

# 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.)

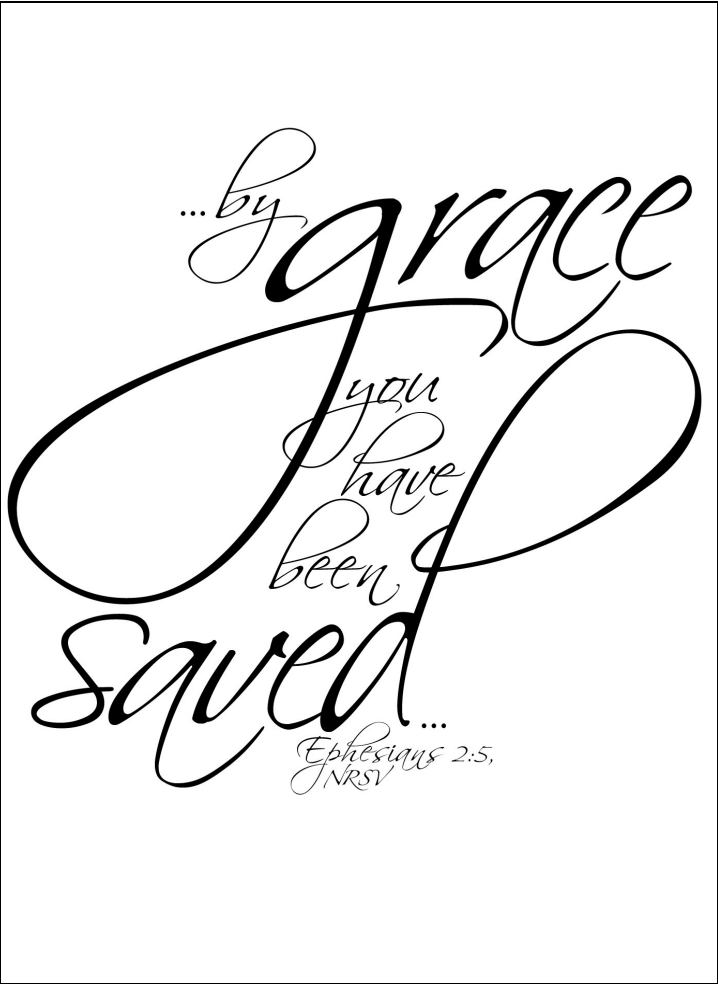
## Weekday Ministries

- 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

September 7, 2025

**We are glad you are here!**

*“In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding.” Ephesians 1:7-8*

## Morning Worship

**Message: Thank God!...Why?**

**Scripture:** Various Passages

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**This morning** we returned to the practice of giving thanks to our Lord God, the Giver of every good and perfect gift. Last week we talked about thanking Him for His everyday goodness; this week we turn our attention to His greatest gift, calling for the highest thanksgiving: His grace given to us through the person and work of His Son Jesus Christ.

### **Second Offerings for September**

- This morning: Capital Improvement Fund of Harvest Church
- September 21: Women at Risk (WAR) International. A ministry towards those in and coming out of being trafficked.

**Adult Sunday School** meets this morning at 11:00.

**Sunday School Classes** for all ages will begin on September 21st. Teachers this year include Karilynn Ridder, Mary Flohr, Tina Leazier, Jason Flohr, and Ben Ridder.

**Outreach Purpose Group** will be meeting tomorrow evening at 6:30.

**Operation Christmas Child-Samaritan Purse.** Suggested items for donations are on the western wall in the auditorium. Thank you for your help in getting the gospel message into the hands of children around the world.

**Christian Book Give Away:** There are tables outside on the east side of the building filled with Christian books. They are there for the taking! Peruse the wide variety of subject matter and help yourself.

**Coffee Break** will be resuming in October. Think about who you could invite to this outreach focused time for women to gather around God’s Word. More information will be coming.

**Church Directory:** Take a look at your picture in the church directory. If it needs to be updated please supply the church office with a digital copy or contact Evie David, who will take a photo here at church on a Sunday. Also, if your information has changed, please update that with the church office.

**Starfysh.** A thank you letter from Dr. Steve Edmondson, founder and president of Starfysh, is in your church mailboxes today. Harvest collected a special offering on August 17 which amounted to \$970 for Starfysh, a ministry to the people of La Gonave, Haiti.

**Suicide Prevention Seminar:** Representatives from Starlight Ministries will be here on Tuesday evening, September 23rd, 6:00-7:30 to present to us a suicide awareness prevention program known as QPR (question, persuade, refer). Share this information with others as well, please. This is a free event. Please register at [mycah@starlighmin.org](mailto:mycah@starlighmin.org).

**Thrive Faith Formation Tip** - A new school season has begun. The rhythms and activities of a new school year can make it challenging to include space for God in your everyday family life. One way you can do that is by reviewing the “highs and lows” of your day, giving thanks for God’s many blessings and asking for God’s presence in the midst of hard situations. See Everyday Family Faith ([FaithAliveResources.org](http://FaithAliveResources.org)) for more ways to make time for God with your family. Brought to you by Thrive: [crc-na.org/Thrive](http://crc-na.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 Wednesday evening prayer gathering.

## CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

Today	9:30 am—Morning Worship 11:00 am—Adult Sunday School
Monday	6:30 pm—Outreach Purpose Group
Wednesday	10:00 am—Moms in Prayer 7:00 pm—Prayer Meeting

**From the Deacons—Offerings Received**  
**August 31** General Fund \$3,958.00

## 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 September 14 Ken and Evie David

**Nursery** Today Lisa Nurenberg, Gabe Flohr  
**September 14** Hannah Pennington, Erika Leazier  
**September 21** Julie Kastanek, Joshua Flohr

**Coffee Time** Today Noah Garn  
**September 14** Tamara Reser  
**September 21** Bryce Pennington

**Prayer Ministry**  
Today Cindi Green **September 14** Marshann Ludema

**Prayer Family:**  
Please be praying for this household over the next week. Each Harvest household is rotated through the schedule.  
**This week:** Marv and Harlene Westendorp