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 be Grafted to one another through HolySpirit 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
J. Flohr/R.Green – P-Z

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Church Activities

Sunday Services

Worship Service – 9:30 am (Children's Worship during service)

Sunday School – 11:00 am Sept-May

Community Group Ministry – Sunday evenings Sept-May

*(CHEERS in the home 1st and 3rd Sundays)

Bible Study at church 2nd and 4th Sundays)

Weekday Ministries

Coffee Break – Wednesdays 9:00-11:00 am Sept-May

Moms in Prayer – Wednesdays – 11:30 am Sept-May

Prayer Meeting – Wednesdays – 4:15 pm

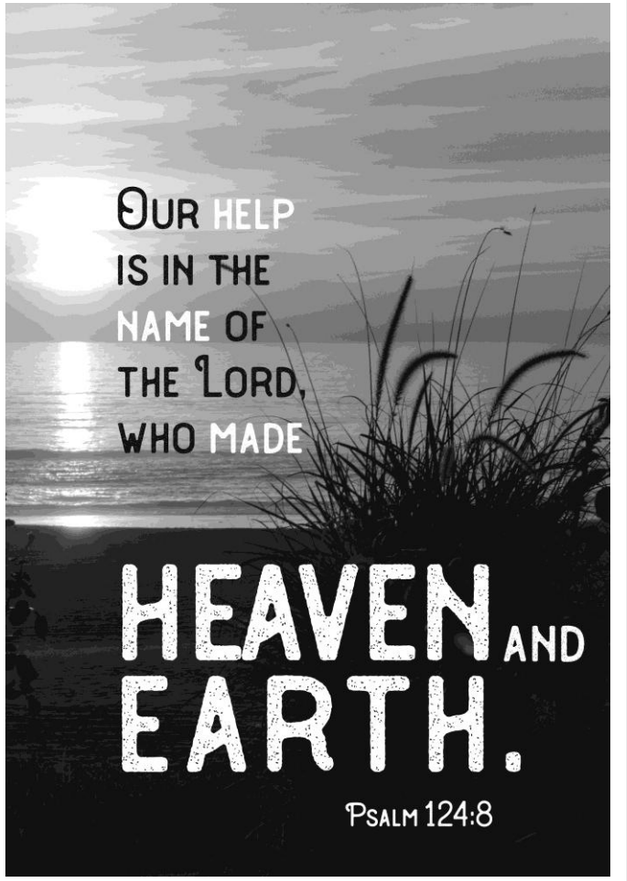
*CHEERS (Caring, Hope, Encouragement, Enlightenment, Respect, Support)

Consistory:

Pastor Ben Ridder

Elders Mike Nagelkirk – 2027
Darl Redder – 2028
Jason Flohr - 2029

Deacons Ryan Oosterhouse – 2027
Wayne Moak – 2028
Bob Green – 2029



Harvest Community Church

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

Welcome to Harvest Church

November 22, 2026

We are glad you are here!

"Hear O LORD and be merciful to me; O LORD, be my help. You turned my wailing into dancing; you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, that my heart may sing to you and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever." Psalm 30: 10-12

Morning Worship

Message: Hope for an Arduous Journey

Scripture: Psalm 121

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Three times a year, every able-bodied Jewish male was to make their way to Jerusalem for certain feast days. On their way up to Jerusalem and the temple, there were Psalms that were meant to be sung on the journey. They were known as Psalms of Ascent, and this morning and next week we will look at one of them together – Psalm 121, which celebrates the LORD as our help.

Call to Worship this morning (our memorization of Psalm 103): "Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise His holy name. Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits-who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases; who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's."

Samaritan Purse Operation Christmas Shoe Boxes will find their way in some warehouse somewhere in this country before being sent to some part of the world, where the gospel of Christ will be included in their being presented. This year we were able to collect enough for 54 boxes! Thank you for being a part of being a blessing to someone you do not know and will never meet!

Ezra Study will not be meeting this evening due to the Community Thanksgiving Service.

Community Thanksgiving Service will take place this evening, 6:00, at the Congregational Church, downtown Lake Odessa. This is the annual service sponsored by the Lakewood Ministerial Association.

Coffee Break will not be meeting this week, nor will **Moms in Prayer** or **Wednesday Afternoon Prayer Meeting** due to the next day being Thanksgiving.

College Final's Week Care Packages. A flyer of items needed for boxes that will be packed for 30 college students whose names were submitted by Harvest folks was put in your church mailbox. Scan the QR code on the flyer to see the list on Amazon. Donations are due by Sunday, November 29. See Tamara Reser with any questions you have.

Proposed Budget for 2027 has been placed in your mailbox. There will be a congregational meeting on December 6th for the purpose of voting on what is being proposed.

Lakewood Community Council Christmas Gifts. Thank you to all who signed up to provide a gift for a specific aged child. The gifts will be included in a box/basket and given to an area family who could use the help this year. Please have your gifts here at church by Sunday, December 6. Help with delivery of the boxes is also requested, so if you could help, meet at Living Gospel Church at 9:00 am on December 12.

Church Family. Mrs. Joyce Brinningstaull passed into the loving arms of her Savior this past Thursday. As she had requested, there will be no visitation and no service. "Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints (Psalm 116:15).

There is a sign-up sheet in the back for volunteers to help at the Lakewood Area Community Dinner, held every Thursday night from 4:00 to 6:00 PM at Central United Methodist Church in downtown Lake Odessa. Rob Piercefield from Swede's provides the main meal, while the host church is responsible for desserts, hosting, and cleanup. Our service opportunity for Harvest comes once every six weeks. Whether you can help in the kitchen or drop off dessert, your support would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your interest in this outreach ministry! See Cindi Green if you have questions.

Payer Help. Are or someone you know in need of extra focused prayer? There are prayer cards on the greeter t able. Please fill them in and leave in the offering basket of in the Prayer Room bowl. The needs are prayed for on Wednesdays at the afternoon prayer gathering.

CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

Today	9:30 am – Morning Worship 11:00 am –Sunday School for all ages 6:00 pm – Community Thanksgiving Service at Congregational Church
Wednesday	There will be no Coffee Break, Moms in Prayer or Prayer Meeting this week.

From the Deacons – Offerings Received

November 15 General Fund $2,345.00
Albanian Christian Ministry $4,712.00
Shoebox Postage $20.00

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 22: Nick and Emily Berens

Nursery Today: Mary Flohr, Erika Leazier
November 29: Jenny Reynolds, Jessica Kastanek
December 6: Joann Gerke, Jaelynn Duits

Coffee Time Today: Marshann Ludema
November 29: Steve Werdon
December 6: Harlene Westendorp

Children's Worship (ages 3-6)
Today: Karilynn Ridder
Lisa Nurenberg
November 29

Prayer Ministry Today: Sue Hansbarger
November 29: Joel Pepper

Prayer Family:
Please be praying for this household over the next week. Each Harvest household is rotated through the schedule.
This week: Steve and Pat Werdon