

# *Eighth Reformed Church*

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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](http://Jethro.fm).

**† Eighth Reformed Church †**  
**Sunday, November 24, 2024 - 9:30 a.m.**  
**Order of Worship**

Piano Prelude

Greetings and Announcements

Call to Worship

\*Opening Hymn # 12

*Praise Him! Praise Him!*

Opening Prayer

Choir

*O for a Thousand Tongues*

Prayers of the People

\*Hymn of Preparation # 680

*All the Way My Savior Leads Me*

Scripture: **Luke 17:11-19**

Message: **“Legacy of a Thankful Heart”**

\*Hymn of Response # 572

*Blessed Assurance*

Offering and Offertory

Two separate offerings will be received at this time.  
The first offering is designated for the General Fund,  
the second offering for Wyoming Family Network.

\**Doxology* # 815, Offertory Prayer

\*Benediction

\*Closing Hymn # 554 (vs. 2)

*Give Me Jesus*

Postlude

(\*Please stand if you are able.)

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## *Welcome!*

Welcome to Eighth Reformed Church on this Lord's day. We come to worship the Lord of bounty and blessings this morning, in gratitude for all that we have been given. Not only during this week of Thanksgiving, but every single day, may we give thanks for all things at all times. If you are visiting with us today, 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.

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### **Opportunities for Worship and Service This Week**

*Pastor:* Pastor Mark Bergsma

*Organist:* Paul Kerkstra

*Pianist:* Ruth Tacoma

*Song Leader:* Pete Rusticus

*Trumpet:* David Ellis

*Greeters: North door:* Fred Diekman

*Organ door:* Todd Riemersma

*Elder (organ door, post service):* Pete Rusticus

*Valet/Lift:* Rob Pols

*Parking Lot Guard:* TBA

*Ushers:* Rich Soest, Marsa Barclay

*Sound:* Scott Diekman

*Radio:* Scott Pastoor

*Praying with Pastor:* Terri Oosterhouse, Larry Rudnik

*Volunteer Deacons:* John Stapel, John Deppe Jr.

*Coffee/Cookie Donators/Servers:* Marsa Barclay, Joy Hendricks

### **Opportunities for Worship and Service Next Week**

*Pastor:* Pastor Mark Bergsma

*Organist:* Paul Kerkstra

*Pianist:* Ruth Tacoma

*Song Leader:* Terry Grooters

*Trumpet:* David Ellis

*Greeters: North door:* Fred Diekman

*Organ door:* Todd Riemersma

*Elder (organ door, post service):* Tim Tacoma

*Valet/Lift:* Jodi Bultema

*Parking Lot Guard:* TBA

*Ushers:* John Deppe Jr., Larry Rudnik

*Sound:* Scott Diekman

*Radio:* Kevin VanHeukelom

*Praying with Pastor:* Doug VanderMeer, Rick Miller

*Volunteer Deacons:* John Stapel, John Deppe Jr.

*Coffee/Cookie Donators/Servers:* Marj Hedges, Deb Jacobson

## **This Week's Events**

### **Today:**

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

**11:00 a.m.** Young People's Sunday School.  
Choir rehearsal.

### **Monday:**

**1:00 p.m.** Monday Bible Study.

### **Tuesday:**

**1:00 p.m.** Quilting Group meets until 4 p.m.

### **Wednesday:**

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

**7:00 p.m.** Thanksgiving Eve Service.

## **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. Feel free to leave announcements or any mail for the secretary in the black mailbox on her desk in the church office.

**Young People's Sunday School Classes** meet every Sunday morning at 11:00 a.m. Sharon Bowen leads ages 7-12 downstairs in Room #12, and Doug VanderMeer leads ages 13 and older downstairs in Room #10.

**From The Deacons:** Starting in 2025, the Deacons will be providing 'giving receipts' upon request for only those using the envelope system. If an envelope box is needed, please contact one of the deacons.

**Today's Special Offering:** In addition to the regular church offering, a special offering will be received for Wyoming Family Network (WFM) this morning. You will also have the opportunity to support WFN through the offering at our Thanksgiving Eve Service on Wednesday (see below).

**Thanksgiving Eve Service:** Please join us this Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. for a service of worship and thanksgiving. An offering will be received for Wyoming Family Network.

**Attention Choir Members:** We will sing this Wednesday for the Thanksgiving Eve Service. Please plan to arrive by 6:40 p.m. to warm up.

