

## 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

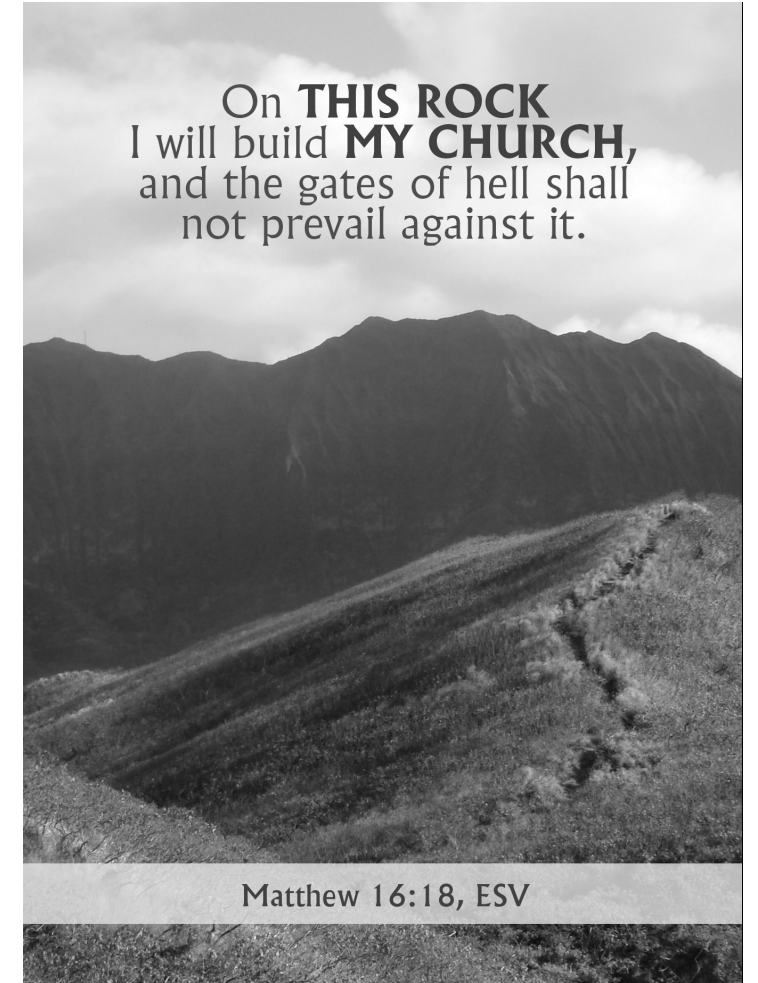
Bob DeJong—2024

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

April 23, 2023

*We are happy you are here!*

*“As you come to him—the Living Stone—rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to Him—you also live living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.” 1 Peter 2:4-5*

## Morning Worship

**Message: An Introduction to Acts (2)**

**Scripture:** Acts 1:1-3

Page 770 in the blue Bibles

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

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**This morning** we continue in our series on the book of Acts with a second big picture look at the early church and what it has to do with us as a church today. Acts is volume one of the church history, and as such lays down so much foundational truth as to God’s purposes for establishing a special people on earth to represent Him. One of the big mysteries is why he would use the likes of you and me to do so. But we are plan A, and there is no plan B!

**Bible Study** on the book of Exodus will meet this evening at 5:00. Please read chapter 20 in preparation as we will look at the law as given at Mount Sinai, and it’s purpose for Israel then and the church now.

**In Coffee Break Bible Study** for the next few weeks we will be taking a close look at some New Testament women. First up — Mary Magdalene. All women are always welcome to join us. We also offer Little Lambs for children infant to age 5.

**From the Consistory:** Jeremiah Flohr and Jessica Kastanek met with the consistory this past Wednesday evening to profess their faith in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. On a date yet to be determined they will profess their faith publicly during a worship

service and also officially covenant with Harvest Community Church.

**Harvest Book Readers** have chosen the next book for discussion - *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah. We’ll be meeting together on Thursday, May 18.

**Lakewood High School** will hold a Baccalaureate service on Sunday, May 21 at 6:00 pm in the high school auditorium. Come and support the LHS seniors in this service designed to show them support and blessings from the area churches. We encourage you to attend even if you don’t have a senior of your own.

**First Annual Harvest Golf Scramble:** 9 hole scramble at Centennial Golf in Sunfield, Saturday, June 10 with a 3:00 shotgun start on the Sunrise course. Following the golf will be a light dinner along with a variety of different prizes for ineptness. There is a sign up sheet on the back table. Even if you signed up on the “interested” sheet, you must sign up on this “definitely going” list.

## REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The King’s Choraliers Spring Concert – April 30, 2023** – You are invited to enjoy and be inspired by the music of this west Michigan men’s choir as they sing about the good news of Jesus Christ! In addition, if you are interested in adding your own voice to the Choraliers, please chat with one of the members when you attend the concert or visit their website: [thekingschoraliers.com](http://thekingschoraliers.com) A free-will offering will be received at the concert to support this music ministry— April 30, 7 pm at Trinity Reformed Church, 7350 Kalamazoo SE, Caledonia.

**Volunteer with the Refugee Education Center** - We are a small, local non-profit in Kentwood, Michigan who support refugees in their journey to become fully participating members of the West Michigan community. We work to address the needs of not only the students we serve, but the whole family, focused around three core pillars of post-resettlement support: Education, Family Stability, and Culture and Belonging. We have a great need of volunteers for the Summer program, which runs from June 12 until August 6th, from 8:30-1:00pm, Monday through Thursdays, with training the week of June 12th. The roles we have now are Lead Teacher, Classroom Support Volunteer, and several various internship opportunities. Questions? Check out [refugeeeducationcenter.org/bridges](http://refugeeeducationcenter.org/bridges) or contact Anna at [anna@refugeeeducationcenter.org](mailto:anna@refugeeeducationcenter.org)

**From Reframe Ministries.** On the road to Emmaus, two of Jesus’ followers listened as their companion explained the Scriptures to them. As their understanding of Scripture grew, so did their faith. Join Groundwork as we study this story in Luke 24:13-35 and discuss how we too cultivate our faith yet today as we develop a greater understanding of God and his ways through Scripture. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com).

**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 Bible Study

**From the Deacons—Offerings received on April 16**  
**General Fund** \$ 1,111.00  
**Resonate Global Missions** \$ 521.00

## 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 April 30 Darl and Diane Redder

**Children’s Worship** Today Audrey Mason  
April 30 Felicia Vanderkooi

**Nursery** Today Julie Kastanek, Joshua Flohr  
April 30 Lisa Nurenberg, Peighton Reser  
May 7 Joann Gerke, Jessica Kastanek

**Coffee Time** Today Cindi Green  
April 30 Harlene Westendorp  
May 7 Steve Werdon

**Prayer Ministry**  
Today Marshann Ludema April 30 Karilynn Ridder

**Prayer Family:**  
Please be praying for this household over the next week. Each Harvest household is rotated through the schedule.  
**This Week:** Tim and Tammie Zook

