

## 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**

**B. DeJong/R. Duits—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 Bob DeJong—2024

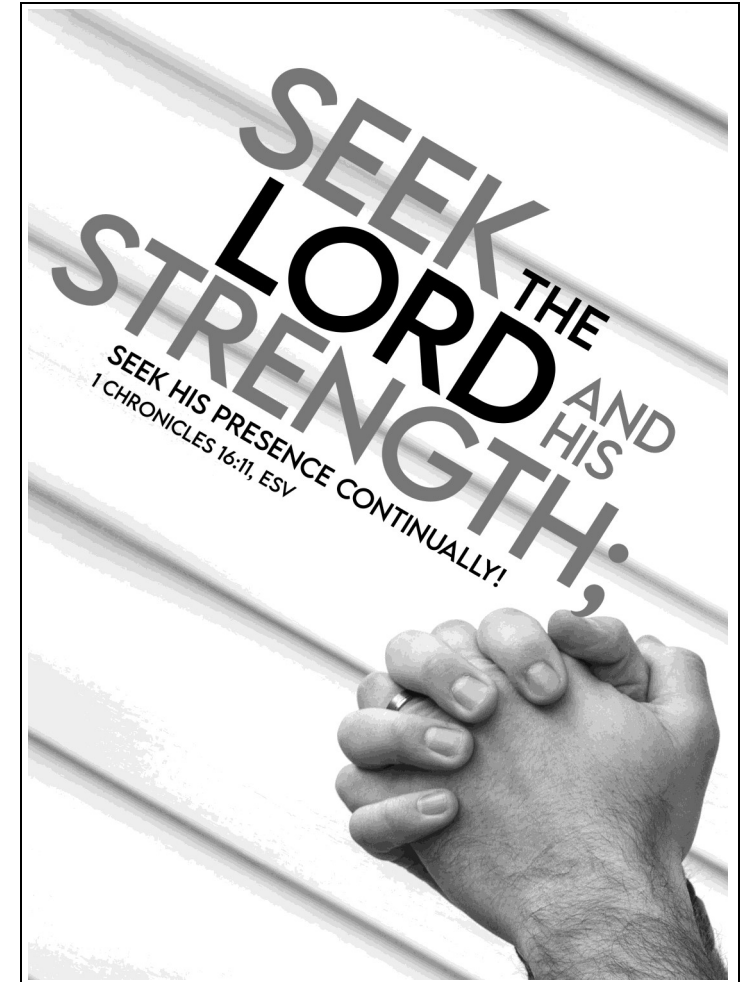
Jason Flohr—2025

Dick Barnett—2026

Deacons Richard Duits—2024

Seth Oosterhouse—2025

Joe Leazier—2026



## Harvest Community Church

*A Christian Reformed Ministry*

*620 Sixth Avenue*

*Lake Odessa, Michigan 48849*

# Welcome to Harvest Church

April 7, 2024

*It's a blessing to gather together today!*

*“Answer me when I call to You, O my righteous God. Give me relief from my distress; be merciful to me and hear my prayer.”*  
Psalm 4:1

## Morning Worship

**Message: Spiritual Reflexes**

**Scripture:** Acts 12:5-17

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Children's Worship meets today. Children ages 3-6 are dismissed to go downstairs during the offering. Parents, please accompany your child to the classroom.

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**This morning** we go back to our series in the book of Acts. Before us is that remarkable story of God's delivering of Peter from certain death, while the church is involved in continual and earnest prayer. The question for us today is what is our spiritual reflex? When something wonderful or troubling is present, what is our automatic go-to response?

**Second offering** this morning is for the Benevolent Fund of Harvest Church. Money collected today will be used to help folks with immediate physical and material needs. As a reminder: half of the money we collect will be donated to the Lakewood Ministerial Fund.

**Sunday School Classes** meet this morning at 11:00. Adults meet in the auditorium, all other classrooms are marked downstairs.

**No study at Church** this evening as it is the first Sunday of the month and therefore Community Groups night meeting in homes. If you are not a part of a community group and would like to be, or just desire some information on this ministry, contact Pastor Ben.

**Map of Paul's Missionary Journeys:** in a couple of weeks we will begin in the book of Acts our study of what is referred to as

the **Missionary Journeys of Paul**. This morning you will find maps of his journey in your mailboxes. If you don't have a mailbox, there are extras on the back table.

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

**Women's Coffee Break Bible** study meets this Wednesday at 9:00 am here at church. The lesson we will be discussing is from Luke 9:51-56 and Acts 12:1-2, specifically 'James-Hating Our Enemies'. All women are always welcome to join us. Little Lambs is available for children preschool age.

**Moms in Prayer** meets on Wednesday at 11:30 am. This meeting is a time of prayer for our area schools, their students and staff, school boards and activities. All moms, grandmas and any interested women are invited.

**New Nursery Schedule** has been formulated for May through August 2024. Please check your email/church mailbox for the new schedule if you are part of the rotation. New volunteers—if you are not currently part of the nursery help rotation and would like to be, please contact the church office.

**The King's Choraliers** invite you to join them for their Annual Spring Concert on Sunday, April 14 at 7:30 pm. The West Michigan men's choir has been dedicated to the singing of sacred music for almost 75 years! A free will offering to support their ministry will be received at the concert location of Trinity United Reformed Church, 7350 Kalamazoo Ave. Se., Caledonia.

**Spring Senior's Retreat.** Maranatha in Norton Shores will be hosting their Spring Senior's Retreat for adults 65+ from Tuesday, May 7—Friday, May 10. This three day retreat includes several sessions of Bible teaching with Bill Crowder, worship, fellowship and a trip to Fredrick Meijer Gardens along with dinner and concert featuring Gary and Martha Mathews on Thursday. Call 231.798.2161 for group discounts. Call or book online at MaranathaMichigan.org.

**2024 Starfysh Golf Classic** is set for Monday, June 17 at Stone-water Country Club in Caledonia. Join us for a fun day of golf and food, contests, and prizes! All in support of Starfysh's 2024 project efforts in Haiti. Foursome reservations and sponsorship opportunities are now open: <https://app.eventcaddy.com/events/2024-starfysh-golf-outing/store>

**Thrive Faith Formation Tip** - In Following Jesus, Henri Nouwen wrote, "Celebrating life is not a party but an ongoing awareness that every moment is special and asks to be lifted up and recognized as a blessing from on high." How might you become more aware of the moment-by-moment blessings you receive each day? Learn more at [crna.org/FaithPracticesProject](http://crna.org/FaithPracticesProject)

**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—Worship Service
	11:00 am— Sunday School for all ages
Wednesday	9:00 am—Coffee Break Bible Study
	11:30 am—Moms in Prayer
	7:00 pm—Evening Prayer Meeting

**From the Deacons—Offerings received on March 31**  
**General Fund** \$5,652.00

## 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 April 14 Joyce Mearns

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

**Today** Jeremiah Flohr, Maggie Mosher

**April 14** Val Livingston

**April 21** Karilynn Ridder

**Nursery** Today Mary Flohr, Joshua Flohr

**April 14** Jenny Reynolds, Jessica Kastanek

**April 21** Julie Kastanek, Gabe Flohr

**Coffee Time** Today Noah Garn

**April 14** Tamara Reser

**April 21** Wayne Moak

**Prayer Ministry**

**Today** Gail Pepper **April 14** Joel Pepper

**Prayer Family:**

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

**This week:** Darl and Diane Redder