mason, Erika Leazier
March 29 Audrey Mason, Jaelyn Duits
April 5 Marshann Ludema, Joshua Flohr

Coffee Time Today Mike & Lynnette Nagelkirk
March 29 Joann Gerke
April 5 Cindi Green

Children’s Worship
Today Lisa Nurenberg, Sarah Oosterhouse,
Jackson Nurenberg
March 29 Sue Hansbarger, Erika Leazier
April 5 No Children’s Worship

Prayer Ministry
Today Lynnette Nagelkirk
March 29 Calien Richardson

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

This week: Craig and Karen Keefer