

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/J. Leazier—Barnett thru T. Hilley
K. Oosterhouse/R. Duits—Jackson thru Reynolds
R. Oosterhouse/B. Green—B. Ridder thru T. Zook

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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

Small 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—10:45 a.m. Sept.—May

Moms in Touch Prayer

Wednesdays—11:30 a.m. Sept-May

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

CONSISTORY:

Pastor Ben Ridder
Elders Ken Oosterhouse—2021
Jason Flohr—2022
Ryan Oosterhouse—2023
Deacons Richard Duits—2021
Joe Leazier—2022
Bob Green—2023

ISAIAH 66:1, NIV

“Heaven
is my throne,
and the earth
is my footstool.”

*Harvest Community
Church*

A Christian Reformed Ministry

620 Sixth Avenue

Lake Odessa, Michigan 48849

Welcome to Harvest Church

Sunday, April 18, 2021

It's a blessing to gather together today!

"The Lord reigns, let the earth be glad; let the distant shores rejoice. Zion hears and rejoices and the villages of Judah are glad because of Your judgments O Lord. For you, O Lord are the Most High over all the earth; You are exalted far above all gods. Psalm 97: 1, 8, 9

Morning Worship

Message: The Sovereignty of God

Scripture: Psalm 103:19

Page 428 in the blue Bibles

Tonight at 5:00—Dust to Glory Study

Children's Worship meets this morning. Children age 4-6 are dismissed to go downstairs right after the morning worship time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coming off of last week's message about the greatness of our God, this morning we are going to focus on one aspect of His greatness, perhaps the quintessential expression of his greatness—His Sovereignty. Theologians past and present have pointed to God's sovereignty as most clearly marking God as God. What difference does it make to your lived faith to know that Sovereign God is in charge and in control over all things?

Special Offering for this week is for Resonate Global Ministries, the outreach/mission ministry of the Christian Reformed Church denomination.

Children's Worship today. Children, ages 4 thru 6 can be brought downstairs after the opening worship, to the room in the far northeast corner of the building, right by the old basement entrance.

Sunday School classes for ages PK thru adult meet this morning at 11:00. Classrooms are marked downstairs. Adults meet in the auditorium.

Dust to Glory Bible Study meets this evening at 5:00. Join us as we look at the Old Testament period of the Judges as given to us in the book by the same name. How is the period we find ourselves in similar to that period, during which we read the repeated refrain: "And

everyone did what was right in their own eyes"?

Consistory will be meeting this Wednesday evening at 7:00. Pastor Ridder will be serving as the evening's host.

Coffee Break Women's Bible Study meets on Wednesday at 9:00 am. This week we will be looking at study 5 in our books about the sufficiency of Christ from 2 Corinthians 4. All women are welcome to join us.

Grief and Grieving Meetings. The Outreach Purpose Group of Harvest Church has made arrangements to host Gwen Kapcia of grief-guide.com on four consecutive Thursday evenings to talk about grief and grieving. The schedule is as follows:

- April 22: General Grief
- April 29: Grief and Family
- May 6: The faith Component
- May 13: What's Really Helpful for the Griever

If you are dealing with grief or know someone else who is, plan on attending any or all of the meetings. Each meeting starts at 7:00. Check out Gwen's website at grief-guide.com for more information about her ministry.

Grief General: Join us this Thursday evening at 7:00 as we welcome Gwen Kapcia to speak to us about grief in general. This is the first of 4 sessions that we have scheduled with her.

ARO T-shirts. There are ARO (Appalachia Reach Out) shirts available to purchase on the back table for \$20 each. Money goes to the ARO Benevolent Fund to help disadvantaged people in the Inez, Kentucky area. If you don't find the specific shirt you want or the right size, please see Marilyn DeJong.

Alpha Family Center of Lowell and Lake Odessa will be holding a LifeRun/Walk 5k on June 6 at 7:30 am at N. Grand River Riverfront Park in Lowell. For more information visit afclowell.org/life-run-walk-5k or call 616-987-9533.

Severe Spring weather information. Please tune in to TV-8 from Grand Rapids or TV-6 from Lansing to hear of any cancellations of church services and other events here at Harvest because of severe spring weather,

For Faith Formation Ministries. At-home Faith Formation Tip—The Practice of Celebrating: Practicing celebration early in the day can help adjust our mindset and focus us on God's goodness. Consider beginning each morning by praying a Scripture passage of celebration, such as Psalm 103:1-5. (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit crna.org/FaithFormation/Practices.)

Please pray for _____

-Place in offering plate-

CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

Today	9:30 am—Worship Service
	11:00 am—Sunday School for all ages
	5:00 pm—Dust to Glory Bible Study
Wednesday	9:00 am—Coffee Break Women's Bible Study
	7:00 pm—Meet for prayer here at church
Thursday	7:00 pm—Grief General—first in a series

From the Deacons—Offering received April 11

General Fund \$2,590.00

Benevolent Fund \$ 50.00

ASSIGNMENTS

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

Children's Worship meets this morning. Children ages 4-6 are dismissed to go downstairs following the worship time.

Today Anita Duits

April 25 Felicia Vander Kooi

May 2 Joann Gerke

May 9 Karilynn Ridder

Nursery Today Mary Flohr, Peighton Reser

April 25 Jamie Rabideau, Joann Gerke

May 2 Kelly Duits, Jeremiah Flohr

May 9 Audrey Mason, Jessica Mason

Coffee Time—please feel free to bring your own coffee

Prayer Ministry

Today Joel Pepper

April 25 Cindi Green

Prayer Family:

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

This week: Mark and Lisa Nurenberg family