

DEACONS



Mary Lamer – Hospitality Deacon

Mary & Don became members of Community about 9 years ago. She became a widow 1-1/2 years ago, after being married nearly 60 years. She has 2 daughters, 8 grandchildren, and 7 great grands. Mary worked for State Farm Insurance for 30 years in Customer Service. She loves her Lord and His Church and enjoys golfing, reading, gardening, and baking.

Sue Lucas – Hospitality Deacon

Sue is married to Paul, and they became members of Community in June of 2006. She is retired from receptionist office work and enjoys Bible study, grandkids, music, puzzles, and pickleball.



Matt Ruster – Missions Deacon

The Ruster's became members at Community in the fall of 2024. Matt is the General Manager at Broadview Product Development in Zeeland and has been with them for 27 years. In his spare time, he enjoys hunting, fishing, time with family, sports, and hiking. Matt is married to Julie, and they have three kids - Alexa (23), Colton (21) and Kendall (19).



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Dawn Geuder – Care Elder



Dawn & Larry first joined Community in 1979, left for a bit and rejoined in 2012. Larry passed away in 2023. She feels incredibly blessed by God for her family and awesome friends. *I had nearly 50 years with a man I was crazy about from the age of 15. We had some difficult, hard years, but in all those times I never felt like I was walking alone. I have seen God work in so many ways.* Dawn is a member of Community's Congregational Care Team, enjoys her part-time job as Director for Kids Hope, loves to read, loves puzzles, and she loves her Bible study group.

Brian Lamar – Elder at Large

With a heart for missions, service, and spiritual growth, Brian has been actively involved in the life of the church, seeking to support and encourage others in their walk with Christ. He was married to his wife, Susan, 26 years ago at this church, a place that has remained central to their faith and family life. Together, they are blessed with two children—a 19-year-old son, Hudson, and a 16-year-old daughter, Tressa. Brian is the co-owner of CL Construction, where he enjoys building and creating with his hands—an extension of his appreciation for craftsmanship and hard work. Outside of work and church, he enjoys spending time in nature, especially hunting and fishing, where he finds peace and a deeper appreciation for God's creation.





Kristin VandenHeuvel – Elder at Large

Kristin became a member of Community in 2003. She had been helping lead Community’s High School youth group for two years prior, which is how she met her husband, Jon. For the past 26 years, Kristin has been an RN at Spectrum Health/Corewell in East Grand Rapids. In her free time, she enjoys jogging, scrapbooking, road trips, and a good cup of coffee. She also spends a lot of time watching her kids play soccer and water polo, two of her favorite things to do. Kristin

& Jon have two kids – Tyson (18) and Maddie (15).



Phil Harbison – Spiritual Formation Deacon

The Harbison’s became members in 2022. Phil currently works at Inontime Logistics, where he’s a semi-truck driver. Before that, he worked at Community Reformed Church for 7 years as the Director of High School Ministries (2006-2013). He also served as a Pastor at the Foundry Church (2019-

2020). Phil is a connoisseur of cheese bread, extroverted introvert, and the number one place on his bucket list is the Faroe Islands. His hobbies include being a long-suffering Lions fan, amateur historian, planning road trips, and genealogy discovery. Phil & Amy have been married for 26 years, and they have three kids - Avery (22), Ella (20), and Ruby (17).

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Joel Hop – Connections Deacon

Joel has been a member of Community since 1970.

He is enjoying retired life but also works at Logan Estates a couple of weekends per month. Joel has 4 grandchildren, 3 of whom are *granddaughters*, which represents quite the learning curve for him, having been raised as one of five boys and having 2 sons. You can find Joel starting each day at Frank’s, and he really enjoys a good banana cream or lemon merengue pie.



Tim Huyser - Missions Deacon

Tim became a member of Community in 2015. He worked in the medical field until his retirement at age 55. Since then, he pursued a variety of personal interests including volunteer work at Holland Hospital and City on a Hill CAFE. Also, during this time, he lived with and helped his parents until their deaths. He’s been an avid bicyclist for most of his life. While most of his bike rides are throughout the Zeeland and Holland area, he sometimes goes on longer trips, usually somewhere in Michigan - and often enjoys a peaceful Sunday morning ride to the Daybreak service.

