

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

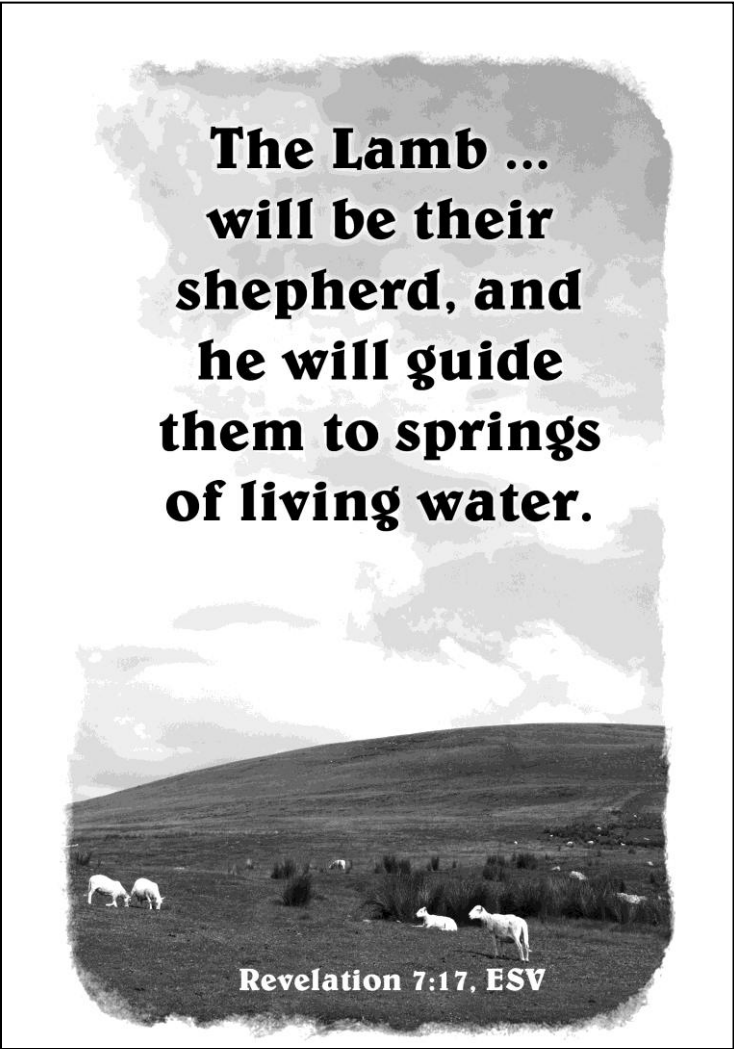
*CHEERS (Caring, Hope, Encouragement, Enlightenment, Respect, Support)

Consistory:

Pastor Ben Ridder

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

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



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A Christian Reformed Ministry
620 Sixth Avenue
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Welcome to Harvest Church

October 4, 2026

We are glad you are here!

“He tends his flock like a shepherd: he gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young.” Isaiah 40:11

Morning Worship

Message: A Gentle Spirit

Scripture: Galatians 5:22-23; Isaiah 40:9-11

Pages 826 and 511 in the blue chair Bibles

Children’s Worship meets today. Children are dismissed to go downstairs during the offering.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

As we are drawing towards the end of our Holy Spirit Fruit bouquet, this morning we look at the fruit of gentleness. When was the last time you were on your knees before the Father asking for a gentler spirit? As it turns out, gentleness is a much bigger deal in the life of a believer than we might have thought. Even as Jesus modelled it so wonderfully, Paul urged this attribute to be found and celebrated in the Christian church, encouraging church leaders to practice it and teach it.

Call to Worship: As indicated through church wide email this week, we will be saying the call to worship together, each Sunday building on it from Psalm 103. Everyone is being encouraged to memorize it. Our call to worship together this morning is Psalm 103:1; “Praise the Lord O my soul, and all my inmost being, praise His holy name!”

Second Offering this morning is for the Hermon House orphanage in Myanmar.

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper is before us this morning. All are invited to participate who:

- Humble themselves in repentance before God, considering their own sin.
- Trust in Jesus Christ alone for salvation, believing their sins are forgiven wholly by grace for the sake of our Lord’s sacrifice on the cross.
- Resolve to live in faith and obedience with his neighbor with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Children who profess faith in Jesus as their Savior are welcomed.

Outreach Purpose Group: Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday evening, 6:30, October 12th.

2nd and 4th Sunday Evening Bible Study will begin next Sunday evening, 5:00. We will be looking at the book of Ezra to get us started this new season.

Coffee Break for Women meets this Wednesday at 9:00. We will be discussing lesson 2 in our study guides, I and II Timothy and Titus. All women are always welcome to join us.

From the Outreach Purpose Group:

- We will again be handing our Bibles and candy in front of church on the evening of Saturday, October 31st. If you would be willing to donate some candy, please put it in the church kitchen.
- As a church, we will again be participating in Samaritan Purse Operation Christmas Child. There are items listed on the west wall of the auditorium as well as in the basement which you can commit to donating to the cause. Grab whatever sheets you want from the walls. We will be looking to pack the items sometime in the beginning of November. You may also pack a box or two on your own! Any questions can be directed to Pastor or Karilynn Ridder.

College Care Packages. We will be sending care packages to college students again this school year. If you know of a student who could use some encouragement, submit their name by **October 31st** to add them to our mailing list! See Tamara Reser if you have any questions.

Church Family

“Welcome, Lucas Cameron Doane! We are over the moon to announce the birth of Lucas Cameron Doane, born September 27. Lucas is happy and healthy, and we are so thankful for this precious gift. He is truly a blessing from God, and our hearts

are overflowing with love and gratitude!. A heartfelt thank-you to our church family for your prayers, love, and support. We are so grateful to be surrounded by such a caring church family during this joyful time.” Cameron and Sydney Doane (There is a baby basket by the mailboxes for any gifts you would like to give to Lucas.)

“Thank you to Pastor Ben for the beautiful service for Jose’ and for his encouraging words to us. Thanks also to Rachel and Anita for sharing their musical talents, to those who provided and served the meal, and to all who helped to make the service a wonderful time for our family as we gathered to remember and honor Jose.” Ray and Gloria Martinez family

CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

Today	9:30 am – Morning Worship 11:00 am –Sunday School for all ages
Wednesday	9:00 am – Coffee Break for Women 11:30 am – Moms in Prayer 4:15 pm – Prayer Meeting

From the Deacons – Offerings Received

September 20 General Fund \$2,277.00 W.A.R. \$680.00

ASSIGNMENTS

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

Greeters Today: Ken and Calien Richardson
October 11: Ken and Sandy Stoel

Nursery Today: Jenny Reynolds, Jessica Kastanek
October 11: Julie Kastanek, Jaelynn Duits
October 18: Lisa Nurenberg, Erika Leazier

Coffee Time Today: Steve Werdon
October 11 Wayne Moak
October 18: Noah Garn

Children’s Worship (ages 3-6): Karilynn Ridder

Prayer Ministry Today: Sue Hansbarger
October 18 Joel Pepper

Prayer Family:

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

This week: Rachel Ridder