

Eighth Reformed Church

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*His
Mercies
ARE new
EVERY
morning*

LAMENTATION 3:23

Our worship service is Sunday morning at 9:30 am.
It is broadcast on WYGR Radio “Jethro FM” at
94.9 FM or 1530 AM. You can also listen to our
service live on the web at Jethro.fm.

† **Eighth Reformed Church** †
Sunday, September 22, 2024 - 9:30 a.m.
Order of Worship

Prelude

Greetings and Announcements

Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn # 210 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Opening Prayer

Unison Reading: Belgic Confession, Article 7 (back of bulletin)

Prayers of the People

*Hymn of Preparation # 408 *How Firm a Foundation*

Scripture: **Galatians 1:1-12** (pg. 1657)

Message: **“The Word of God”**

*Hymn of Response # 151 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

Offering and Offertory

**Doxology* # 815, Offertory Prayer

*Benediction

*Closing Hymn # 105 (vs. 1) *We Will Glorify*

Postlude

(*Please stand if you are able.)

Welcome!

What an encouragement it is to have you with us. We're glad you came! Our prayer is that your time here will be uplifting and joyful. Please sign our guest register in the narthex, and if you are looking for a church home, we hope that you will return to worship with us again.

Opportunities for Worship and Service This Week

Pastor: Pastor Harvey Hertz

Organist: - - - - -

Pianist: Carol Rose

Song Leader: Ron Engels

Greeters: North door: Fred Diekman

Organ door: Todd Riemersma

Elder (organ door, post service): Terri Oosterhouse

Valet/Lift: Larry Roelofs *Parking Lot Guard:* Bud Roerig

Usher: John Deppe Jr., Larry Rudnik *Sound:* Scott Diekman

Radio: Kevin VanHeukelom

Praying with Pastor: Tim Tacoma, Larry Palma

Volunteer Deacons: John Stapel, John Deppe Jr.

Coffee & Cookie Donators/Servers: Bernice Palma

Opportunities for Worship and Service Next Week

Pastor: Pastor Garrett Sweeney

Organist: AnnJean DeVries

Pianist: Ruth Tacoma

Song Leader: Pete Rusticus

Greeters: North door: Fred Diekman

Organ door: Todd Riemersma

Elder (organ door, post service): Pete Rusticus

Valet/Lift: Danielle Wagenmaker *Parking Lot Guard:* Bud Roerig

Usher: John Deppe Jr., Larry Rudnik *Sound:* Scott Diekman

Radio: Scott Pastoor

Praying with Pastor: Tim Tacoma, Larry Palma

Volunteer Deacons: John Stapel, John Deppe Jr.

Coffee & Cookie Donators/Servers: Deb Jacobson and
Marj Hedges

This Week's Events

Today:

9:30 a.m. Worship, followed by coffee in the narthex.

11:00 a.m. Mission Committee Meeting in
Pastor Harry's office.

2:30 p.m. Hark Up & Hymn Sing.

Monday:

1:00 p.m. Monday Bible Study (see announcement).

Wednesday:

9:30-10:30 a.m. Everyone is invited to Coffeetime
downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. Come enjoy
coffee, donuts and good fellowship.

1:00 p.m. Quilting Group.

Church News and Future Events

Bulletin Announcements: Marilee Takken, the secretary, is in the office Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Please have all announcements to her by 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday. Thank you.

Thank You to all who helped with the Fall Dinner Potluck. Special thanks to the anonymous donor who paid for the meal.

Mission Committee Meeting will be held his morning at 11:00 a.m. in Pastor Harry's office.

Monday Bible Study: Each Monday, from 1-2 p.m. in the Consistory Room, Wes Dekker leads a study on The Heidelberg Catechism, one of our church's confessions which draws the reader into deeper study of the Bible. This Bible Study is open to EVERYONE, men and women, so please come and be part of it.

Hark Up & Hymn Sing: Join us this afternoon here at 8th for a time of worship through music and song! All you need to bring is your voice and your love for music, but feel free to bring a friend or neighbor as well. The program begins at 2:30 p.m., but you may want to arrive by 2:15 p.m. to hear the musical prelude. Refreshments will be served following the program.

