

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.

† Eighth Reformed Church †
Sunday, October 5, 2025 - 9:30 am
Order of Worship

Prelude

Greetings and Announcements

Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn # 691

Surely Goodness and Mercy

Opening Prayer

Special Music: Lynelle Pierce and granddaughter, Jenna

Prayers of the People

*Hymn of Preparation # 688 (vs. 1,2,4)

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

Scripture: Psalm 23 (page 787)

Message: “The Good Shepherd”

*Hymn of Response # 683

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Communion

Offering and Offertory

**Doxology* # 815, Offertory Prayer

*Benediction

*Closing Hymn # 684 (vs. 1)

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Postlude

(*Please stand if you are able.)

Welcome!

Welcome to Eighth Reformed Church. We're so glad you're here! Today we celebrate World Communion Sunday, a time when Christians from every corner of the globe partake of the bread and the cup to remember and affirm our unity in Jesus Christ. If you are visiting with us this morning, 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. Adult Sunday School.

Youn People's Sunday School.

Monday:

1:00 p.m. Monday Bible Study.

Wednesday:

9:30 a.m. Coffee & Donut Fellowship Time.

6:30 p.m. Freedom in Christ Class.

Saturday:

9:30 a.m. Consistory Meeting.

1:30 p.m. Pastor Harry's 75th Birthday Open House.

Opportunities for Worship and Service This Week

Pastor: Pastor Harry Koops

Organist: Paul Kerkstra

Pianist: Linda Wolfe

Song Leader: Pete Rusticus

Trumpet: David Ellis

Greeters: *North door:* Fred Diekman

Organ door: Todd Riemersma

Elder (post service): Mel Disselkoen

Valet/Lift: Jodi Bultema

Parking Lot Guard: TBA

Ushers: Larry Roelofs, Larry Dreyer

Sound: Scott Diekman

Radio: Kevin VanHeukelom

YouTube: Dawn Blocher, Nathan Wolfe, Doug VanderMeer

Praying with Pastor: Tim Tacoma, Keith Warren

Volunteer Deacons: John Stapel, John Deppe Jr.

Coffee&Cookie Donators/Servers: Manny Melendez

Opportunities for Worship and Service Next Week

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Song Leader: Beth Pastoor

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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 a.m. on Wednesday. If you leave a note for her, please put it in the black mailbox on the wall across from the church office door. Thank you.

♪ **A Note of Thanks** to Lynelle Pierce and her granddaughter, Jenna, for sharing their ministry of music with us this morning.

Pastor Harry is Turning 75 This Week Thursday and will be hosting an open house to celebrate! This Saturday, October 11th, from 1:30 - 4:00 come to the Fellowship Hall at Eighth Church and enjoy some refreshments and wish him a happy birthday. No presents please, come when you can and leave when you must. We'd love to have you celebrate with us!

Mark Your Calendars for Thursday, October 23, 12:30-4:00 p.m. You are invited to an afternoon of fun, food and fellowship with a pizza lunch followed by playing Bunco. If you have never played Bunco, don't worry, it is easy to play. Pizza, coffee and water will be provided. Please feel free to bring your own pop/juice. A suggested donation of \$5 is being asked to cover lunch. Please sign up on the orange paper in the hallway so we know how many pizzas to order. Contact Julie Aman, Dee Diekman or Diane Maitner with any questions or concerns.

Faith in Action: Danielle Wagenmaker and Peg Potter will be heading to Malawi, Africa from Oct. 23rd – November 3rd. While there, they will be serving alongside churches in the Dzaleka Refugee Camp, encouraging believers, and meeting practical needs within the community. If you would like to learn more information on how you can support them, support letters are available in the lobby for anyone who would like to take one. Thank you.

Right to Life News: The annual Life Chain is this afternoon from 2:00-3:30 p.m. along 44th Street. If you have your own signs, please bring them. If you need a sign, one can be picked up at the corner of 44th Street and Burlingame or 44th Street and Clyde Park. If you cannot attend this year, please be in prayer for all those in the "chain" and for all pro-life supporters. II Chronicles 7:14. If you have any questions, please see Mary Roelofs.

Attention Choir Members: We will sing next Sunday morning, Oct. 12th, so please plan to arrive by 8:45 a.m. to warm-up.

