

## 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

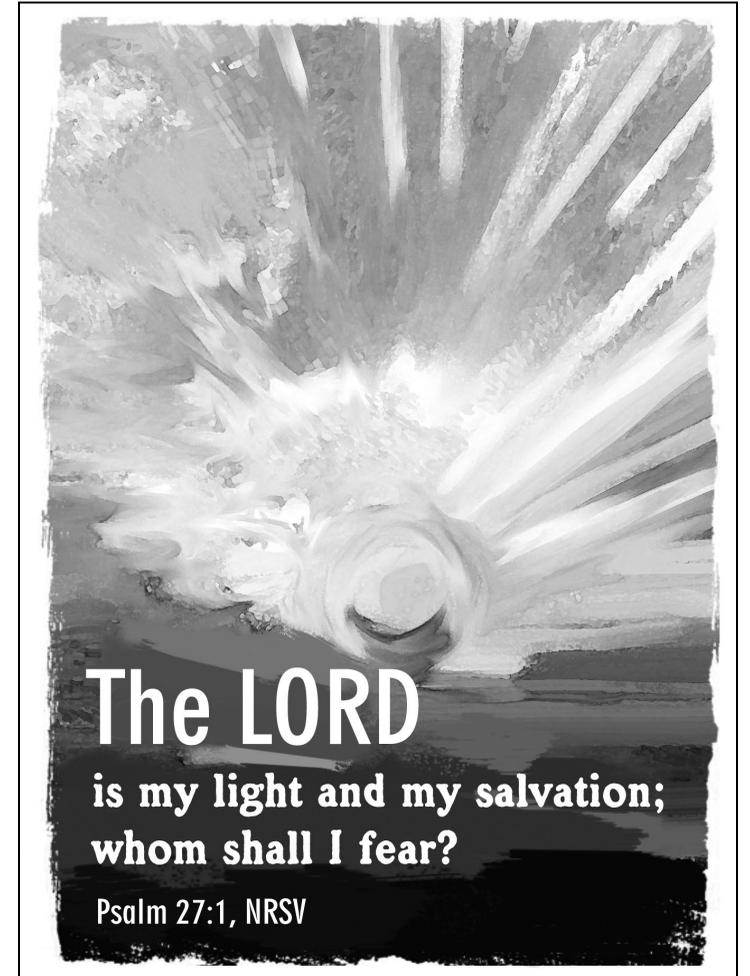
**Moms in Touch Prayer**

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, September 4, 2022

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

*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me 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, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair." Isaiah 61:1a, 2-3b*

## Morning Worship

**Message: The Great Reversal**

**Scripture:** Esther 9:1-17

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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.*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

As we continue in our look at the book of Esther, we arrive at what can be called "the great reversal." On the very day that had previously promised God's people destruction, slaughter, and annihilation by the first royal decree, there is instead deliverance; a deliverance for the people of God from their enemies, by the second royal decree. It is a large-scale example of what has happened in the life of every true believer in Jesus Christ: Once I was lost, but now I am found.

**Second Offering** this morning 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.

**Dust to Glory:** There will be no "Dust to Glory" study this evening.

**Installation:** Next Sunday, Seth Oosterhouse will be installed as our new deacon. Make sure to express your gratitude to "retiring" deacon Joe Leazier whose spot Seth is taking.

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

**The new season** of Coffee Break Women's Bible Study will begin on Wednesday, September 14 at 9 am. Our first session will be a review of the Book of Isaiah as we have studied it so far. All women are invited to join us at any time. Little Lambs and nursery are offered for pre-school age children.

**Infant Baptisms:** On Sunday, September 18 during our worship service, we will have the privilege of witnessing the baptisms of Halle Joy, daughter of Bryce and Hannah Pennington; and Titus Burdette, son of Ryan and Sarah Oosterhouse.

**Shared Dinner/Kick-Off/Information Sharing.** Mark your calendars for a shared dinner to follow the service of Sunday, September 25. It will also be a time where opportunity will be given to be a part of a Purpose Group, as well as information shared about different ministries here at Harvest that perhaps you are unaware of.

**From the Consistory:** 4 Month Challenge!! From September thru December, be purposeful in getting to know someone of Harvest Church that you don't know very well or not at all! Invite them over for coffee or a meal. Meet them somewhere for coffee or a meal. Get out of your comfort zone to meet someone that God has placed in your life by virtue of being a part of the same local body of Christ. The goal is at least one such meeting a month, from September to December.

**Sunday School** for all ages will resume on Sunday, October 2 at 11:00 am. Children's Worship will also resume on October 2.

**The Lakewood Community Women's Group** is again hosting their **free** conference for women on Saturday, October 1 from 9 am to 1 pm at Outreach Christian Church, 7831 N. Jordan Lake Rd., Lake Odessa.. The theme for this year's conference is 'Celebrate Friendship'. Speaker will be Jennie Afman Dimkoff. Pre-register by calling 517-281-3860. See Cindi Green with any questions you may have.

**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)

## CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

Today	9:30 am—Worship Service
	11:00 am—Adult Sunday School
Wednesday	7:00 pm—Prayer meeting

**From the Deacons—Offerings received on August 28**

**General Fund** \$5,287.00

## 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 11 Darl and Diane Redder

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

**Nursery** Today Marshann Ludema, Jessica Kastanek  
September 11 Audrey Mason, Jonathan Kastanek  
September 18 Lisa Nurenberg, Gabe Flohr

**Coffee Time** Today Joyce Tuitman  
September 11 Teresa Renkema  
September 18 Noah Garn

**Prayer Ministry**  
Today Joel Pepper September 11 Cindi Green

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

**This week:** Joyce Mearns