

# *Eighth Reformed Church*

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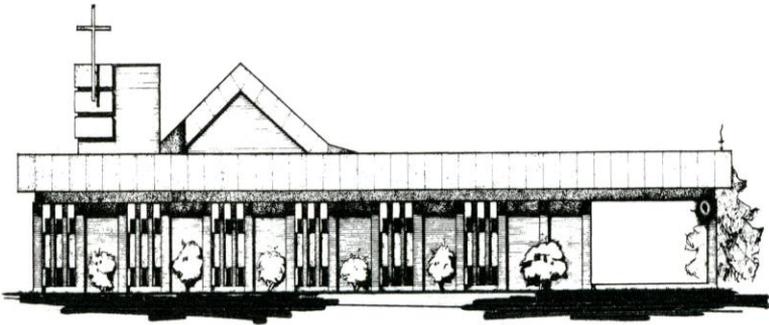
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*"God forbid that we should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ . . ."*

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](http://Jethro.fm).

† **Eighth Reformed Church** †  
**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent, February 22, 2026 - 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

*If That Isn't Love*

Prayers of the People

\*Hymn of Preparation # 526

*The Solid Rock*

**Scripture: Romans 10:8-13** (page 1613)

**Message: “Confessing Jesus”**

\*Hymn of Response # 766

*At the Name of Jesus*

Offering and Offertory

\**Doxology* # 815, Offertory Prayer

\*Benediction

Postlude

(\*Please stand if you are able.)

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*Welcome!*

Welcome to worship at Eighth Reformed Church on this Lord's Day. Today is the first Sunday of Lent, and we are happy to have you with us as we prepare our minds, hearts, and spirits for the Lenten season, Our prayer is that your time here will be uplifting and joyful. 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 & Cookies in the Fellowship Hall downstairs.

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

**Monday:**

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

**Wednesday:**

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

**10:45 a.m.** Music Committee Meeting.

**1:00 p.m.** Quilting Ministry (see announcement).

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

*Pastor:* Pastor Mark Bergsma

*Organist:* Paul Kerkstra

*Pianist:* Shirley Lohman

*Song Leader:* Pete Rusticus

*Trumpet:* David Ellis

*Pre-Service Greeters:* North door: Fred Diekman

*Organ door:* Todd Riemersma

*Post-Service Greeters:* East exit: Pastor Mark Bergsma

*West exit:* Tim Tacoma

*Organ exit:* Mel Disselkoen

*Valet/Lift:* Jodi Bultema

*Parking Lot Guard:* TBA

*Ushers:* Marsa Barclay, Rich Soest

*Sound:* Scott Diekman

*Radio:* Kevin VanHeukelom

*YouTube:* Dawn Blocher, Nathan Wolfe, Doug VanderMeer

*Praying with Pastor:* Doug VanderMeer, Marj Hendges

*Volunteer Deacons:* John Stapel, Larry Roelofs

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

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

*Pastor:* Pastor Harry Koops

*Organist:* Paul Kerkstra

*Pianist:* Linda Wolfe

*Song Leader:* Beth Pastoor

*Pre-Service Greeters:* North door: Fred Diekman

*Organ door:* Todd Riemersma

*Post-Service Greeters:* East exit: Jeff VanMeekeren

*West exit:* Pastor Harry Koops

*Organ exit:* Tim Tacoma

*Valet/Lift:* Danielle Wagenmaker

*Parking Lot Guard:* TBA

*Ushers:* Ted Nelson, Tim Takken

*Sound:* Scott Diekman

*Radio:* Beth Koops

*YouTube:* Dawn Blocher, Nathan Wolfe, Doug VanderMeer

*Praying with Pastor:* Tim Tacoma, Keith Warren

*Volunteer Deacons:* John Stapel, Larry Roelofs

*Coffee & Cookie Donators/Servers:* Karen Engelsman

## **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. you leave a note for her, please put it in the black mailbox on the wall across from the Church Office. Thank you.

## **Congregational Meeting Overview:**

1, Thank you to all who attended the Congregational Meeting last Sunday...it was a great time of connection and conversation! A BIG thank you as well to the set-up crew and the cake & coffee servers.

2. The proposed budget for 2026-2027 was approved.

3. Linda Stolk was elected as the deacon nominee and she will be installed on March 8<sup>th</sup> during morning worship.

4. Our retiring deacon is Larry Palma. We thank him for his commitment and service to 8<sup>th</sup> Church and to the Kingdom.