Directory Update – Change of Addresses: Sharon Byington and her two daughters, Whitney and Lauren, have moved in with Sharon's mother, Evelyn Koole. Their new address is:

1916 Pinecroft Lane SW
Wyoming MI 49519

Sharon's home phone # is the same as Evelyn's, 616-531-3854, and her cell phone # remains the same, 616-581-5581. Sharon's son, Anthony Byington, lives in Ludington at:

300 Sherman Oaks Dr. #313
Ludington MI 49431
(Phone # 616-581-2210)

Cookie Donations: 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.

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 condolences to the friends and family of Lorna Bordewyk, who passed away on Thursday, September 25th. Funeral arrangements are pending.

We pray for the love and healing light of our Heavenly Father to comfort Lorna's family during this time.

❖ Doug Peuler's hernia surgery was cancelled this week. After further evaluation, the doctor determined that he does not have a hernia, but rather scar tissue from previous surgeries. Please keep Doug in your prayers as the doctors determine the best course of treatment, that he will experience relief from the pain soon.

- ❖ Joy Stulp had eye surgery on Tuesday.
- ❖ Robert DeYoung is transitioning to long term care at SKLD, so please mail cards to him at:
SKLD
2320 E. Beltline Ave. SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49546
- ❖ Jim VerStrate continues to receive care at The Oaks in Byron Center.
- ❖ Pastor Mark and Judy Bergsma's son-in-law, Adam's father (Bob) had heart surgery this past week in preparation for getting on a liver transplant list.
- ❖ Don & Shirley Oppenhuizen's granddaughter-in-law, Ashley, and her husband, Nate, want to thank all of you who prayed for her and the baby. She is glad to report that her leg is healing from her fall and their baby boy was born healthy. Now that she and little Spencer are home, her family is getting into their routine.
- ❖ Brent Kerkstra was transferred from Trinity Health to Valley View Care Center where he is receiving therapy. The address is:
Valley View Care Center
1050 - 4 Mile Rd. NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49544
- ❖ Don Wynalda continues to be under Hospice Care.
- ❖ Homebound or in a Care Facility: This week we remember Michelle Strating (Dick & Lorraine's daughter-in-law) and Roger Simmons.
- ❖ Missionary of the Month: Please be in prayer for JJ TenClay, a Refugee Ministries Coordinator, who works with partners locally, nationally, and globally to provide compassionate, Christ-like care for refugees and displaced people.

❖ Those dealing with health issues: Kay DeVries, Don Oppenhuizen. Betty Holmes, Brenda VanBeek (Joe VanBeek's sister), Brian Herwyer (Tim Tacoma's brother-in-law), Barb Eash (Keith Warren's sister), Kathy Misiak, JoAnne Sleeth, Emily Dreyer (Larry & Mert Dreyer's granddaughter), Dan Luyk, Dave Heuvelhorst (Mary Roelof's brother), Lynne (Mary Roelof's friend), Ron Oostdyk, David Shaver (David Shaver's father), Helen (David Shaver's niece), Larry Rudnik, Dave Conrad (Jethro), and Tim See (son-in-law of Marty Riemersma).

Notes of Appreciation

A belated thank you to my 8th family for the birthday cards. They helped make my day special.
~Sharon Byington

Thank you to everyone for the birthday wishes and all the beautiful birthday cards.
~Ed DeRuiter

A heartfelt thank you to our Eighth Church family for the love and support shown to us at the time of Judy's passing. Our family was touched by all the prayers, cards, thoughtful words, and acts of kindness you blessed us with. Thank you for reaching out and sharing your condolences.
~Doug VanderMeer and Family

Thank you for all the wonderful cards and birthday wishes. It made my birthday extra special.
~Phyllis Schuitema

Don & Shirley Oppenhuizen wish to thank all of you for the cards, calls and texts after his second knee surgery. This one has had added challenges. They are making it more difficult to be patient as the healing is coming slowly. But we have been blessed with the caring concern of Pastor Harry and Pastor Mark. Then too, there were the doses of "special humor" from Bud, when another card from him & Stephanie would come in the mail and give us the therapy of laughter. We look forward to returning to church in person in the future.