

Eighth Reformed Church

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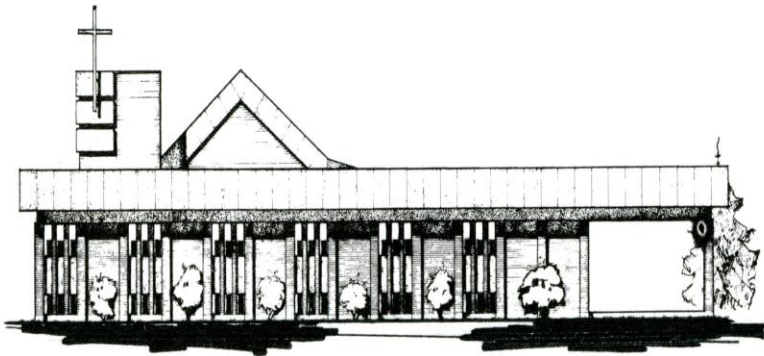
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"God forbid that we should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ . . ."

Galatians 6:14

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, April 27, 2025 - 9:30 am
Order of Worship

Prelude

Greetings and Announcements

Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn # 16 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

Opening Prayer

Choir *How Long Has It Been? / Just a Closer Walk*
(Guitarist, Steve Chaffee)

Prayers of the People

*Hymn of Preparation # 308 *There Is a Redeemer*

Scripture: Revelation 3:14-22 (page 1751)

Message: "The Door"

*Hymn of Response # 478 *Have You Any Room for Jesus?*

Offering and Offertory

**Doxology* # 815, Offertory Prayer

*Benediction

*Closing Hymn # 485 *Into My Heart*

Postlude

(*Please stand if you are able.)

Welcome!

We extend a warm welcome to you today as we once again gather for a time of worship and appreciation to our King of Kings for what He has done, and WILL do for us. Jesus is alive and we are blessed to be able to celebrate our RISEN SAVIOR together each Sunday morning. 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.

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 Class meets.

Monday:

1:00 p.m. Bible Study.

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.

Friday:

12:00-2:00 p.m. Ladies Spring Celebration Luncheon.

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Pastor: Pastor Mark Bergsma

Organist: Paul Kerkstra

Pianist: Shirley Lohman

Song Leader: Beth Pastoor

Greeters: North door: Fred Diekman

Organ door: Todd Riemersma

Elder (post service): Tim Tacoma

Valet/Lift: Jake VanderHart *Parking Lot Guard:* To be announced

Ushers: Larry Roelofs, Larry Dreyer

Sound: Scott Diekman

Radio: Jeff VanMeekeren

Praying with Pastor: Doug VanderMeer, Marj Hendges

Volunteer Deacons: John Stapel, John Deppe Jr.

Coffee Fellowship Servers: Marsa Barclay, Joy Hendricks

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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.

Pastor Harry and Beth are gone through Monday, April 28th. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your Care Group elder or deacon.

Library News: We are glad so many of you are using our library. We have an exciting new Guidepost series, *The Mystery of Lancaster County*. We also have expanded our Inspirational section. Thank you to all who have donated books. At this time, if you have donations, please see one of our committee members, Julie Aman, Deb Hoyle, or Mary Roelofs.

The YouTube Team could use one more person to help live-stream our morning worship service. If you are comfortable working with that kind of technology, please talk to Doug VanderMeer or Dawn Blocher and they will give you plenty of training. This is an exciting new way we can reach more people with the gospel!

Cookies Needed: Because our church continues to grow, the amount of cookies needed each Sunday morning is increasing. If you'd be willing to assist in restocking our supply, please leave cookie donations in the small kitchen off the Choir Room. Thank you in advance for helping with this ministry.

Grandville Community Choir's Annual Free Spring Concert: Next Sunday, May 4, 2025, 3:00 p.m. at Grandville First Reformed Church, 3060 Wilson Ave. Featuring Mayor of Grandville, Steve Maas, on the piano. Everyone's invited! Refreshments following.

