

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

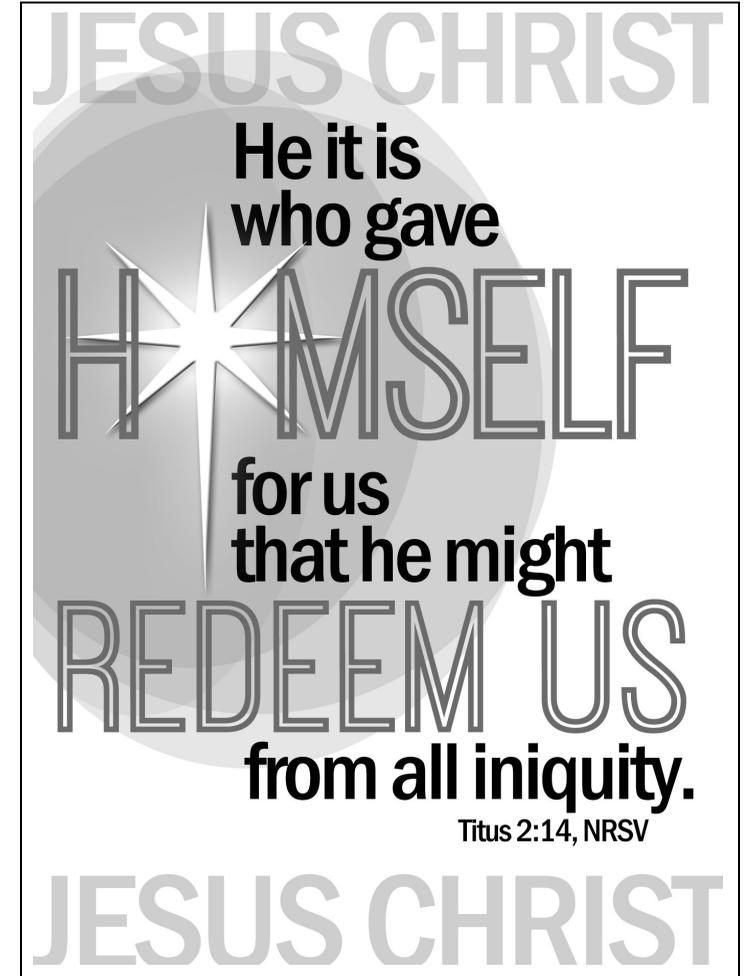
*CHEERS (Caring, Hope, Encouragement, Enlightenment, Respect, Support)

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 8, 2026

We are glad you are here!

“And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek Him.” Hebrews 11:6

Morning Worship

Message: The Approach

Scripture: Mark 7:24-37

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In the passage before us this morning, we find Jesus amazed at the response of a Gentile woman to something He said to her that He would find offensive today. Not only does she take offense but accepts both the challenge and the gift presented to her by the remarks of Jesus. It's another story in which Jesus prefigures the glory of the cross as He makes His way there for the likes of you and I.

Second Offerings for March:

March 15: Celebration Fellowship: A Christian Reformed Church located at Bellamy Creek, part of the Ionia State prison complex in Ionia.. We are blessed to be a part of the ministry there and celebrate with them for the transforming work of our Lord upon many lives!

Children's Worship (ages 3-6) are dismissed to go downstairs during the morning offering.

II Thessalonians Bible Study meets tonight here at church, 5:00. Please read and reflect on II Thessalonians 3 in preparation for our time together.

Outreach Purpose Group Meeting is scheduled tomorrow evening, here, at 6:30.

Coffee Break for women meets on Wednesday at 9:00. This week we will finish up Lesson 6 from our study guide ‘Come Sit by Me-The Power of a Woman’s Words to Her Friends’. All women are always welcome to attend.

Consistory Meeting this Wednesday at 7:00. Dick Barnett will be hosting the meeting. Reminder: Please read Belgic Confession Articles 14-17 in preparation for discussion during the meeting.

Sacrament o Infant baptism will be administered next Sunday to Maverick Nicholas Berens, son of Nick and Emily Berens. Thank you, Lord, for the ongoing witness of Your covenant faithfulness!

Summer Ministry Work Trip to Appalachia Reach Out. Dates are August 29-September 4, for ages 18 and above. Cost—\$450 per participant, which includes food and lodging and \$180 for construction materials. There is a sign up sheet on the back table and if you need any additional information, please see Mike or Lynnette Nagelkirk.

Area-Wide Vacation Bible School will be held July 14th thru 16th, 6:00-8:30, at the Lake Odessa Fairgrounds. There is a sign-up sheet on the back table for volunteers for various tasks. If you have any questions, please ask Pastor Ridder.

The Harvest Book Readers group has chosen *Varina*, by Charles Frazier as the next book for reading and discussion, which will take place on Thursday, March 19.

Help Decorate the Stage for Easter Sunday by purchasing flowers. Sign up on the wall by the kitchen. For every flower purchased, \$3 will go to the ARO Mission Trip

Ladies Luncheon and Silent Auction. Clarksville Bible Church will be hosting a luncheon and silent auction on Saturday, March 14 (11:15 am) at The Grace Center, 191 S. Main St., Clarksville. Proceeds for each \$25 luncheon and silent auction ticket will support Alpha Care Center. Register online by March 1, 2026 at <https://givebutter.com/cACLL26>

Groundwork: Jesus: Condemned by Religious Leaders and Denied by Peter - Moving through the Stations of the Cross brings us to witness Jesus before the Sanhedrin, where he is condemned, and to the courtyard when Peter denies him. Join Groundwork as we study Luke 22:66-71 and Matthew 26:69-75 to follow our Savior this Lent, discover comfort for our own fears and failures, and reflect on the profound meaning of Jesus experience. 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—Sunday School for all ages 5:00 pm—II Thessalonians Bible Study
Monday	6:30 pm— Outreach Purpose Group
Wednesday	9:00 am—Coffee Break for Women 7:00 pm—Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm—Consistory Meeting

From the Deacons—Offerings Received

March 1 General Fund \$4,546.00
Capital Improvement \$604.00

ASSIGNMENTS

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

Greeters Today Ken and Calien Richardson
March 15 Kern & Evie David

Nursery Today Harlene Westendorp, Jessica Kastanek
March 15 Joann Gerke, Erika Leazier
March 22 Lisa Nurenburg, Jessica Kastanek

Coffee Time Today Noah Garn
March 15 Tamara Reser
March 22 Mike & Lynnette Nagelkirk

Prayer Ministry
Today Joel Pepper March 15 Sue Hansbarger

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