

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—11:00 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



LORD
my God,
I called to
you for help,
and
YOU
HEALED
ME.
PSALM 30:2, NIV

Harvest Community
Church
A Christian Reformed Ministry
620 Sixth Avenue
Lake Odessa, Michigan 48849

Welcome to Harvest Church

Sunday, July 23, 2023

It's a blessing to gather together today!

"The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness from the prisoners." Isaiah 61:1

Morning Worship

Message The Transforming Power of Jesus

Scripture Acts 3:1-16

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Children's Worship and Preschool thru High School Sunday School do not meet during the summer months.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This morning we go back into our series on the book of Acts. As Peter and John head into the temple to pray, they are met by a beggar who is the picture of one who is helpless, hopeless, and considered worthless. As he asks for money, he is given so much more. What he received is something that only the church of Christ today has to offer: the transforming power of Jesus Christ. Do we see ourselves as but another social agency alongside many other agencies; or as the community created to offer what no one else can?

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is before us this morning, to be received as part of our worship of the Lord our God. All are invited to participate who:

- Humble themselves in repentance before God, considering their own sin.
- Trust in Jesus Christ alone for salvation, believing their sins are forgiven wholly by grace for the sake of our Lord's sacrifice on the cross.
- Resolve to live in faith and obedience with his neighbor.

Children who profess a faith in Jesus as their Savior are also welcomed.

Exodus Study will meet this evening at 5:00. We will be talking about the 3rd commandment as God gave it to Moses from Mount Sinai: "You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God." Or as some of the older versions have it: "You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain."

Second Offerings for August

*August 6th Capital Improvement Fund

*August 20 Starfysh (ministry on the island of La Gonave, Haiti)

Harvest Co-ed Softball Team plays double header games on Tuesday this week at Bob King Park in Hastings beginning at 6:30 pm. Opponent is Green Street United Methodist Church..

Back to School Bash. An area wide Back to School Bash' will be held August 6 from 1 pm to 4 pm at the Lake Odessa Fairgrounds. This event is sponsored by Lakewood Community Women and area churches including our own Harvest Community. Theme: 'Sharing God's Love with out Community'. This is a FREE family friendly event which includes hotdogs and sides, ice cream, fire-trucks, police cars, and games for all ages and much more. The Lake Odessa Lions will be there for a kid sight vision screening and a Pickleball Clinic will be available for ages 12-18 (requires pre-registration at 616-902-4299. Volunteers will be needed for the various activities and an online sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E094EA5AA2AA4FA7-back> or you can sign up on the back table by the mailboxes.

Church Picnic. On Sunday, August 20, Harvest Church will be holding its annual church picnic at the home of the Barnett's. As part of our time together, we will also be baptizing those who desire to be baptized.

Service of Baptism is scheduled for Sunday, August 20, in Jordan Lake on the property of Dick and Robin Barnett. So far, we have two people who will be receiving that sacrament and If there is anyone who would like to be baptized that morning, contact Pastor Ben.

Harvest Book Readers have chosen our next book *-The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig. Discussion will take place on August 17. If you enjoy reading, plan to join us.

Church Family.

-Kay Beach is recovering at home following surgery on her kidneys this past week.

-John and Joann Aasman new address: 26095 E. Geddes Pl. Auro-ral CO 80016. Please change your directories at home.

Church Grounds Maintenance—anyone interested in helping with outside grounds maintenance please meet with Richard Duits in church library following this morning's service.

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—Communion Worship Service 5:00 pm—Exodus Study
Tuesday	6:30 pm—Harvest ball games at Bob King Park in Hastings
Wednesday	7:00 pm—Prayer Meeting

From the Deacons—Offering received on July 16

General Fund \$3,325.00

Joshua and Emily Jiang \$585.00

ASSIGNMENTS

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

Greeters Today Mike and Karie Hilley
July 30 Wayne and Carrie Moak

Children's Worship will not meet for the summer

Nursery Today Marshann Ludema, Joe Kastanek
July 30 Audrey Mason, Gabe Flohr
August 6 Mary Flohr, Jessica Kastanek

Coffee Time Today Teresa Renkema
July 30 Noah Garn
August 6 Tamara Reser

Prayer Ministry

Today Sandy Stoel July 30 Gail Pepper

Prayer Family:

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

This week: Isaac and Kelly Duits