

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

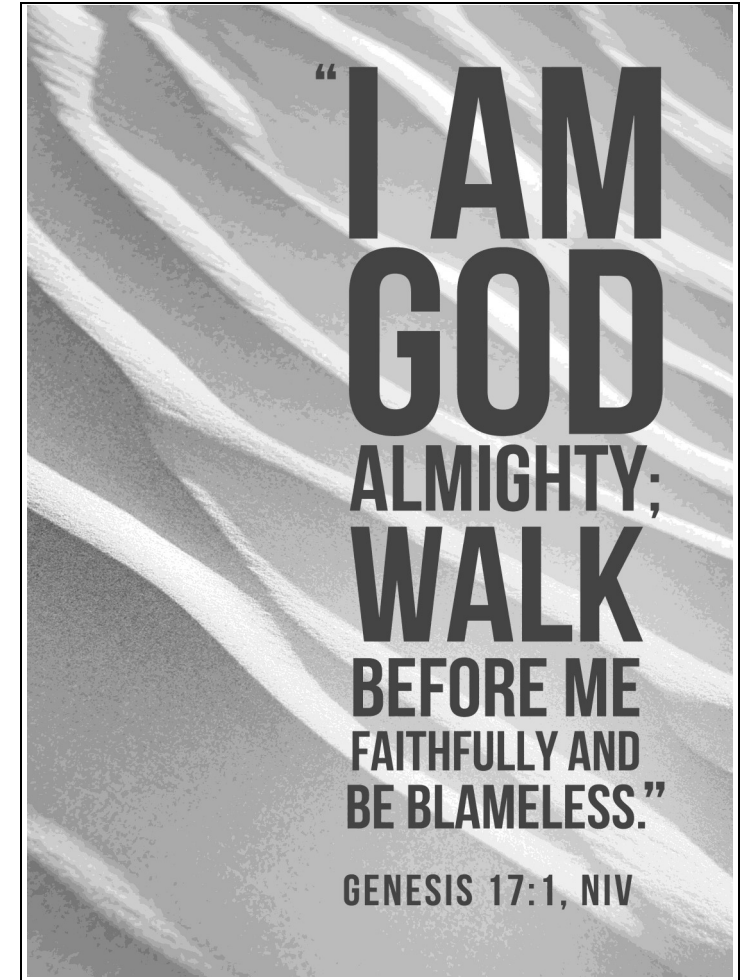
Jason Flohr—2025

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

Sunday, March 3, 2024

It's a blessing to gather together today!

"Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked. For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor; no good thing does he withhold from those whose walk is blameless. O Lord Almighty, blessed is the man who trusts in you." Psalm 84:10-12

Morning Worship

Message: The Folly of Fighting God (2)

Scripture: Acts 13:18-25

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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 continue our look at the history of the early church as it is found in the book of Acts. Today we will finish our look at a particular King Herod and his attempt to put an end to the Christian Church. He serves as an example of the folly of fighting against God, whose might cannot be contested, whose punishment cannot be avoided, and whose purposes cannot be foiled. We serve a wonderful and mighty God!

Second offering this morning is for the Capital Improvement Fund of Harvest Church. This is a fund used for property improvements and updates.

Sunday Evening Study will not take place this evening as it is the first Sunday of the month. Reminder: the first and third Sunday evenings of the month are reserved for Community Groups. If you are not a part of a Community Group and would like to be, or just want some information on this ministry, contact Pastor Ben.

Pastor Ben and Karilynn are leaving this week to visit with

their daughter and family in Cairo, Egypt. Please be in prayer for safe travels, a time of refreshment, and wonderful fellowship with their children and grandchildren. In Pastor's absence, the following men will be bringing God's Word to Harvest Church:

- **March 10**—Caleb Horjus. Caleb is a seminarian who is currently serving as Director of Youth Ministry at Caledonia Christian Reformed Church.
- **March 17**—Duane Nieuwsma. Duane is a retired pastor of the Christian Reformed Church, currently living in Byron Center. He has been here before.

Outreach Purpose Group will be meeting tomorrow evening, March 4 at 6:30.

Coffee Break Women's Bible Study meets on Wednesday at 9:00 am. We will finish up our study of Ruth, chapter 4 this week. All women are always welcome to join us.

Moms in Prayer will meet this Wednesday at 11:30 am. This prayer time will focus especially on prayer for our area schools, students, staff and board members. Moms, grandmas, and anyone interested are invited.

Wednesday Night Prayer meets this week at 7:00. If you have a special prayer need, please fill out a card from the greeter table and leave it in the offering basket, or join us on Wednesday as we pray.

Church Family. Congratulations to Lyle and Val Livingston on the birth of a new granddaughter, Celeste Honor born to their daughter and son-in-law, Dan and Katie Clark.

Church Lawn Care. We are looking for someone to take comprehensive care of the church and parsonage lawns this season. Duties include at least the following: mowing, edging, fertilizing and weed killing, trimming. Contact Richard Duits with any questions you may have.

Alpha Care Center of Lake Odessa and Lowell is hosting **Made New**—Annual Ladies Luncheon and Silent Auction on Saturday, March 16, 11:30 am at Pathway, 4960 Portland Rd., Saranac. Each \$25 luncheon ticket and all silent auction proceeds will benefit Alpha Care Center so that they can continue to serve our communities. Register online by March 7 at www.alphacarecenter.com/get-involved.

Thrive Faith Formation Tip—Most of us are not naturally good listeners, and that can affect our relationship with God. Practice "listening prayer" this week. Find a quiet spot, calm your mind, and invite God to speak to your heart. Learn more at crcna.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 Various Times—Community Groups
Wednesday	9:00 am—Coffee Break Bible Study 11:30 am—Moms in Prayer 7:00 pm—Prayer Meeting

From the Deacons—Offerings received on February 25
General Fund \$4,997.00

ASSIGNMENTS

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

Greeters Today Lyle and Val Livingston
March 10 Bob and Cindi Green

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Today Jeremiah Flohr, Maggie Mosher
March 10 Val Livingston
March 17 Audrey Mason

Nursery Today Marshann Ludema, Gabe Flohr
March 10 Joann Gerke, Joshua Flohr
March 17 Harlene Westendorp, Jaelynn Duits

Coffee Time Today Cindi Green
March 10 Harlene Westendorp
March 17 Steve Werdon

Prayer Ministry
Today Joel Pepper March 10 Cindi Green

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