

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

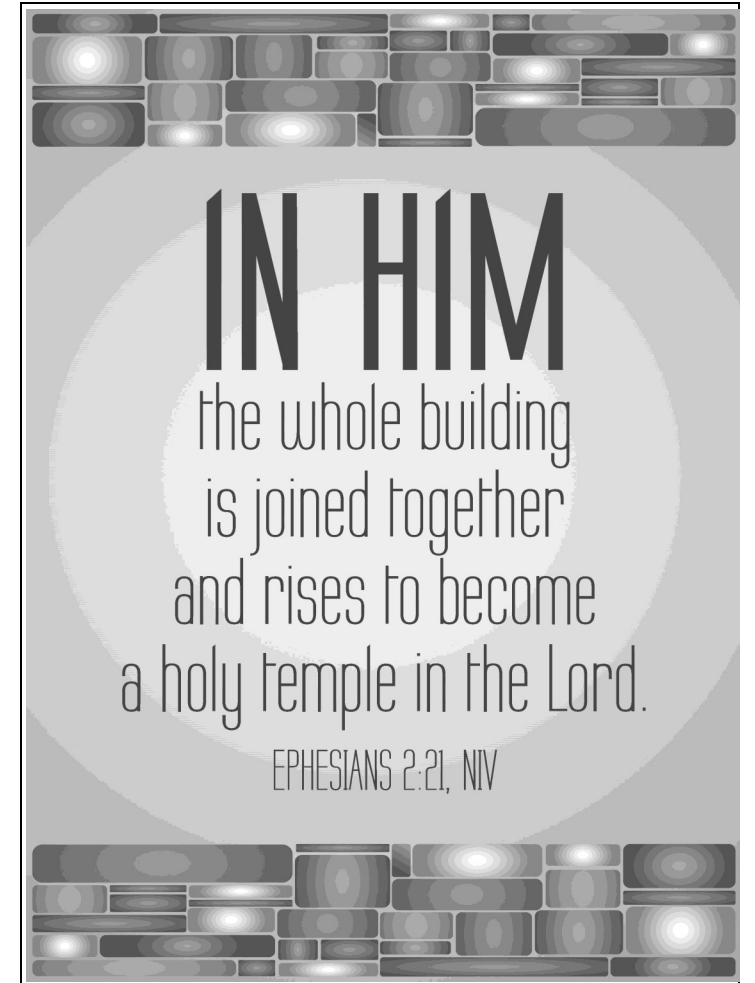
Bob DeJong—2024

Jason Flohr—2025

Deacons Bob Green—2023

Richard Duits—2024

Seth Oosterhouse—2025



Harvest Community Church

A Christian Reformed Ministry

620 Sixth Avenue

Lake Odessa, Michigan 48849

Welcome to Harvest Church

Sunday, August 20, 2023

It's a blessing to gather together today!

"Behold how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity; for there the Lord commanded the blessing—Life forevermore!" Psalm 133:1,3b

Morning Worship

Message The Sins of the Saints (1)

Scripture Acts 4:32-5:11

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Children's Worship and Preschool thru High School Sunday School do not meet during the summer months. Adult Sunday School meets this morning in the auditorium at 11:00.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This morning as we continue in our look at the beginning of the Christian church as Luke relates it in the book of Acts, we find a section where there is a deliberate contrast set between the sharing of the saints and the sinning of the saints. The dreadful story of Ananias and Sapphira is purposefully set in the context of the church acting wonderfully in unity and love. We'll look at the church behaving well this morning to set the contrast with the church behaving poorly next week. Once again, we discover what is available to us by God's Spirit and what the enemy would sow if enabled.

Second Offering this morning is for Starfysh Ministry in La Gonave, Haiti. In the middle of so much darkness in that region of the world, Starfysh shines the light of Jesus in both word and deed.

No Adult Sunday School this morning.

No evening study will be held this evening due to the

church picnic.

Baptism Service and church picnic will be held following the service. The baptism service for Nick Berens and Maggie Mosher will take place at 11:30. Following the service we will be sharing a meal together. Even if you forgot about the service and meal, please join us! All activities will take place at the residence of Dick and Robin Barnett, 650 Lakeview Drive. Due to restricted parking space, you are invited to walk, but please note: a shuttle service will be provided both ways, in front of the church.

Prayer for Lakewood Schools tonight at 6:30. Folks are asked to meet at the flag pole of their choosing—East El, Woodland, Lakewood Middle School or Lakewood High School.

A Celebration of The Lord's Supper will be a part of our time together next Sunday.

Sunday School classes for ages PK through adults will resume on Sunday, September 17.

Harvest Book Readers have chosen *The Fire and The Ore* by Olivia Hawker as our next book. Discussion will take place on September 21. If you enjoy reading, please plan to meet with us.

Alpha Care Center of Lake Odessa will be holding a Strides for Life fundraiser this Saturday, August 26 from 9 am to 12 noon at Lakewood High School, Jordan Lake Trail Entrance. Registration fee is \$25 (\$60 max per family) and includes a t-shirt, race bib, and after race snacks, simple lunch, and fun family activities. Pledge sheets are on the back table. If you are not interested in running or walking, you can still donate to the cause by sponsoring someone who is or by contacting abigailg@alphacarecenter.org. Alpha Care Center provides pregnancy options and parenting resources to our local community.

The Christian singing group Selah will be giving a free concert at Maranatha Bible and Missionary Conference Center in Norton Shores on Saturday, August 26. Doors open at 6:45 pm for the 7:00 concert. An Italian Buffet dinner is available before the concert by purchasing tickets online at vacationwithpurpose.org/Summer-Concert.

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
11:30 am—Baptism and church picnic
Wednesday 7:00 pm—Prayer Meeting

From the Deacons—Offering received on August 13

General Fund \$ 3,946.00
Capital Improvement \$200.00

ASSIGNMENTS

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

Greeters Today Lyle and Val Livingston
August 27 Marshann Ludema

Children's Worship will not meet for the summer

Nursery Today Julie Kastanek, Erika Leazier
August 27 Hannah Pennington, Jeremiah Flohr
September 3 Joann Gerke, Erika Leazier

Coffee Time Today Joann Gerke
August 27 Cindi Green
September 3 Harlene Westendorp

Prayer Ministry
Today Marshann Ludema August 27 Karilynn Ridder

Prayer Family:
Please be praying for this household over the next week. Each Harvest household is rotated through the schedule.
This week: Jason and Mary Flohr