

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

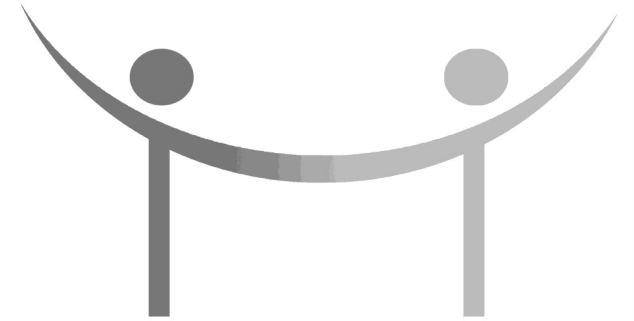
Bob DeJong—2024

Jason Flohr—2025

Deacons Bob Green—2023

Richard Duits—2024

Seth Oosterhouse—2025



And this good news
of the kingdom will be
proclaimed throughout
the world, as a testimony
to all the nations...

MATTHEW 24:14, NRSV

Harvest Community Church

A Christian Reformed Ministry

620 Sixth Avenue

Lake Odessa, Michigan 48849

Welcome to Harvest Church

April 30, 2023

We are happy you are here!

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always to the very end of the age.”

Jesus in Matthew 28:19-20

Morning Worship

Message: The Right Stuff

Scripture: Acts 1:1-11

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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

As Jesus commissions his own to continue the things that He began to teach and do, He wants to make sure that they are equipped with the right stuff to do so. The right stuff that He made sure was in the possession of His disciples then, is the right stuff He has made sure is available to us as well. We are all created and recreated for a life that moves far beyond ourselves and our little world corners.

Second Offerings for May

- May 7: Capital Improvement Fund of Harvest Church
- May 21: Starlight Ministries, a ministry geared towards those who have lost a loved one through death.

Sunday Evening Bible Study: There is no study due to this day being the 5th Sunday of the month.

Outreach Purpose Group meets tomorrow evening at 6:30.

Coffee Break Bible Study for women meets on Wednesday at 9:00. This week we’ll take a close look at Lydia from Acts 16 as

part of our short series on the Women of the New Testament. All women are always welcome to join us. We also offer Little Lambs for pre-school age children.

Please be praying for the Lakewood Community Women from area churches as they will be meeting here at Harvest this Thursday, May 4 at 6:30 pm to continue planning for a community-wide summer event for children and families. See Cindi Green with any questions you may have.

QPR Suicide Prevention Training. QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer) is an international organization which provides training for suicide prevention. The training will be offered here at Harvest on Wednesday, May 17 at 7:00 pm through Starlight Ministries. Instructors will be Mycah Ridder and Stephanie Hogan. Training points for the session include recognizing the warning signs of suicide, knowing how to offer hope and how to get help for those threatening suicide. There is a sign up sheet on the back table for this training.

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.

Alpha Care Center of Lake Odessa and Lowell, providing options and parenting resources, has opened registration for the first of two 5K’s this summer— scheduled for Saturday, June 3 from 9:00 am— 12:00 at Riverfront Park in Lowell (near pickleball courts). The theme is “Strides for Life” and all proceeds will go to Alpha Care Center so they can continue to minister to the clients right here in our local communities of Lake Odessa and Lowell. They are looking for walkers, runners, family teams, sponsors, and donations of prizes. For more information and a link to sign up, visit www.alphacarecenter.org/get-involved.

Pray for Synod 2023 - Join believers across the denomination for 40 days of prayer in preparation for Synod 2023. Beginning on April 30 and concluding on June 8, 2023, each day readers will receive a Bible text, a prayer, and some suggested questions for reflection or conversation. All of the prayers are intended to reflect the theme of Synod 2023: Longing to be Like Christ, which is based on Philippians 2:1-11, summarized by verse 5: “In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus.” Learn more and sign up at www.crcna.org/longing-to-be-like-christ

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
Monday	6:30 pm—Outreach Purpose Group
Wednesday	9:00 am—Coffee Break Bible Study 7:00 pm—Prayer Meeting

From the Deacons—Offerings received on April 23
General Fund \$ 2,070.00

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 Karilynn Ridder
May 7 Mycah Ridder
May 14 Val Livingston

Nursery Today Mark Nurenberg, Peighton Reser
May 7 Joann Gerke, Jessica Kastanek
May 14 Harlene Westendorp, Erika Leazier

Coffee Time Today Harlene Westendorp
May 7 Steve Werdon
May 14 Joyce Tuitman

Prayer Ministry
Today Karilynn Ridder May 7 Sandy Stoel

Prayer Family:
Please be praying for this household over the next week. Each Harvest household is rotated through the schedule.
This Week: John and Joann Aasman—John is serving as Chaplain in the U.S. Army in Colorado

