

Eighth Reformed Church

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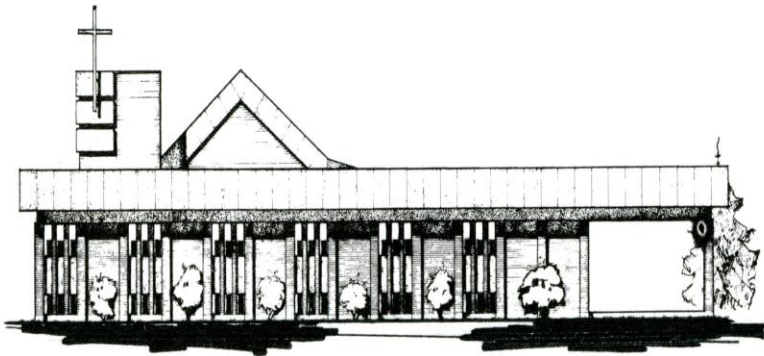
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"God forbid that we should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ . . ."

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, May 4, 2025 - 9:30 am
Order of Worship

Prelude

Greetings and Announcements

Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn # 697 *The Way of the Cross Leads Home*

Opening Prayer

Special Music Quartet

The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power, In the Garden
Sharon Byington, Steve Chaffee, Tim Tacoma, Keith Warren

Prayers of the People

*Hymn of Preparation # 592 *Jesus Calls Us*

Scripture: Romans 6:1-14 (page 1606)

Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day 16, Q&A 40-43
(see back of bulletin)

Message: "When Did You Die?"

*Hymn of Response # 676 (vs. 1-3) *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

Offering and Offertory

**Doxology* # 815, Offertory Prayer

*Benediction

*Closing Hymn # 676 (vs. 4)

O Jesus, I Have Promised

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. 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. Pastor Harry's Sunday School Class meets.

Young People's Sunday School Classes meet.

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.

Saturday:

9:30 a.m. Consistory Meeting.

Opportunities for Worship and Service This Week

Pastor: Pastor Harry Koops

Organist: Paul Kerkstra

Pianist: Linda Wolfe

Song Leader: Terry Grooters

Greeters: North door: Fred Diekman

Organ door: Todd Riemersma

Elder (post service): Jeff VanMeekeren

Valet/Lift: Rob Pols

Parking Lot Guard: Tom Rose

Ushers: Marsa Barclay, Rich Soest

Sound: Scott Diekman

Radio: Scott Pastoor

Praying with Pastor: Tim Tacoma, Keith Warren

Volunteer Deacons: John Stapel, John Deppe Jr.

Coffee Fellowship Servers: Terry & Lis Grooters

Opportunities for Worship and Service Next Week

Pastor: Pastor Harvey Hertz

Organist: Paul Kerkstra

Pianist: Shirley Lohman

Song Leader: Ron Engels

Greeters: North door: Fred Diekman

Organ door: Todd Riemersma

Elder (post service): Doug VanderMeer

Valet/Lift: Danielle Wagenmaker

Parking Lot Guard: TBA

Ushers: Marsa Barclay, Rich Soest

Sound: Scott Diekman

Radio: Beth Koops

Praying with Pastor: Tim Tacoma, Keith Warren

Volunteer Deacons: John Stapel, John Deppe Jr.

Coffee Fellowship Servers: Rick Miller, Rob Pols

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.

♪ **A Note of Thanks** to Sharon Byington, Steve Chaffee, Tim Tacoma, and Keith Warren for sharing their musical gifts and blessing our hearts this morning.

Right To Life News: Next Sunday, Mother's Day (May 11th), Baby Bottle Banks will be available for you to take home to fill with your loose change. The money collected will be for Right to Life of Michigan. The bottles will be collected on Father's Day, June 15th. Thank you for your participation in raising funds in the fight against abortion.

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: This afternoon at 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.

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Did you know we have a group that gets together to knit or crochet prayer shawls? On the second Tuesday of each month from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. a group of ladies meet to knit or crochet prayer shawls which are given to those in the congregation who need prayer or comfort. If you don't know how to knit or crochet, there is someone who can teach you as well. Come and share your gifts with others. If you would like to support this ministry financially, donations can be given to Barb Engels, Linda Rusticus or Beth Koops.

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

The Eighth Church family extends our condolences to Carol Diekevers and her daughter and son-in-law, Sherry and Mike Butterfield, and the extended family on the passing away of Bernie Diekevers. Bernie passed away on April 24th and his funeral was held here at 8th on Tuesday morning.

We also express our sympathies to the family and friends of Joan Emaus who passed away on Saturday, April 26th. Her funeral was held here at 8th on Thursday morning.

May the love of our Heavenly Father and the prayers of friends and family bring peace and comfort to these families during their time of loss.

- ❖ Roger Billings' knee replacement went well and he is home recuperating.
- ❖ Steve Luce, a friend of Pastor Harry & Beth's, and his wife, Dot, are at home dealing with Covid. Unfortunately, because of this, he did not receive any treatments for his blood cancer at U of M Hospital as anticipated. Please keep them in your prayers. Cards can be put in the Koops' mailbox.
- ❖ Homebound or in a Care Facility: This week we remember Darlene Cimochowicz and Joy Stulp.
- ❖ Missionary of the Month: Please be in prayer for Albino & Sandy Rodriguez as they lead La Casa del Maestro in Peru. La Casa del Maestro is an organization that prepares indigenous youth in Cusco to face the challenges of modern city life by empowering them with vocational training, equipping them with the biblical truth, and helping them discern their calling in the world.

❖ Those dealing with health issues: Betty Holmes, Dorothy Bartlett, 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 this wonderful church family for all of the birthday cards and wishes. You truly made my day special, and it's greatly appreciated.

~Carol Porter

Thank you for the many cards I received for my birthday. Each one touched my heart.

~Rich Soest



Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day 16, Q&A 40-43:

40 Q: Why did Christ have to go all the way to death?

A: Because God's justice and truth demand it:
Only the death of God's Son could pay for our sin.

41 Q: Why was he buried?

A: His burial testifies that he really died.

42 Q: Since Christ has died for us, why do we still have to die?

A: Our death does not pay the debt of our sins.
Rather, it puts an end to our sinning and
is our entrance into eternal life.

43 Q: What further advantage do we receive from Christ's sacrifice and death on the cross?

A: Through Christ's death, our old selves are crucified,
put to death, and buried with him,
so that the evil desires of the flesh may no longer rule us,
but that instead, we may dedicate ourselves as
an offering of gratitude to him.