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

- ❖ Please keep Joan Emaus in prayer as her health condition, which is cancer related, continues to deteriorate.
- ❖ Be in prayer for Roger Billings who had knee replacement surgery on Friday, April 25th.
- ❖ Steve Luce, a friend of Pastor Harry & Beth's, will be in the U of M Hospital in AA for two weeks of intensive treatments for a blood cancer. Cards for Steve can be put in the Koops' mailbox.
- ❖ David Shaver (David Shaver's father), received great news from his biopsy reports...there is no sign of cancer! They are grateful for your prayers and give all the praise to our Heavenly Father!
- ❖ Betty Holmes was discharged from Trinity Hospital and is recovering at home.
- ❖ Dorothy Bartlett is requesting prayers for knee pain that is affecting her mobility. She is hopeful that her doctor will offer her some options on how to treat it at her next appointment.
- ❖ Homebound or in a Care Facility: This week we remember Rena Remtema and Brett Roberts.
- ❖ Missionary of the Month: Please be in prayer for Maasai Outreach Mission in Africa as they aim to reach 200,000 Maasai and plant 100 churches over the next 10 years, in addition to, providing access to clean water, sustainable food sources, and adequate healthcare and education.

❖ Those dealing with health issues: Renee (Cindi Ralph's friend), Ruth Tacoma, Bob Noteboom, Bob Wiseman (Arlene Wiseman's son), Dan Rotman (John Deppe Sr.'s nephew), Dave Conrad (Jethro), Floyd (Kristi Schell's friend), Dan Luyk, Donna Miller (mother of Rick Miller), Jerry Lothschutz (brother-in-law to Rick & Debbie Miller), Doug Peuler, Ron Oostdyk, Shirley Lohman, Marilyn Blankenburg (Keith Warren's aunt), Dave Heuvelhorst (Mary Roelof's brother), JoAnne Sleeth, Tim See (son-in-law of Marty Riemersma), Helen (David Shaver's niece), Tina Shaver, Amber Olson (Tina Shaver's sister), Larry Rudnik, Tootie Kallemeyn (friend of Marj Hendges), Ron & Jenny Benedict, and Michelle Strating (Dick & Lorraine Strating's daughter-in-law).

Notes of Appreciation

I would like to thank everyone for the birthday cards I received.
You really are part of my family. ~Jim Herrema

We'd like to thank all of our church family for the cards, acts of kindness, expressions of compassion and sympathy shown to us in the passing away of Mark's mom. The outpouring of love and support is truly appreciated.

~With gratitude and love, Mark n Mary Kroft

*Rejoice always,
pray without ceasing,
give thanks in all circumstances.
(1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)*

God's Mysterious Hand in Russia, Past & Present

(A beautiful story shared by Joan Lankamp as a prelude to her presentation at the Ladies Spring Celebration Luncheon on Friday, May 2nd at 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall.)

In the 1930's Stalin ordered a purge of all Bibles and all believers. In Stavropol, Russia, this order was carried out with a vengeance. Thousands of Bibles were confiscated and multitudes of believers were sent to the gulags -- prison camps -- where most died for being "enemies of the state."

Last year, the CoMission (a cooperative network of missionary organizations working in Russia) sent a team to Stavropol. They were having difficulty getting Bibles shipped from Moscow when someone mentioned the existence of a warehouse outside of town where these confiscated Bibles had been stored since Stalin's day.

After much prayer by the team, they asked officials if the Bibles were still there. They were, so they asked if the Bibles could be removed and distributed to the people of Stavropol. The answer was, "Yes!"

The next day the CoMission team returned with a truck and several Russian people to help load the Bibles. One helper was a young man -- a skeptical, hostile, agnostic student who had come only for the day's wages. As they were loading Bibles, one team member noticed that the young man had disappeared.

Eventually they found him in a corner of the warehouse, weeping. He had slipped away, hoping to quietly take a Bible for himself. What he found shook him to the core.

The inside page of the Bible he picked up had the handwritten signature of his own grandmother. It had been her personal Bible! Out of thousands of Bibles still left in that warehouse, he stole the one belonging to his grandmother -- a woman persecuted for her faith all her life.

No wonder he was weeping -- God was real. His grandmother had no doubt prayed for him and her city. His discovery of this Bible was only a glimpse into the spiritual realm -- and this young man is in the process of being transformed by the very Bible that his grandmother found so dear.

This story is repeated all over the former Soviet Union, where God is doing "the amazing" on a regular basis, making Himself known and real in thousands of lives.