

# *Eighth Reformed Church*

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## *First Sunday of Lent*

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 †**  
**First Sunday of Lent, March 9, 2025 - 9:30 am**  
**Order of Worship**

Piano Prelude

Greetings and Announcements

Call to Worship

\*Opening Hymn # 8

*Come, Thou Almighty King*

Opening Prayer

Choir

*Lead Me to the Rock*

Prayers of the People

\*Hymn of Preparation # 79

*My Jesus, I Love Thee*

**Scripture: 1 Peter 1:3-9** (page 1727)

**Message: “Outside the Box”**

\*Hymn of Response # 690

*He Leadeth Me*

Offering and Offertory

\**Doxology* # 815, Offertory Prayer

\*Benediction

\*Closing Hymn # 237 (vs. 1) *Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing*

Postlude

(\*Please stand if you are able.)

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## *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. If you are visiting with us, 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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### **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 classes meet.

#### **Monday:**

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

#### **Tuesday:**

**10:00 a.m.** Prayer Shawl Ministry.

#### **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.** "Man in the Mirror" Men's Group meets.

#### **Congregational Meeting Overview:**

1. Thank you to all who attended the Congregational Meeting on February 16<sup>th</sup>.

2. The proposed budget for 2025-2026 was approved.

3. The slate of Consistory nominees was approved and we welcomed into consistory two new deacons, Marj Hedges and Keith Warren, and two new elders, Mel Disselkoen and Jeff VanMeekeren, all serving 3-year terms. Ordination and Installation is scheduled for next Sunday morning, March 16<sup>th</sup>.

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

*Pastor:* Pastor Mark Bergsma

*Organist:* Paul Kerkstra

*Pianist:* Ruth Tacoma

*Song Leader:* Beth Pastoor

*Trumpet:* David Ellis

*Greeters: North door:* Fred Diekman

*Organ door:* Todd Riemersma

*Elder (post service):* Doug VanderMeer

*Valet/Lift:* Jodi Bultema

*Parking Lot Guard:* TBA

*Ushers:* Larry Rudnik, TBA

*Sound:* Scott Diekman

*Radio:* Scott Pastoor

*Praying with Pastor:* Terri Oosterhouse, Larry Rudnik

*Volunteer Deacons:* John Stapel, TBA

*Coffee Fellowship Servers:* Marcia VanEeuwen, Linda Rusticus,  
Mert Dreyer

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

*Pastor:* Pastor Harry Koops

*Organist:* Paul Kerkstra

*Pianist:* Ruth Tacoma

*Song Leader:* Pete Rusticus

*Trumpet:* David Ellis

*Greeters: North door:* Fred Diekman

*Organ door:* Todd Riemersma

*Elder (post service):* Terri Oosterhouse

*Valet/Lift:* Jodi Bultema

*Parking Lot Guard:* TBA

*Ushers:* Larry Rudnik, TBA

*Sound:* Scott Diekman

*Radio:* Beth Koops

*Praying with Pastor:* Terri Oosterhouse, Larry Rudnik

*Volunteer Deacons:* John Stapel, TBA

*Coffee Fellowship Servers:* Manny Melendez

## 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. If you leave a note for her, please put it in the black mailbox on her desk in the church office. Thank you.

**“Man in the Mirror” Men’s Group** will meet this Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., to study Chapter 20, “Avoiding Suffering”.

**Pastor Harry’s Sunday School Class** will NOT meet next Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, but WILL MEET on March 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Watch/Listen to 8<sup>th</sup> Services:** Most of you know that our church services can now be viewed on YouTube. If you want to listen to a service, an easy way to do that is to go to the church’s website at [8thchurch.org](http://8thchurch.org) and click on the “Worship Services” tab. There you can see all the past services listed and either listen to or view the entire service. Many thanks to Doug VanderMeer, Dawn Blocher, and Nathan Wolfe for making this happen!

