

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

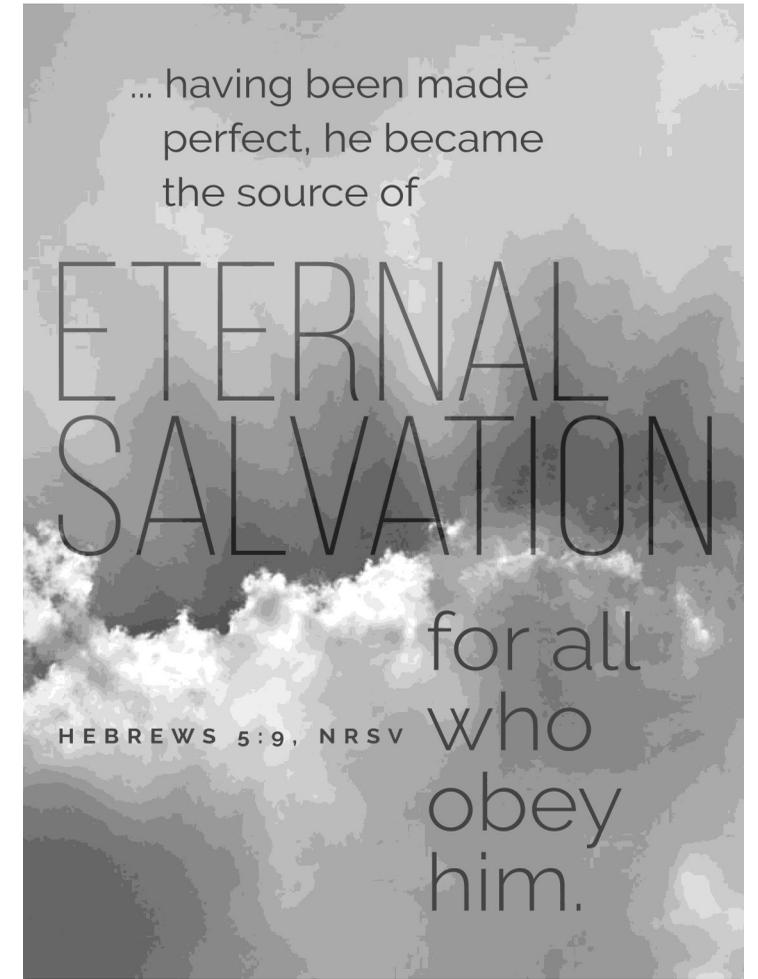
Moms in Touch Prayer

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



Harvest Community Church

A Christian Reformed Ministry

620 Sixth Avenue

Lake Odessa, Michigan 48849

Welcome to Harvest Church

Sunday, August 21, 2022

It's a blessing to gather together today!

"But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus." Ephesians 2:4-7

Morning Worship

Message: Bad Day for Hamans

Scripture: Esther 6:14-7:10

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Children's Worship **will not meet** during the summer months

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

As we continue our look at the book of Esther, we take a second look at the section before us this morning. What turned out to be a great day for Esther turns out to be a bad day for Haman. It's a story of salvation and condemnation, deliverance and eternal bondage. One of those two stories is the story of everyone who is living and everyone who has ever lived. Which story is yours?

Second Offering this morning is for Starfysh Ministry. It's a ministry started by Doctor Edmondson of Saranac, with the goal of making the people of La Gonave, Haiti economically self-sufficient.

The sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated as part of our worship 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.

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

Adult Sunday School meets this morning at 11:00 in the auditorium for a discussion of today's sermon. Children's Sunday School does not meet during the summer.

Sunday Evening Exodus Study will meet this evening at 5:00. Read Exodus 7 in preparation for tonight's study.

Consistory meets Wednesday at 7 pm. Ryan Oosterhouse will be the host.

Another church work day is scheduled for this Saturday, August 27 at 9:00 am. New concrete steps on the hill by the parsonage have been installed, now landscaping and lawn repair are needed. We also have shutters to install at the parsonage and rain gutters to clean on the church building. Thank you for your help!

From the Consistory: Next Sunday, August 28 there will be a congregational meeting following the service to take a vote of affirmation for our next deacon and elder. Jason Flohr has volunteered to serve another term as elder and Seth Oosterhouse has accepted the single nomination for deacon.

Maranatha Summer Concert Series will feature Ernie Hause and Signature Sound for their free concert this Saturday, August 27 at Maranatha Conference Center (4759 Lake Harbor Rd., Norton Shores, MI). Concert begins at 7:00 pm. Dinner is available before the concert for a charge, which includes early concert seating. For dinner tickets and more information visit vacationwithpurpose.org.

Glocal Mission Podcast - How do we join God's mission locally and globally? That's what Resonate leaders Rich Braaksma and Nalini Sukanandam aim to discover in this podcast, interviewing regional leaders and people doing awesome things (church planters, campus ministers, lay leaders, etc.) in a variety of contexts! Just five episodes in, this podcast in its infancy is already uncovering oodles of insight and inspiration. Join us as we meet ministry leaders from around North America living out the gospel in their own contexts. Check it out at <https://anchor.fm/glocalmission>

Faith Formation Ministries. At-home Faith Practice Reflection Tip—the Practice of Service: Read John 13:3-5, 12-14 and ponder or discuss the following questions. If you were one of the disciples, how do you think you would have felt when Jesus, the Son of God, began to wash your feet? Embarrassed? Unworthy? Awed? Other? In what specific ways can we follow Jesus' example of servanthood, both individually and as members of a faith community? Whose "feet" might you need to "wash"? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit bit.ly/FaithPracticesProject)

CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

Today	9:30 am—Communion Worship Service 11:00 am—Adult Sunday School 5:00 pm—Exodus Study
Wednesday	7:00 pm—Prayer meeting 7:00 pm—Consistory Meeting
Saturday	9:00 am—Church Work Day

From the Deacons—Offerings received on August 14

General Fund \$4,610.00

Capital Improvement Fund \$175.00

Starfysh \$537.00

ASSIGNMENTS

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

Greeters Today Bob and Cindi Green

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Nursery Today Jenny Reynolds, Jeremiah Flohr
August 28 Julie Kastanek, Erika Leazier
September 4 Marshann Ludema, Jessica Kastanek

Coffee Time Today Harlene Westendorp
August 28 Steve Werdon
September 4 Joyce Tuitman

Prayer Ministry
Today Sandy Stoel August 28 Gail Pepper

Prayer Family:
Please be praying for this household over the next week. Each Harvest household is rotated through the schedule.
This week: Audrey Mason