

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

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We have not
ceased praying
for you and
asking that you
may be filled
with the
knowledge of
God’s will.
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Harvest Community Church

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

Welcome to Harvest Church

November 16, 2025

We are glad you are here!

“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to His purpose.”
Romans 8:28

Morning Worship

Message: Your Will be Done (2)

Scripture: Deuteronomy 29:29

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

As we continue our look at the prayer Jesus gave His disciples (then and now) as a pattern to direct their and our prayers, we turn to the third petition “Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.” The Will of God is a huge subject and one that is often misunderstood. What is it we are asking of God when we ask that His will be done? More than a lot of Christians understand. This morning we look at God’s “secret” will, or as some have called His unknowable Sovereign will, making a connection between that and this petition.

Second Offering this morning is for Harvest Church’s Benevolent Fund. These are monies used to help folks with immediate needs. Part of what we collect here is also donated to the Lakewood Ministerial Association Community Benevolent Fund.

Sunday School classes for all ages meet following the service this morning at 11:00.

Samaritan’s Purse Operation Christmas Child: Today the Sunday School students downstairs will be packing boxes with the remaining items donated. Thank you to all who have donated towards this annual Christmas ministry!

Community Groups will be meeting in various homes this evening. If you would like information on this ministry or would like to be a member of a group, please contact Pastor Ben.

Coffee Break for women meets this Wednesday at 9:00 am. We

are on chapter 8 in our *Identity Theft* study: Servant—Reaping a Reward. If you need a copy of the lesson, contact the church office.

Needed: Male volunteers to supervise in the church basement from right after the worship service until Sunday School begins. There is a sign up sheet on the back table or contact Karilynn Ridder.

Prayer Opportunity. We are looking to add a few people to our list of those who specifically pray for the worship service each week. If you would like to be on the rotation for this, please contact the church office. Prayer can be done any time before or during the service.

The Harvest Book Readers will be meeting this Thursday evening at 6:30 to discuss our latest book. Join us if you enjoy reading and discussing books with others. Call church office for location.

Area-wide Thanksgiving Service is scheduled for Sunday evening, November 23, 6:00, at the Congregational Church here in Lake Odessa. There will be a practice for anyone desiring to be in the choir for that evening, scheduled for Wednesday evening, 6:00 at the Congregational Church.

Lakewood Community Council Christmas Basket Program.

We are still in need of a few gifts. Please see the information sheet on the back table which gives the specific gifts needed. Also needed: new hats, warm winter mittens/gloves and socks of all sizes. Gifts can be brought to Harvest until Sunday, December 7.

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Chaplaincy Sunday - Chaplains bring the presence of Christ into places where people are hurting, searching, or far from home—like hospitals, prisons, schools, and military bases. This week pray for chaplains who walk alongside others in difficult moments. Talk with your family or friends about how you can be a caring presence in your own daily spaces—just as a chaplain reflects God’s love wherever they are. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

Groundwork: Blessed are....the Poor in Spirit, those Who Mourn, the Meek, and those Who Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness - The Beatitudes have provided generations of Christians comfort, guidance, and strength for their faith. Join Groundwork as we study the first four of Jesus’ Beatitudes in Matthew 5:3-6 to gain a deeper understanding of each condition and discover how they exemplify ideal discipleship. 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? Fill out a prayer card from the greeter table and leave in the offering.



CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

Today	9:30 am—Morning Worship 11:00 am—Sunday School for all ages Operation Christmas Child Packing Party Various Times—CHEERS Community Groups
Wednesday	9:00 am —Coffee Break for women 11:30 am—Moms in Prayer 7:00 pm—Prayer Meeting

From the Deacons—Offerings Received

November 9 General Fund \$ 2662.00
Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes \$461.00

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 November 23 Royce and Joyce Wilcox

Nursery Today Marshann Ludema, Jaelyn Duits
November 23 Julie Kastanek, Jessica Kastanek
November 30 Lisa Nurenberg, Joshua Flohr

Coffee Time Today Tamara Reser
November 23 Marshann Ludema
November 30 Mike and Lynnette Nagelkirk

Prayer Ministry

Today Karilynn Ridder **November 23** Gail Pepper

Prayer Family:

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

This week: Bob and Marilyn DeJong