**Pastor Harry and Beth’s Vacation:** Pastor Harry and Beth are on vacation through this Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. If you have a question or concern, please reach out to your Care Group elder or deacon. Any requests for the Prayer Chain should be directed to Tim Tacoma, 616-262-9972, except during office hours when Marilee can be contacted directly. If you are not on the Prayer Chain and would like to be, please see the sign-up sheet on the table in the hallway. We will send requests out either by email or phone call.

### **Directory Update – Change of Address:**

Ron Lankheet  
Commonwealth Sr. Living  
3956 Whispering Way SE, #811-A  
Grand Rapids, MI 49546



**Spring Hymn Sing:** Mark your calendars for our first Hymn Sing of the season here at 8<sup>th</sup>! It will be held on Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, at 2:30 p.m. Come early (2:15 p.m.) to enjoy a beautiful prelude. The program will feature Roger & Kathie Billings and Paul & Joyce Carmichael. Also featuring Paul Kerkstra on organ, Ruth Baar on piano, David Ellis on trumpet and Terry Grooters as Song Leader. A Love Offering will be received and refreshments will follow the program. Invite a friend or neighbor!

**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

- ❖ Terry Grooters suffered a mild stroke on Saturday, March 1st. He spent three days at St. Mary's Hospital, was released to his home and is doing well with no side effects. He would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, visits, and calls while he was in the hospital.
- ❖ Dave Conrad from Jethro Radio is dealing with kidney issues and is requesting prayer.
- ❖ Tina Shaver was in a car accident on Tuesday evening. She hit a deer and is grateful she only suffered some bruising.
- ❖ Jim VerStrate returned home from St. Mary's Hospital and is doing well following his bout with Influenza A.
- ❖ Keith Warren's aunt, Marilyn Blankenburg, fell and broke 4 of her vertebrae in her back.

- ❖ If you'd like to send a card to Mary Roelof's brother who was recently diagnosed with bladder cancer, please use this address:

Dave Heuvelhorst  
239 Division  
Zeeland, MI 49464

- ❖ Homebound or in a Care Facility: This week we remember Brett Roberts and Joy Stulp.
- ❖ Missionary of the Month: In a culture deeply intertwined with Buddhism, less than one percent of the population in Thailand confesses Jesus Christ as Lord. Please pray for Rawee and Nui Bunupuradah who are working there to strengthen the pulse of Christianity by planting and growing churches.
- ❖ Those dealing with health issues: Ron Oostdyk, JoAnne Sleeth, Shirley Lohman, Carol Koetje (Sue Tacoma's mother), Betty Holmes, Tim See (son-in-law of Marty Riemersma), Connie VanderWest, Rick Boom, Floyd (Kristi Schell's significant other), Helen (David Shaver's niece), Amber Olson (Tina Shaver's sister), Larry Rudnik, Ron & Barb Engels, Tootie Kallemeyn (friend of Marj Hendges), Jolene Miller (8-year-old granddaughter of Rick & Debbie Miller), Mary and Jerry Lothschutz (Rick & Debbie Miller's sister and brother-in-law), Ron & Jenny Benedict, Michelle Strating (Dick & Lorraine Strating's daughter-in-law), Renee (Cindi Ralph's friend), Joan Emaus, Arvilla DeVries, Glenn Bartman, Kim Wiggers (Arvilla DeVries' daughter), and Heath Misiak.

## **Notes of Appreciation**

Thank you for all the cards I received for my birthday. I appreciate it very much. ~John Deppe Sr.

My sincere thanks to everyone who remembered my birthday with cards and calls. I am truly blessed. ~Wes Dekker

Thank you for all the birthday cards and wishes. What a blessing to be part of the family at Eighth. God is so good all the time. ~Marj Hendges

To everyone who sent a card or called me on my birthday, thank you so much! They made my day very special. ~Joyce Harkes

A heartfelt thank you for the many beautiful birthday cards and wishes I received for my birthday. ~Deb Jacobsen

I am so blessed! A big thanks to my church family for the wonderful birthday cards. ~Launi VanderHart