Men's Study Group: Men grappling with the pressures of everyday life don't need spiritual fluff – they need real answers, and this group of men are reading through Patrick Morley's *Man in the Mirror* to help find those answers. Led by Tim Tacoma, they meet from 7-8 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month in the Consistory Room, **beginning this week, September 25th**. The first week will be spent getting acquainted and on October 9th, we will study Chapter 14, 'Priorities: How to decide what's important.' *Man in the Mirror* books are available for \$5.00.



November Election: As the November election approaches it is a real opportunity for us to be involved as responsible citizens. It is an opportunity and a freedom to support Biblical values where possible. The sad statistic is that almost a third of Christians qualified to vote are not registered and about 40 million Christians fail to vote. To help us be responsible citizens and salt and light for such a time as this, 8th Reformed has a **table in the fellowship area today**, where you can get information on how to register or get an absentee ballot and you can also fill out the forms for both, which the church will mail for you to the proper city clerk. Let us help you with this wonderful responsibility that we have as citizens of this great land.

Church Activity Cancellations: In the event that Eighth decides to cancel services and/or activities, please tune your TV to Channels 8 (WOOD) or 13 (WZZM), our Prayer Chain, or Eighth Reformed Facebook page.

Prayer Concerns and Praises

- ❖ Pastor Mark Bergsma’s hip replacement surgery went well on Monday and he is home recuperating.
- ❖ Patty VanMeekeren was scheduled to have hip replacement surgery on Friday, September 20th.
- ❖ David Shaver’s Uncle Joe was scheduled to have intestinal surgery in Ann Arbor on Wednesday, September 17th, and David’s sister, Marie Dewey, is having triple by-pass surgery on Monday, September 23rd.
- ❖ Update on Julie Aman’s 9-year-old great-nephew, Daniel Tubbs: Unfortunately, Daniel had another skin graft surgery this past week. Continued prayers that the skin grafts will adhere this time and that Daniel will eat more so his feeding tube can be removed are very much appreciated.
- ❖ Ernie Otto, Harvey Steensma, and Karen Hendrickson continue to be under Hospice Care.
- ❖ Homebound or in a Care Facility: This week we remember Lorna Bordewyk and Dorothy Visch.
- ❖ Missionary of the Month: Please be in prayer for Eric and Isabel Hodges as they serve as ministry mobilizers and trainers for the new Mandarin Chinese ministry in Thailand.

❖ Those dealing with health issues: Betty Holmes, Paul Kerkstra, Heath Misiak, Lorraine Strating, Joan Emaus, Joyce (Phil Doornbos' aunt), Arvilla DeVries, Joy Stulp, Glenn Bartman, Tootie Kallemeyn (Marj Hendges' friend), Judie Heuvelhorst (Mary Roelofs' sister-in-law), Mary & Jerry Lothschutz (Rick & Debbie Miller's sister and brother-in-law), Steve Bergsma, RJ Poel, Brett Roberts (Karen Roberts' son), Kim Wiggers (Arvilla DeVries' daughter), and Ron & Jenny Benedict.

Notes of Appreciation

Thank you for the many anniversary cards and our many Christ Jesus led years of marriage. ~Mel & Carol Disselkoen

Thank you to my church family for your thoughtfulness for the birthday cards. They helped make my birthday really special this year. ~Sharon Byington

We are very thankful for all of the beautiful cards we received for our 67th wedding anniversary. We appreciate it so much. ~John & Fay DeJong

We are beyond grateful for the prayers, cards, food, and all the love you've showered on us while my father was ill and now since his passing. We are so blessed to be part of such a caring church family. ~The Pastoor Family

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*God makes everything beautiful in its time. (Eccl. 3:11)
Happy Fall!*

Belgic Confession, Article 7

We believe that this Holy Scripture contains the will of God completely, and that everything one must believe to be saved is sufficiently taught therein.

.. since the entire manner of service which God requires of us is described in it at great length, no one, even an apostle or an angel from heaven as Paul says, ought to teach other than what the Holy Scriptures have already taught us.

For since it is forbidden to add or subtract from the Word of God, this plainly demonstrates that the teaching is perfect and complete in all respects.

Therefore, we must not consider human writings - no matter how holy their authors may have been - equal to the divine writings; nor may we put custom, nor the majority, nor age, nor the passage of time or persons, nor councils, decrees, or official decisions above the truth of God.

Therefore, we reject with all our hearts everything that does not agree with this infallible rule...