

## 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

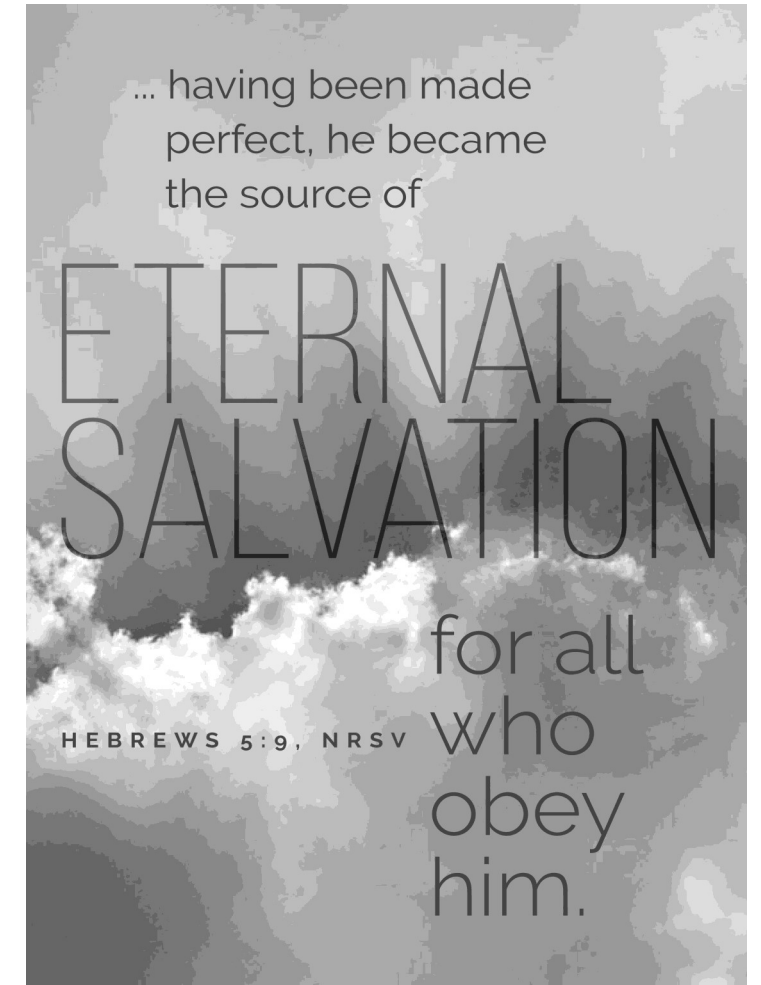
**Moms in Touch Prayer**

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 28, 2022

*It's a blessing to gather together today!*

*"He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor and the day of vengeance for our God, to comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve in Zion—to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair." Isaiah 61:1-3b*

## Morning Worship

**Message: The Grand Sorting**

**Scripture:** Esther 8

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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

**This morning** in our travelling through the book of Esther, we come to the story's grand reversal. A second edict is declared which provides a way of life for God's people over against the first edict of death. Esther could have been simply relieved for her own death reprieve, but she would not rest until the same reprieve was given to her kinsmen, the people of God. Even as we rejoice in our salvation by grace through faith in the Lord Jesus, ought we not also be intensely concerned for others who do not yet know the joy that we do?

**Second Offering** next Sunday is for the Capital Improvement Fund of Harvest Church.

**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.

**Exodus Bible Study** takes place this evening at 5:00. Please consider Exodus 7 in preparation for this evening.

**Congregational Meeting** will take place following the morning service today. The purpose is to take a vote of affirmation for the consistory's decision to extend the term of Jason Flohr as elder for another term, AND presenting Seth Oosterhouse as the single nomination for the office of deacon.

**Outreach Purpose Group** will meet Monday evening, September 12 at 6:30.

**From the Consistory:** Mark your calendars for a shared dinner following the morning service of September 25. As part of our time together we will be talking about community groups and purpose groups, as well as a number of other items. It will be a great time of fellowship and information about some things that maybe you have no idea about!!

**Maranatha Summer Concert Series** will feature Captivating Keyboards for their free concert this Saturday, September 3 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](http://vacationwithpurpose.org).

**Winsome Women Fall Retreat.** Three identical sessions will be held at the Great Lakes Center for the Arts in Bay Harbor, Michigan—October 11,12; October 12,13; October 13,14. Featured speakers are Pam Tebow, missionary to the Philippines and mom of Heisman Trophy winner Tim Tebow, and Shari Rigby, actress known for her roles in faith films including Overcomer, October Baby, and The Least of These. Music will be by Point of Grace. The theme for this Fall Retreat is "For Such A Time As This" Register at [www.wswretreats.org](http://www.wswretreats.org)

**Tour the Biblical Lands of Israel**—March 6-March 17, 2023. Experience a refreshing renewal of your faith, and gain a deeper understanding of the Bible, as you tour the biblical lands with teaching host, Pastor Peter Tuininga, and Sindbad Tours of Israel. See many of the biblical places (Jerusalem, Galilee, Caesarea, Jericho, and much more), and gain spiritual and historical insights which will make the Bible come alive for you. For complete information, cost, and registration, go to [toursofisrael.wordpress.com](http://toursofisrael.wordpress.com) or call Peter Tuininga: 1-289-877-8433 or email: [peter.tuininga@gmail.com](mailto:peter.tuininga@gmail.com)

**From ReFrame Ministries.** Courageous Creativity—Check out the kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). God chose you to share his gift with the world in unique and creative ways. Perhaps God gave you the creative ability to sing songs about his love, to be a gospel storyteller, or to serve others with your talents. Listen now at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net) and check out all the new content.

## CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

Today	9:30 am—Worship Service
	10:30 am—Congregational Meeting
	11:00 am—Adult Sunday School
	5:00 pm—Exodus Study
Wednesday	7:00 pm—Prayer meeting

**From the Deacons—Offerings received on August 21**

**General Fund** \$2,333.00

**Starfish** \$750.00

## 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 September 3 Darl and Diane Redder

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

**Nursery** Today Julie Kastanek, Erika Leazier  
September 4 Marshann Ludema, Jessica Kastanek  
September 11 Audrey Mason, Jonathan Kastanek

**Coffee Time** Today Steve Werdon  
September 4 Joyce Tuitman  
September 11 Teresa Renkema

**Prayer Ministry**  
Today Gail Pepper September 4 Joel Pepper

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

**This week:** Jared and Theresa McConnon