**New Fellowship Location:** Beginning this morning, our Coffee & Cookie Fellowship Time will be held downstairs in our Fellowship Hall each Sunday, following worship. There are three exits from the sanctuary leading downstairs, and a Pastor or Elder will be stationed at each one to greet and assist you. Today Pastor Mark will be at the East Exit, Tim Tacoma will be located at the West Exit, and Mel Disselkoe at the Organ Exit. A bell will ring at 10:55 a.m. reminding you that choir practice is starting in 5 minutes.

**Our Quilting Ministry** is looking for extra hands! They meet on the last Wednesday of each month (yes, that's this week) at 1:00 p.m. and welcome assistance in any capacity – setting up, pinning, tying knots, ironing and more. No experience necessary. Even an hour of your time would be a huge blessing!

**Easter Greeting Cards** are now available in the library at no cost. Stop by at your convenience and browse the rotating display rack.

**Music Appreciation Sunday:** Mark your calendar for Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00 p.m. as we celebrate the musical gifts God has blessed us with here at 8<sup>th</sup> Reformed Church. From solos and duets to instrumental offerings and congregational singing, we are grateful for the talent and devotion that fills our place of worship. If you would like to participate in this special service by sharing your ministry of music, contact Paul Kerkstra, (616) 459-6335.

**The Women's Bible Study** will begin a new study in the book of Philippians in March. If you would like to learn about Philippians, please sign up for a study book on the sheet in the hallway. The cost will be approximately \$10 for the book. Please sign up by Sunday, March 1. We'd love to have you join us on the third Wednesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. – it only takes about a half an hour to do the lesson before we meet, but the time is well-spent!

**8th Reformed Devotional:** We are still accepting entries for our devotional! Thank you to those who have already submitted something. We can still use more devotional-type stories, poems, or things you've learned from God that are written by you. We hope to encourage one another from what we have learned or experienced in our lives that God has taught us. If you have any questions, please contact Sandy Workman, Mary Roelofs, Sally Herrema, or Sue Tacoma.

**Our Monthly Missionary:** Please pray for Justin and Stephanie Meyers as they serve at the Al Amana Centre in Oman. As director, Justin's ministry is one of peacebuilding and reconciliation between the Christians and Muslims. They are working to create a safe, hospitable space for all to share Scripture, fellowship, meals and friendship.

**Important Information Regarding Church Cancellations:** In the event that Eighth decides to cancel services and/or activities, please tune your TV to Channels 8 (WOOD) or 13 (WZZM), check your email for a Prayer Chain announcement, or go to Eighth Reformed's Facebook page. If you can't access any of this information, call either your elder or deacon on your Care Team and they will know. (To sign up for the Prayer Chain, please see the sign-up sheet in the hallway or call the church office.)

## **Prayer Concerns and Praises**

- ❖ Shane Sweeney suffered a massive heart attack on Tuesday, Feb. 15th. He had an initial surgical procedure and was placed on life support where the next 72 hours were very critical.
- ❖ Betty Holmes has returned to her home in Middleville.
- ❖ Laura VanHeest is dealing with some confusion and was undergoing observation at Metro Hospital this past week.
- ❖ Ford Berghorst, friend of Larry & Mary Roelofs, had back surgery on February 11th. Surgery went well and he is currently receiving therapy at Heritage Care in Zeeland.
- ❖ Greg Meendering, son-in-law of Larry & Mary Roelofs, had hip replacement surgery on Thursday
- ❖ Please pray for Steve & Dot Luce who are friends of some members of Eighth and have been on our prayer list in the past. Steve is dealing with leukemia and about 10 days ago he fell down the stairs in his home, breaking his neck and several ribs. He is currently in the hospital. His wife, Dot, also has health concerns and the stress from all this is debilitating for her. Cards can be mailed to:

Steve & Dot Luce  
8107 Byron Creek Dr.  
Byron Center, MI 49315

- ❖ Mel VanderWest continues to be under Hospice Care.
- ❖ Those dealing with Chronic Conditions: This week we remember Heath Misiak, Brett Roberts, and David Shaver (David Shaver's father).

- ❖ Those who are Homebound or in a Care Facility: This week we remember Glenn Bartman, Bob Noteboom, and Bob Yonkers.
- ❖ Those Dealing with Health Issues: Mel Miller (Rick Miller's brother), Ron Engels, Ron & Jenny Benedict, Judy Wynalda, Arvilla DeVries, Lorraine Strating, and Brenda VanBeek (Joe VanBeek's sister).

### **Notes of Appreciation**

Thank you for the outpouring of love and affection through all the cards I received for my birthday. ~Wes Dekker

Thank you to my 8th family for the many birthday cards I received. They made my day even more special. ~Julie Aman

Pastor Garrett & Lavona Sweeney would like to thank their church family for the very thoughtful and kind cards given to Aaron for his birthday. He enjoyed opening each and every one.



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