

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

R. Oosterhouse/B. Green—P-Z

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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

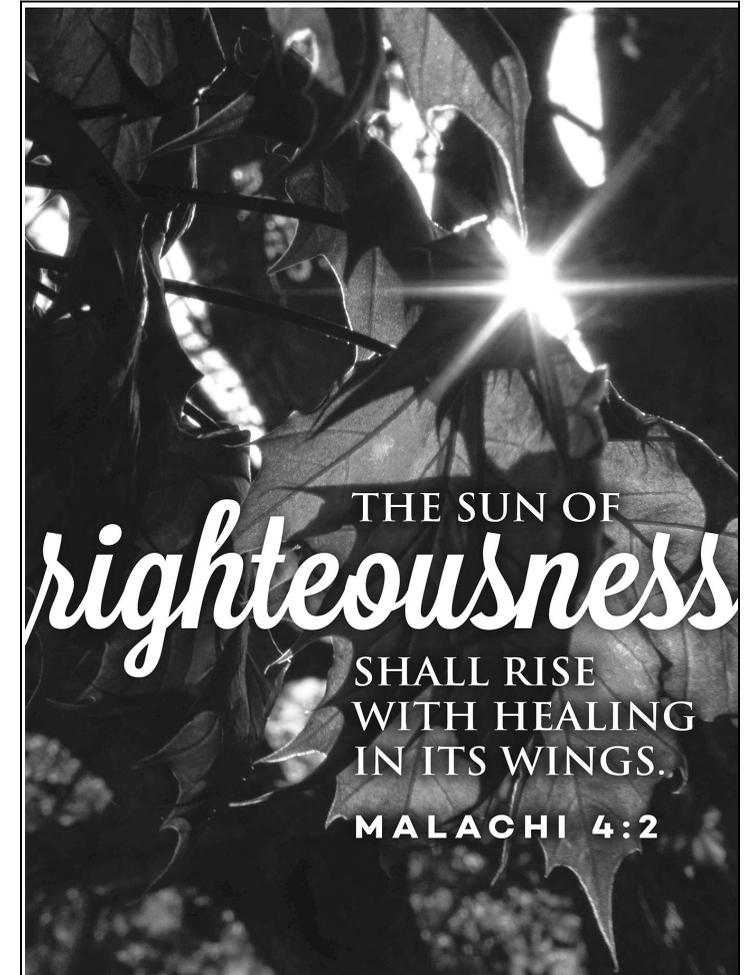
Bob DeJong—2024

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

December 11, 2022

It's a blessing to gather together today!

"Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." Revelation 22:3-4

Morning Worship

Message: The Sun of Righteousness Rising

Scripture: Malachi 4

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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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This morning we will be concluding our look at the prophecy of Malachi, focusing on the promise of "the sun of righteousness rising with healing in its wings." It is a prophecy which was fulfilled in the first coming of Jesus and will be fulfilled in an even greater fashion with the return of Jesus. So, this morning we rejoice in the coming of our Lord and look forward with unswerving hope to his return!

Second Offering next Sunday will be for the Guiding Light Mission. This is a ministry located in the downtown area of Grand Rapids serving the homeless and others who need a boost to get back on the path of normalcy.

Exodus Study will take place this evening at 5:00. Please read and reflect on Exodus 11 in preparation for tonight's time together.

Coffee Break Bible Study meets on Wednesday. We'll be discussing Philippians 3 'Pressing on Toward the Goal'. All women are always invited to join us. Nursery and Little Lambs are offered for small children up to school age. This week if you have a special Christmas treat you like to make, please bring some to share with the group. We will not meet the weeks of Dec. 21 and 28 for the Christmas holiday.

Moms in Prayer will meet on Wednesday at 11:30. Join with others in prayer for our children/grandchildren and their schools.

Congregational Meeting will be held next Sunday morning after the worship service. The purpose for the meeting is to vote on the 2023 proposed budget. Copies of the budget were placed in mailboxes.

Ornament Tree. The hand made ornaments on the tree by the coat room are from Egypt and are for sale. All proceeds go to Women at Risk (WAR), an organization in Grand Rapids which is engaged in helping women around the world who are caught in human trafficking. Prices are marked on each ornament, paper work and instructions are on the shelf in the coat room. Questions? Contact Marilyn DeJong.

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.

ADVENT WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- * Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 7:00. Please note the candlelight singing will take place outside in front of the church as is our new practice. So dress accordingly.
- * Christmas Morning Worship Service at 9:30.
- * There will be no Sunday School classes on December 25th or January 1st.

Pastor's Class coming in January. This is a class for anyone wanting to know more about the Christian faith, and in particular the reformed expression of the Christian faith. Pastor has talked to a few of you about taking it. Whoever may be interested, please contact Pastor. This class will take place on Sundays during the Sunday School hour, running for about 6 weeks.

Church Family

"To Our Harvest Church Family...Thank you for keeping Rod in your thoughts and prayers...before, during, and after heart surgery. We felt peace and comfort surrounding us especially during stressful times and decisions. We know it was because we were being lifted up to our FATHER in heaven. We were humbled and thankful for the support of all of you. Even though some of you hardly knew us, you took time to pray, send cards and even visit. Prayer is a powerful thing and we are so grateful for loving, caring people who believe our GOD is faithful and will answer if we 'ask in JESUS name, Your will be done.' May you all be blessed as you have blessed us.." Rod and Marcia Lake

Blue Christmas Services are offered at Zion Lutheran Church this Wednesday at 1:00 and 7:00. This is a service geared towards those who have a hard time especially during the holiday season due to a loss of a loved one.

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

Today	9:30 am—Worship Service 11:00 am—Sunday School for all ages 5:00 pm—Exodus Bible Study
Wednesday	9:00 am—Coffee Break Women's Bible Study 11:30 am—Moms in Prayer 7:00 pm—Prayer Meeting

From the Deacons—Offerings received on December 4

General Fund \$ 4,243.00

World Renew \$512.00

Guiding Light \$175.00

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 December 18 Wayne & Carrie Moak

Children's Worship Today Karilynn Ridder

December 18 Val Livingston

December 25 No children's worship

Nursery Today Mary Flohr, Erika Leazier

December 18 Jenny Reynolds, Jessica Kastanek

December 25 Julie Kastanek, Jeremiah Flohr

Coffee Time Today Joann Gerke

December 18 Cindi Green

December 25 Harlene Westendorp

Prayer Ministry

Today Cindi Green **December 18** Marshann Ludema

Prayer Family:

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

This week: Jim and Tamara Reser