

## 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/S. Oosterhouse—A-I**

**B. DeJong/R. Duits—J-O**

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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 Prayer**

Wednesdays—11:30 a.m. Sept-May

**Prayer Meeting**

Wednesdays—7:00 pm

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

### CONSISTORY:

Pastor Ben Ridder

Elders Ryan Oosterhouse—2023

Bob DeJong—2024

Jason Flohr—2025

Deacons Bob Green—2023

Richard Duits—2024

Seth Oosterhouse—2025



## Harvest Community Church

*A Christian Reformed Ministry*

*620 Sixth Avenue*

*Lake Odessa, Michigan 48849*

# Welcome to Harvest Church

November 27, 2022

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

*“The LORD is exalted, for he dwells on high; he will fill Zion with justice and righteousness. He will be the sure foundation for all your times, and a rich store of salvation and wisdom and knowledge; the fear of the Lord is the key to this treasure.”*

Isaiah 33:6

## Morning Worship

**Message: To Fear and Not to Fear**

**Scripture:** Malachi 3:13-18

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Children's Worship meets this morning for ages 3-6. Children are dismissed to go downstairs during the offering.

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

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

As we continue our march through the prophecy of Malachi, we are introduced to a group we have not met before: a remnant of faithful believers. These are the folks who take what God is saying seriously and make the necessary adjustments to their behaviors and attitudes. The leading factor in their repentance is given to us twice in our passage: they are those who “feared the Lord.” The fear of the Lord is something that seems to be fading a bit in the Christian church these days. What is it and why is it so important?

**Second Offering** next Sunday is for World Renew. This is the denominations worldwide ministry response to the effects of natural disasters, agricultural needs, poverty, and other material and physical needs around the world. Formerly known as Christian Reformed World Relief Committee (CRWRC). The bulletin insert this week explains how you can donate toward specific gifts. There are catalogs on the back table or you can check out the gifts online at [worldrenew.net/gifts](http://worldrenew.net/gifts).

**Study of Exodus** will take place this evening at 5:00. Please read and reflect on Exodus 12:31-50 in preparation.

**Coffee Break Bible Study** meets this week and we'll be discuss-

ing lesson 3 in our study guides from Philippians 2: 1-11—Christ's Attitude...and Ours. All women are always invited to join us at anytime. Little Lambs and nursery are available for children under school age.

**Moms in Prayer** will meet on Wednesday at 11:30. If you would like to be in prayer with others for your children and or grandchildren and their schools, please join us.

**Fellowship Purpose Group** will meet on Wednesday at 6:00 in the Library downstairs. We'll be discussing the re-scheduling of our planned pancake breakfast.

**Congregational Meeting** is scheduled for Sunday, December 18 following the service. Purpose of the meeting is to vote on the proposed 2023 budget. The budget will be in your mailboxes by next Sunday for your review.

**Church Family:** Pray for God's comfort for the Burke family in the recent passing of Sandie's sister, Dianne. May the LORD Almighty come along all who are in a state of sorrow. Sandi has asked that we pray for her sister's children and grandchildren as well.

**From the Consistory: FOUR MONTH CHALLENGE!** September through December—Be purposeful in getting to know someone of Harvest Church that you don't know well or at all! Invite them over for coffee or a meal; meet somewhere for coffee or a meal. Get out of your comfort zone to meet someone that God has placed in your orbit by virtue of being a part of the same local body of Christ. The goal is at least one such contact per month through December.

**Lakewood Community Council Christmas Basket Program.** There is a sign up sheet on the back table for this local ministry to children who may otherwise not receive a gift this Christmas season....still needed: 1 \$10-\$12 gifts for a boy. Also, warm winter hats, socks, mittens/gloves are always needed. This year the supply is low. If you prefer to send a monetary gift which will be used to cover cost of meat for the baskets, please send to Lakewood Community Council, c/o Kay Barcroft, 2291 E. M-43 Hwy, Hastings, MI 49058. **Bagged and tagged gifts are due here at Harvest by Tuesday, December 6.**

## ADVENT WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- \* Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, December 24 at 7:00pm
- \* Christmas Day Worship, December 25th at 9:30 am

**Weather Closings.** Tune to Wood TV channel 8 for updated information about church closings: worship services or weekday meetings, due to inclement weather.

**Prayer Help.** Are you or someone you know in need of extra focused prayer? There are prayer cards on the greeter table. Please fill them in and leave in the offering basket or in the Prayer Room bowl. The needs are prayed for on Wednesday during evening prayer gathering.

## CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

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| Today     | 9:30 am—Worship Service<br>11:00 am—Sunday School for all ages<br>5:00 pm—Exodus Bible Study |
| Wednesday | 9:00 am—Coffee Break Women's Bible Study<br>6:00 pm—Fellowship Purpose Group meeting         |

**From the Deacons—Offerings received on November 20**

**General Fund** \$ 1,430.00

**Benevolent Fund** \$ 135.00

## ASSIGNMENTS

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

**Greeters** Today Royce and Joyce Wilcox  
December 4 Wayne & Carrie Moak

**Children's Worship** Today Rachel Ridder  
December 4 Mycah Ridder

**Nursery** Today Audrey Mason, Joe Kastanek  
December 4 Joyce Mearns, Peighton Reser  
December 11 Mary Flohr, Erika Leazier

**Coffee Time** Today Tamara Reser  
December 4 Wayne Moak  
December 11 Joann Gerke

**Prayer Ministry**  
Today Gail Pepper December 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:** Darl and Diane Redder