

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
B. DeJong/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

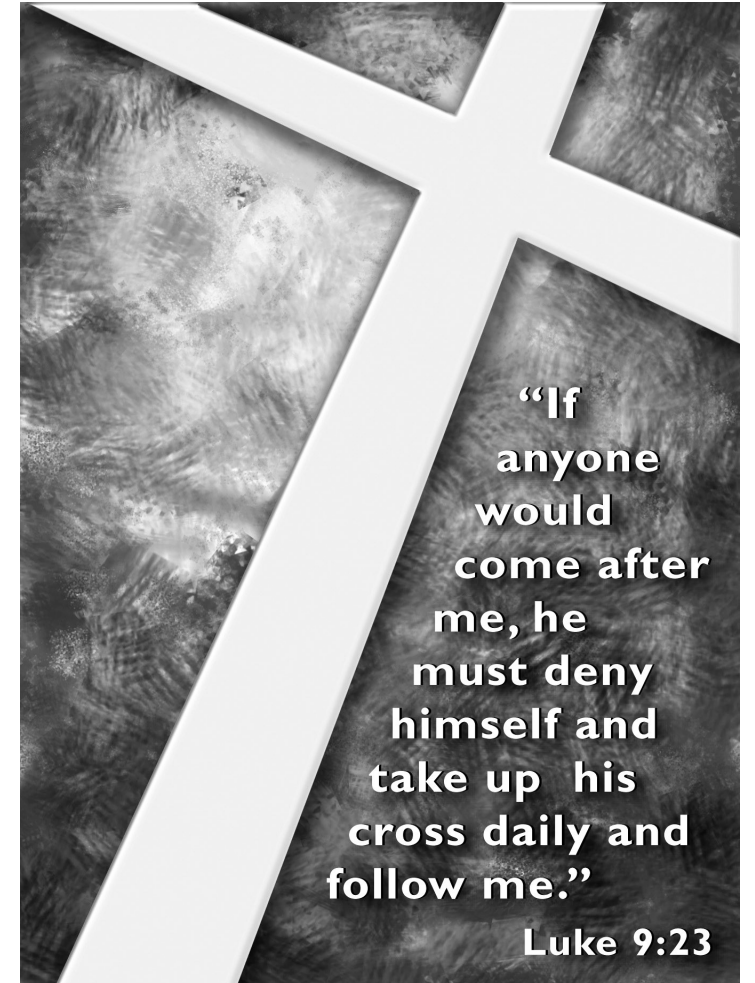
Moms in Touch Prayer

Wednesdays—11:30 a.m. Sept-May

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

CONSISTORY:

Pastor Ben Ridder
Elders Jason Flohr—2022
Ryan Oosterhouse—2023
Bob DeJong—2024
Deacons Joe Leazier—2022
Bob Green—2023
Richard Duits—2024



“If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.”

Luke 9:23

Harvest Community Church

A Christian Reformed Ministry

620 Sixth Avenue

Lake Odessa, Michigan 48849

Welcome to Harvest Church

Sunday, May 15, 2022

It's a blessing to gather together today!

"Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said, 'if anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and the gospel will save it.'" Mark 8:34-35

Morning Worship

Message: The Baptism of Self-Denial

Scripture: Matthew 28:16-20

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

As we take another look at what is known as the Great Commission, we ask for a second time why Jesus would put baptism as the first element of His charge to the church to go and make disciples of all nations. What is happening in one's being baptized into the name of the Triune God that makes the sacrament crucial? Last week we answered that by being reminded that baptism gives us our identity as beloved of God. This morning we investigate another reason baptism is first in the process of disciple making.

Second Offering this morning is for Starlight Ministry, a ministry which brings the hope of Christ to those who are grieving the loss of a loved one through death.

Sunday School meets today at 11:00 am for all ages. Our last Sunday School of the season for grades preschool thru high school will be next Sunday, May 22.

Dust to Glory study will be held this evening at 5:00. Tonight, we look at the birth of Jesus as Matthew's and Luke's gospels narrate it's occurrence and surrounding events.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated together next Sunday morning as part of our time of worship together.

Consistory meets this Wednesday evening at 7:00. Joe Leazier will be serving as host for the evening.

Harvest Book Readers will meet this Thursday at 6:30 pm in the church library.

Harvest Softball Team. A Softball Team is forming now for playing with other churches again this season. Men and women, young and old are welcome to play. Contact Seth Oosterhouse—seth@m43autobody.com with any questions you may have.

Grand Rapids Whitecaps baseball game. Plans are being made to take a Harvest group to an evening game in Grand Rapids on July 15. There is a sign up sheet on the back table. Tickets are \$13.50 each. Fellowship committee needs to know by **June 1** so that tickets can be ordered.

Fishing Outing for Men and Boys: Saturday, June 11 at Great Lakes Gravel. We are joining a group of men and boys from The Pier, a Christian Reformed church plant in Grand Rapids. The schedule is as follows: 7:30 am, devotions to start the day together, followed by fishing until about 11:30. Fishing will be followed by an inspirational message directed especially to the male gender, which will be followed by a grilled burger lunch prepared by grill-master Phil Burke. **There is a sign up sheet on the back table to help us determine amount of food. Included is space to provide t-shirt sizes as each participant will receive a complimentary t-shirt to commemorate the day.**

Alpha Care Center of Lowell and Lake Odessa is hosting a Run for Your Life Family Walk and 5K on June 4 at Riverside Park in Lowell. Cost is \$25 individual and \$60 for a family. Racers get a shirt, ice cream vouchers, prizes for pledges and free hot dog lunch. Register at Alphacare-center.org. under the "Get Involved" and Events/Campaigns headings.

CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

Today	9:30 am—Worship Service 11:00 am—Sunday School for all ages
Wednesday	7:00 pm—Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm—Consistory
Thursday	6:30 pm—Harvest Book Readers

From the Deacons—Offering received on May 8

General Fund \$3,430.00

Benevolent Fund \$100.00

ASSIGNMENTS

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

Greeters Today Jason and Mary Flohr
May 22 Joyce Mearns

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

Today Karilynn Ridder

May 22 Anita Duits

May 27 Rachel Ridder

Nursery Today Kelly Duits, Jessica Kastanek
May 22 Harlene Westendorp, Jonathan Kastanek
May 29 Lisa Nurenberg, Erika Leazier

Coffee Time Today Noah Garn
May 22 Tamara Reser
May 29 Joann Gerke

Prayer Ministry

Today Marshann Ludema May 29 Karilynn Ridder

Prayer Family:

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

This week: Daryl and Kay Hartzler