**Directory Update – New Phone #:**

Marcia VanEeuwen, (616) 204-6365

**Quilting Ministry:** We will be displaying the quilts we've made this year next Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. The primary purpose of this ministry is to share bedding supplies with those in need. We have found an organization locally, Family Promise, that is in need of bedding supplies this year. Based on that, we've decided to limit the number of quilts we are selling. We have on hand 35 quilts and would like to gift 25 of them to The Family Promise for needy families. We will be selling 10 quilts – 5 Christmas and 5 non-Christmas. We know there are many people interested in purchasing a quilt so we feel a fair way would be to do it as a lottery system. We will have a sign-up sheet by each of the 10 quilts we decide to sell. Anyone interested in purchasing that particular quilt can sign the sheet for that quilt. If there are multiple people interested in any one quilt, we will draw a name from a hat to decide who can purchase that quilt. The average cost for materials to make a quilt is approximately \$40 to \$50. We have decided this year to sell them for \$40 each. Thank you for your continued support and for helping us share God's love through this ministry.

**Our Daily Bread Devotionals** for December – February, 2025 are available on the table in the Narthex under the Guest Book.

**Annual Christmas Tea - Friday, December 6, 1-4 p.m.:** Ladies, our Christmas Tea is less than 2 weeks away! **Today is the last day to RSVP on the sign-up sheets in the hallway. If anyone would like to sign up after today, please call Sally Herrema, 616-723-3516 or Diane Maitner, 616-481-6486 as soon as possible.** If you are bringing a guest, please include their full name on the sign-up sheet as well, so we can prepare name tags.

**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**

We extend our Christian sympathies to Betty Holmes and her family in the passing away of her sister, Leslea. Leslea lived in southern Indiana and passed away on Friday, November 15th.

May the love and healing light of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, comfort Betty and her family through their time of loss.

- ❖ Please be in prayer for Phyllis Schuitema, who was scheduled to have surgery on Friday, the 22nd. Phyllis and Bernie have been worshipping with us for a while.
- ❖ Phil Tymes (the late Betty Tymes' son) had by-pass surgery (5 by-passes) on Monday, the 18th. At this point he is doing well and should be going home soon.

Phil Tymes  
7653 Sofia Dr. SW  
Byron Center, MI 49315

- ❖ Judy VanderMeer fell and broke her hip on Monday. She had partial hip replacement surgery and is waiting to be transferred to a rehab facility.
- ❖ Ernie Otto continues to be under Hospice Care.
- ❖ Homebound or in a Care Facility: This week we remember Phyllis Blodgett and Ariea Bosman.
- ❖ Missionary of the Month: Please pray for Martha and Jaime Amaro who partner with the National Presbyterian Church in Mexico where there is a lack of trained leadership to guide young children into a relationship with God. The Amaros teach the skills teachers need to put a thriving Children & Worship program in place.
- ❖ Those dealing with health issues: Herm Schellenberg, Larry Rudnik, Michelle Strating (Dick & Lorraine Strating's daughter-in-law), Renee (Cindi Ralph's friend), Daniel Tubbs (Julie Aman's great-nephew), Tobias Wiese and Anna Wiese (Betty Holmes' grandchildren), Joan Emaus, Arvilla DeVries, Ron & Jenny Benedict, Glenn Bartman, Judie Heuvelhorst (Mary Roelofs' sister-in-law), Kim Wiggers (Arvilla DeVries' daughter), Heath Misiak, Joe (David Shaver's uncle), and RJ Poel.

### **Notes of Appreciation**

We would like to thank our Eighth family for all the cards we received for our anniversary. What a joy it was to open each one and read all the notes. It made it a wonderful day.

~Blessings, Fred and Dee Diekman

Joyce Roberts is grateful to her church family for covering her with love and prayers. She is starting to feel better.

Thank you to Pastor Koops and all the friends at Eighth Reformed Church who were thoughtful to send “Happy Birthday” wishes to me. I thank God for giving me a blessed life and friends at 8<sup>th</sup>.

~Thank you, Rena Remtema

Thanking all for the cards and good wishes for my birthday. And thank you to the kind mystery person who delivered them to my home. They were a blessing to me at a sad time.

~Sheryl Steensma

To Our 8<sup>th</sup> Church Family, Mere words cannot adequately express our gratitude and appreciation for the outpouring of love, prayers, cards, and expressions of concern for us through Harve’s long cancer journey, and also to Pastors Harry and Mark for their many visits, lively conversations and uplifting words of support. Appreciation also to those who assisted in some way with the Memorial Service and luncheon. ~Sincerely, Sheryl & Brad Steensma

### **Sermon Notes**